Press Release – Programme Verbier Art Summit, 25 January 2022

Free registration for the 2022 virtual Summit is now open, please click to register.

On 11—12 February, art and ecology lovers from around the world are invited to join the 2022 Verbier Art Summit online to debate the urgent ecological theme Resource Hungry. The Summit’s virtual programme will feature talks, debates and live Q&As between thought leaders and key figures in the art world.

Speakers of the 2022 Summit are jointly invited by the previous Summit museum directors—Beatrix Ruf, Daniel Birnbaum, Jochen Volz and Jessica Morgan. Three new debates will present ideas for transformation in the arts, our cultural institutions, and society at large, looking back on previous Summit themes from an ecological perspective. The interdisciplinary Summit programme also includes the whole body of Resource Hungry knowledge, with talks and debates from 2020 and 2021, bringing this important theme to a close. By offering examples of actions that encourage a mutually responsible sensitivity towards the environment, the 2022 Summit will provide A New Way Forward out of our Resource Hungry Era.

The 2022 Summit debate series will start by reassessing a theme chosen by our Strategic Director Beatrix Ruf in 2017: (De)Growth in Times of Climate Crisis. The debate features the artist Torkwase Dyson, who explores the continuity between ecology, infrastructure and architecture, and Professor Louise O. Fresco, an expert in the field of sustainable agriculture.

The Sustainability in the Digital Age debate by 2018 partner Daniel Birnbaum will look at innovative possibilities for art, technology and sustainability. Daniel invited the artist Simon Denny, who aims to unpack the social and political implications of the technology industry, and Tobias Rees, who focuses his work on the philosophy, poetry, and politics of the contemporary.

The Summit’s 2019 partner, Jochen Volz, will introduce alternative ways to imagine the world and humanity’s relationship with nature. In the debate Multiple Ecological Truths, Jochen presents the Indigenous filmmaker, journalist and activist Olinda Tupinambá and writer, researcher, environmentalist and Indigenous leader Ailton Krenak.
Art & Ecology

The virtual Summit platform will also feature an Art & Ecology inspiration section, presenting ideas by the Summit community and its partners. For example, the online production platform st_age, initiated by TBA21 during the Covid-19 pandemic, will inspire through the work of Chilean contemporary artist Patricia Dominguez. Another platform, Take Me to the River, was created in collaboration between the Goethe-Institut and the Prince Claus Fund, and will present an online journey into the landscapes and experiences of the climate emergency. The EPFL+ECAL Lab, the design research center of Ecole Polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne, presents Álfar, a knowledge capsule that can store our heritage for thousands of years on DNA. The project will have its world premiere on 11 February at 13.15pm in a Summit Talk by Emily Groves, designer, art director and anthropologist, and Nicolas Henchoz, the Lab’s director: a major challenge in our resource hungry world to preserve knowledge and heritage without harming the planet.

Registration

With the aim to educate, provoke and inspire, the Verbier Art Summit welcomes those with a love for art, innovation and ecology to participate in its two-day free online programme. To register for the 2022 Verbier Art Summit, visit: virtual.verbierartsummit.org

All Summit participants are invited to share their ideas by creating a 'Pledge Card' about what climate actions they would like to see happening, please click here to create yours.

About the Verbier Art Summit

The Verbier Art Summit is a non-profit organisation aiming to empower the art ecosystem to be a positive social change facilitator. The annual in-person event in Verbier, Switzerland, will not be held in January 2022 due to current health regulations. All 2022 Summit content is shared on the virtual platform, bridging artistic and social distances globally.

If you are interested in learning more, the accompanying publication Resource Hungry: Our Cultured Landscape and its Ecological Impact edited by Jessica Morgan and Dorothea von Hantelmann, designed by Irma Boom and distributed by Koenig Books London, is available to purchase in specialty art book stores, museum shops and online.

For more information, please visit verbierartsummit.org or follow: Instagram / Twitter / Facebook / #resourcehungry

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2022 Summit – Resource Hungry Programme (LIVE at CET times)

FRIDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2022

10.00 Opening 2022 Verbier Art Summit
10.15 Jessica Morgan introducing Resource Hungry (2020 Summit)
10.30 Philippe Rahm Talk (2020 Summit)
11.00 London Debate with Philippe Rahm, Timothy LeCain, Alison Tickell and Clare Twomey (2021 Summit)
12.00 Claudia Comte Talk (2021 Summit)
12.30 El Último Grito Talk (2020 Summit)
13.00 Elvira Dyangani Ose Talk (2020 Summit)
13.15 EPFL+ECAL Lab: The knowledge capsule
13.30 Artist residency Debate with Nicholas Henchoz, Ralph Dum, Kasia Molga and Danielle Siembieda (2021 Summit)
14.30 Djamila Ribeiro Talk (2020 Summit)
15.00 Beijing Debate with Anneliek Sijbrandij, Daniel Birnbaum, Beatrix Ruf and Philip Tinari (2021 Summit)

16.00 (De)Growth in Times of Climate Crisis, with Beatrix Ruf, Torkwase Dyson and Louise O. Fresco with Live Q&A
16.45 Sustainability in the Digital Age, with Daniel Birnbaum, Simon Denny and Tobias Rees with Live Q&A

17.30 Dialogues with Adrian Lahoud, Andrea Bowers, Joan Jonas, Stefan Kaegi and Dorothea von Hantelmann (2020 Summit)

SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2022

10.00 Joan Jonas in conversation with Jessica Morgan (2020 Summit)
10.15 Naine Terena Talk (2021 Summit)
10.30 Adrian Lahoud Talk (2020 Summit)
11.00 New York Debate with Jessica Morgan, Andrea Bowers. Carolina Caycedo and Elvira Dyangani Ose (2021 Summit)
12.00 Dialogues with Djamila Ribeiro, El Último Grito, Meta Knol and Beatrix Ruf (2020 Summit)
12.30 Tom Battin Talk (2021 Summit)
13.00 Verbier Debate with Jean-Paul Felley, Claudia Comte, Tom Battin, Hedy Graber and Madeleine Schuppli (2021 Summit)
14.00 Dorothea von Hantelmann Talk (2020 Summit)
14.30 Stefan Kaegi Talk (2020 Summit)
15.00 São Paulo Debate with Jochen Volz, Djamila Ribeiro and Naine Terena (2021 Summit)

16.00 Multiple Ecological Truths, with Jochen Volz, Olinda Tupinambá and Ailton Krenak with Live Q&A
16.45 A New Way Forward out of our Resource Hungry Era, with Jessica Morgan and Anneliek Sijbrandij with Live Q&A

17.30 Andrea Bowers Talk (2020 Summit)
17.50 Film on youth activist Tokata Iron Eyes by Andrea Bowers: My Name Means Future (2020)