

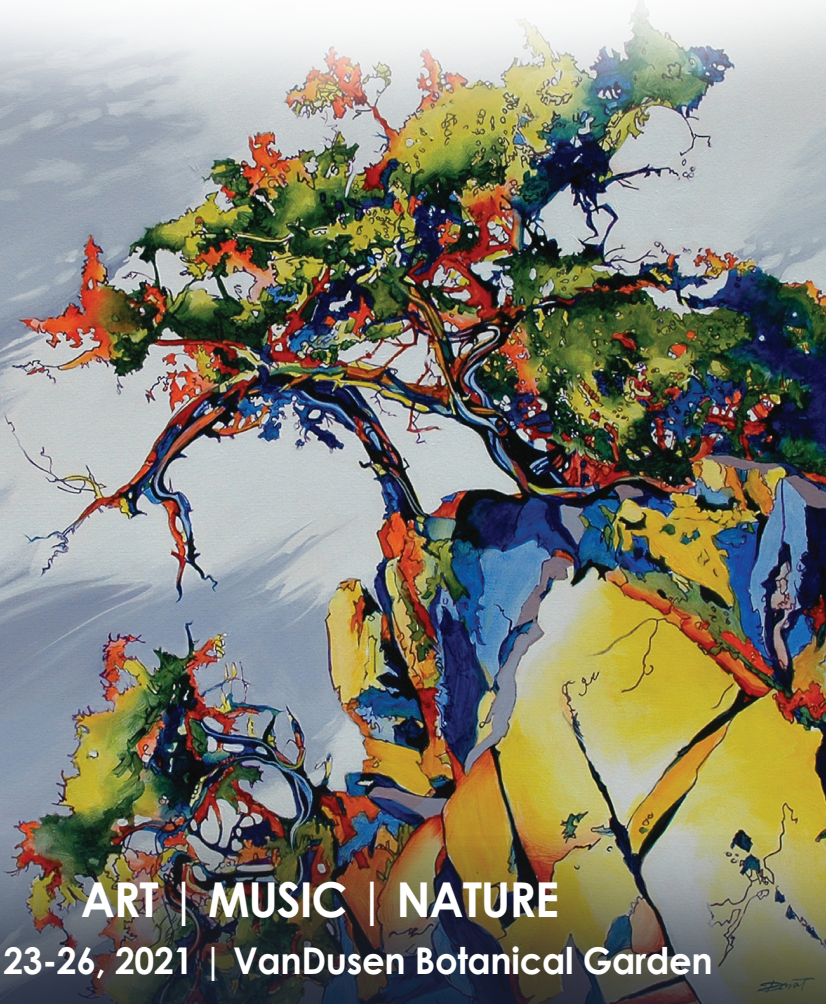


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# Introduction by Jeff Whiting

President & Founder, Artists for Conservation



It's a Go! After another roller-coaster year of pandemic event planning and more rounds of adjustments, we're excited to deliver the 11th annual Artists for Conservation Festival.

Every year since 2011, the AFC Festival has offered an unparalleled chance for the public to meet these talented and dedicated artists in a unique forum of natural beauty, education and creativity.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, things will be a bit different this year and subject to change, even at the last minute... Public health and safety is our highest priority, so it will be evermore important to confirm festival activities and times on the Festival website ([www.ArtistsForConservation.org/festival](http://www.ArtistsForConservation.org/festival)). All changes and precautions are designed to make the experience both inspiring and safe for all. For those who cannot make it to the live event at VanDusen, we're also planning a host of other online events.

In the spirit of making the festival as accessible as possible, all in-person AFC festival activities and programming will continue

be free of charge, with your VanDusen Botanical Garden admission. This year, due to COVID, all exhibits and activities will be accessible through admission to the gardens. Visit the VanDusen Botanical Garden website to purchase your advanced tickets ONLINE. Tickets to go on sale soon. Visit the AFC Festival website for a link to book your tickets.

Again this year, for far too many, it won't be possible to make it to the Festival in-person. In response, we've launched an online program with a combination of live and pre-recorded presentations, music, films, and virtual exhibit. Some of these new activities, we aim to integrate in future festival programs in a post-pandemic world.

Enormous thanks to the entire AFC Festival support community for stepping up with crucial support that we received to make this year's event happen come together, be it through funding, sponsoring, volunteering, participating or even just attending or tuning in.

Wishing everybody good health and spirits as we look forward to hopefully easier times ahead. Thank you for your support!

Yours in art and conservation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Whiting'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Jeff Whiting  
President/Founder, Artists For Conservation

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# About Artists for Conservation

## The World's Leading Artist Group Supporting the Environment

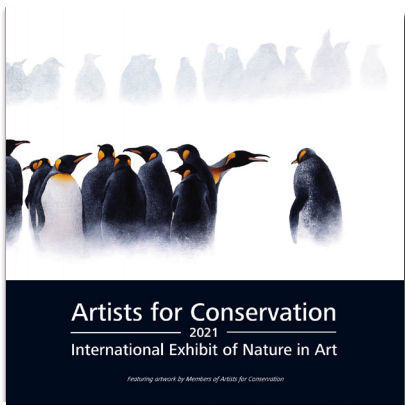
Many artists today are active participants in an important awareness and educational movement, channelling artistic talent toward connecting the public to nature to inspire awareness, appreciation and action. At the forefront of this movement

is AFC - the world's leading artist group supporting the environment. This year's exhibit features 86 original artworks for sale by 81 leading nature artists. 40% of the proceeds support conservation and education.

*"Our mission is to support wildlife and habitat conservation, and environmental education through art that celebrates nature."*

## AFC's Annual Art Exhibit

AFC's annual exhibit is the world's top conservation-themed art show. The goal of the exhibit is: 1) To support conservation through art sales and education; 2) To showcase the extraordinary pool of artistic talent within AFC; and 3) To share the nature-inspired art genre with new audiences. Each year, AFC organizes and produces a book and calendar featuring artwork from the exhibit.



### AFC 2020 Hardcover Book

Published as a companion to Artists for Conservation's annual exhibit and annual festival. A beautiful collectible book, with limited quantities available. 10" x 10", hardcover, 240 pages, printed on FSC-certified paper. \$39.95.



### 2021 Environmental Calendar

A beautiful 12-month calendar highlighting key green dates. Featuring art from AFC's exhibit. It makes a superb gift to anyone who appreciates art and nature. 10" x 10" and printed on FSC-certified paper. \$16.95.

*Purchase at the Festival or order online at [www.ArtistsForConservation.org/store](http://www.ArtistsForConservation.org/store).*



# Exhibiting Artists

The following is a list of artists whose art is on exhibit at VanDusen Botanical Garden.

Aja, Douglas	Gylling, Gemma	Plank, Millie
Aleman, Don	Höhlig, Diana	Popp, Betsy
Anderson, Cher	Haycock, Kathy	Raffin, Luke
Anderson, Walt	Hiser, Doug	Rich, Andrea
Baldwin, Priscilla	Hobson, Mark	Riley, Laurie
Banks, Patricia	Ivanyi, Rachel	Ritchie, William
Barrett Justis, Suzanne	Ivester, Taylor	Roll, Ashley
Bennett, Randall	Jackman, Pat	Salit, Karryl
Benson, Craig	Johnson, David Bruce	Schafer, Sharon K.
Berg, Terry	Kellner, Justin	Schlenker, Robert
Bertolo, Alejandro	Kirkwood, Marie	Seerey-Lester, Suzie
Besse, Linda	Kleinsteiber, Kathy	Sibley Wasyliw, Cherie
Bieler, Lucrezia	Koensgen, Joseph	Sorley-Keichinger, Cindy
Billingsley, Cindy	Lerwick, Johanna	Spera, Edward
Brest van Kempen, Carel	Levasseur, Simon	Starkevich, Colin
Cannon, Holly	Levitsky, Laura	Stratman, Carol
Chunat, Wayne	Lockyer, Douglass	Studwell, Judy
Crane, Bobbie	Lozeron, Emily	Taylor, Tammy
Crouter, Anni	Mayo, Tony	Tiessen, Josh
Davis, Daniel	McComb-Turbitt, Sarah	Tinning, Dorothy
Delgyer, Leslie	McCune, Michelle	Toft, Kim Michelle
Doruyter, Karel	McDaniel, Jeffrey	Trygg, Joyce
Dreyer, Rob	McManiman, Candy	van der Kelen, Géry
Dunzinger, Christina	McNeil, Kelly	Venturini, Rosana
Earle, Vicky	Middleton, Kim	Waltke, Lynn
Fiorentino, James	Nash, Ken	Warkentin, Nelda
Fisher, Cynthia	Neuhauser-MacLachlan, Lettie	Weber, Katherine
Grasso, Marco	Norwich-Young, Dorset	Wolcoski, Corrinne
Guillen, Annia	Pepin, Patricia	Woodall, Terry
Guiseppi, John	Peyton, Anne	Wurster, Kimberly

# Pacific Coast Portraits

The following is a list of artists whose art is on exhibit at Maplewood Flats Conservancy

Banks, Patricia	Mayo, Tony	Roberts, Robin
Butler, Rob	Nash, Ken	Trygg, Joyce
Coombes, Bryan	Neilson, Susan	Whiting, Jeffrey
Hunter, June	Raffin, Luke	Wolcoski, Corrinne
Levitsky, Laura	Roll, Ashley	

# Daily Program Schedule




## Saturday, Sept. 18 | Maplewood Flats Conservancy

11:00am - 3:00pm Pacific Coast Portraits exhibit, woodcarving demo, live birds of prey  
Live music





## Thursday, September 23 | VanDusen Botanical Garden

11:00am - 5:00pm AFC Art Exhibit open  
11:00am - 4:00pm Live Birds of Prey   
11:00am - 5:00pm Live Music   
12:00pm - 4:00pm Artist Demonstrations 





## Friday, September 24 | VanDusen Botanical Garden


10:00am - 5:00pm AFC Art Exhibit open  
11:00am - 4:00pm Live Birds of Prey  
11:00am - 5:00pm First Nations Carving Demo   
11:00am - 4:00pm Live Music   
12:00pm - 4:00pm Artist Demonstrations 

## Saturday, September 25 | VanDusen Botanical Garden

10:00am - 5:00pm AFC Art Exhibit Open  
11:00am - 11:30am Welcome Ceremony  
11:00am - 5:00pm First Nations Carving Demo   
11:00am - 4:00pm Live Music   
12:00pm - 4:00pm Artist Demonstrations   
11:00pm - 4:00pm Live Birds of Prey 

## Sunday, September 26 | VanDusen Botanical Garden

10:00am - 4:00pm AFC Art Exhibit Open  
11:00am - 4:00pm First Nations Carving Demo   
11:00am - 4:00pm Live Music   
12:00pm - 4:00pm Artist Demonstrations   
11:00pm - 4:00pm Live Birds of Prey   
4:00pm Festival Closed

 Indicates outdoor activity where garden admission is required.



# Artist Demos

## Patricia Banks

Best known for her detailed oil and acrylic paintings, Patricia travels widely and is inspired by the splendor of the natural environment. She has exhibited across North America, and has won several awards for her work.

## Alejandro Bertolo

Alejandro developed a personal painting style, having studied classical Japanese painting and calligraphy. He paints wildlife, particularly those species threatened with extinction in their natural habitats.

## Bryan Coombes

"We are here for the experience of life. Most people get that on some level. It's my belief that this experience is the only thing we leave with. So make and build things, enjoy the planet, get away from your computer screens and get wet, tired and dirty."

## Vicky Earle

Nature at its core evokes hope and renewal. Vicky's work invites people to slow down, look a little closer, and be surprised by the nature all around us.

## Mark Hobson

Mark paints in Tofino, B.C. on the rugged west coast of Vancouver Island. Mark's does much of his painting on a floating studio, surrounded by wilderness.

## Emily Lozeron

Emily's main subject matter is wildlife and portraits in both pencil and acrylics on prepared baltic birch. Her goal is to achieve an accurate likeness and maintain the character of whatever she paints.

## McComb-Turbitt, Sarah

Growing up and always dreaming about the sea, Sarah has been an avid painter since she was young. A marine biologist specializing in animal behavior, Sarah researched whales and cultivated her skills as a wildlife photographer on the ocean.

## Ken Nash

Inspired by nature, Ken started painting at eight years old. His work can now be described in the genre of photorealism and is an excellent conduit to reflect the beauty of BC's wilderness, and around the world.

## Robin Roberts

Robin Roberts is a contemporary aboriginal artist based in Vancouver, who works in a variety of mediums including woodcarving, painting and drawing.

## Cherie Sibley Wasyliw

For Cherie, conservation of Habitat and Wildlife is key to our very survival. "I use my artistic gifts to remind people of the magic that dwells all around us and what we stand to lose without taking measures to protect it".

## Joyce Trygg

Joyce's paintings reflect her love and empathy for domestic animals and the awe of the magnificent wildlife she feels privileged to see. In 2010, Joyce was selected as the B.C. Wildlife Federation's Artist of the Year.








## Xwalacktun

Xwa-lack-tun (aka Rick Harry) gained his skills and education from Emily Carr College of Art and Capilano College. He received the Order of British Columbia in recognition of his work as an artist.

*Learn more about these artists online at [www.ArtistsForConservation.org](http://www.ArtistsForConservation.org).*

GARDENS CONTINUES OFF THIS MAP. SEE OFFICIAL VANDUSEN BOTANICAL GARDEN GUEST SERVICES FOR COMPLETE AREA MAP



-  Planted Areas
-  Lawn
-  Bike Racks
-  Drinking Fountain
-  Washroom
-  Restaurant
-  Wheelchair



-  Festival Activities
- 1) Art Exhibit
- 2) Woodcarving
- 3) Live Birds of Prey
- 4) Art Demos & Music
- 5) Silent Skies Mural



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# Music & Cultural Presenters

## **Michael Averill** | *Musical Guest*

Michael Averill is an adventurous Canadian troubadour who delivers stories and songs of serendipity around the country by foot. Through well walked Roots, Folk, and Blues, Michael captivates his audiences and invites them to connect deeper within themselves and their communities. <http://michaelaverill.com>.

## **AVIA Trio** | *Musical Group*

AVIA Trio is a group composed of three musicians of Asian ancestry who incorporate a variety of Asian instruments such as shakuhachi, shamisen, zheng and sitar and draw inspiration from many styles of contemporary, improvisation, ambient and non-western traditions of playing.

## **Thomas Beckman** | *Musical Guest*

Canadian-born violist, composer and producer, Thomas Beckman performs in a wide range of diverse musical groups. <http://www.thomastheviolinist.com/>.

## **Vi Ann Diep** | *Musical Guest*

Vi Ann is an independent artist and improviser virtuoso on Asian long zithers (horizontal string instruments) such as Gu Zheng, Koto and Dan tranh. Vi Ann performs solo and collaboratively.

## **John Gilliat** | *Musical Guest*

Canadian-born guitarist captures audiences with his acoustic flamenco rhythms. He is a past winner of Vancouver's Unplugged Competition and Montreal Jazz Festival's Grand Prize at the BOSS Loop Station.

## **Andrew Kim** | *Musical Guest*

Andrew is a multi-award winning musician with 30 years of experience studying music from around the world. His music includes traditional Indian sitar, Indian styled violin,

solo instrumental guitar compositions as well as various Indian, African and Japanese projects.

## **Edgar Muenala** | *Musical Guest*

Edgar is a unique artist among his own generation, a composer, songwriter and a pan flute extraordinaire who combines ancient tunes with new age sensibility. Edgar relates to music much in the way of an ongoing journey. He is an independent artist based in British Columbia and has traveled across the world for the past 21 years sharing his music. <http://www.edgarmuenala.com/>

## **William Nahannee** | *First Nations Cultural Performance*

Kwel-a-anexw is a member of the Squamish Nation and founder of the Sna7em Traditional Dancers. He has been actively involved with culture for his whole lifetime.

## **Jarett Plett** | *Musical Guest*

Based out of Vancouver, British Columbia, Sons of Granville specializes in spectacular romantic and fresh music. They have reached the fan-voted podium three times in the Georgia Strait's annual 'Best of Vancouver' contest. Their group features viola, acoustic guitar and orchestral percussion. <http://www.sonsofgranville.com/>

## **Alcvin Ryuzen Ramos**

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Alcvin Ryuzen Ramos lives a life guided by shakuhachi. With over 20 years of experience of shakuhachi and meditation practice, his mandate is to educate the public about Japanese musical and spiritual arts. <http://www.alcvin.ca/>

## **Russell Shumsky** | *Drumming*

Russell is a Vancouver-based percussionist, performer and teacher who travels to



West Africa regularly to study with master drummers Famoudou Konaté and Mamady Keita. Russell runs a hand drumming school here in Vancouver and has toured with Sarah McLachlan. Visit [www.drumming.ca/](http://www.drumming.ca/).

**Xwalacktun** | *First Nations Presenter*  
Xwa-lack-tun (aka Rick Harry) gained his skills and education from Emily Carr College of Art and Capilano College. In September, 2012, Xwa-lack-tun received the Order of British Columbia in recognition of his work as an artist. Visit [www.xwalacktun.ca/](http://www.xwalacktun.ca/).

**VBGA** | *Natural Heritage Presenter*  
The Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association (VBGA) is the joint operating partner—with the City of Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (Park Board)—of the VanDusen Botanical Garden and the Bloedel Conservatory. <http://www.vandusengarden.org/>

**NSOBP** | *Natural Heritage Presenter*  
The Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program's mission is to prevent this species from becoming extirpated from Canada by releasing captive-raised spotted owls back into habitat protected for the species in the province. NSOBP has an active outreach program with "Small Eyes" - an unreleasable Northern Spotted Owl. <https://www.nsobreedingprogram.com/>

## **OWL Society**

*Natural Heritage Presenter*  
OWL is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of raptors (eagles, falcons, hawks, osprey, owls, and vultures). Our facility and staff are equipped for the unique needs of these beautiful birds, offering them the best chance of recovery. OWL has an active outreach program with their multiple resident (unreleasable) live birds of prey. <https://www.owlrehab.org/>

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# AFC Festival Goes Virtual

Can't make the live event in Vancouver? Enjoy AFC's Virtual Festival. For many during these strange times, it wasn't be possible to make it to the Festival in-person.

In response, we've launched an online program with a combination of live and pre-recorded presentations, music, films, and virtual exhibit.



Scene from Thomas Beckman's 'Metatation' musical video and art presentation.

## Musical & Virtual Art Performances

Watch the new musical video by Vancouver composer and viola maestro, Thomas Beckman, composed and assembled to accompany the Artists for Conservation Exhibit. Also enjoy a tribute composition created and performed by Vancouver singer-songwriter, Michael Averill.

## AFC Virtual Exhibit

See the premiere of AFC's latest annual juried exhibit featuring the original work by master artists from around the world. Buy Art. Support Conservation. 40% or more supports conservation or education. Visit the collection at [www.ArtistsForConservation.org/festival](http://www.ArtistsForConservation.org/festival)

## Facebook Live Presentations & Studio Visits

Meet the artists in their own studios, from the comfort and safety of your home. Free for all to participate, enjoy a series of behind-the-scenes featured artists demonstrating and showcasing their work and sharing some of their stories.

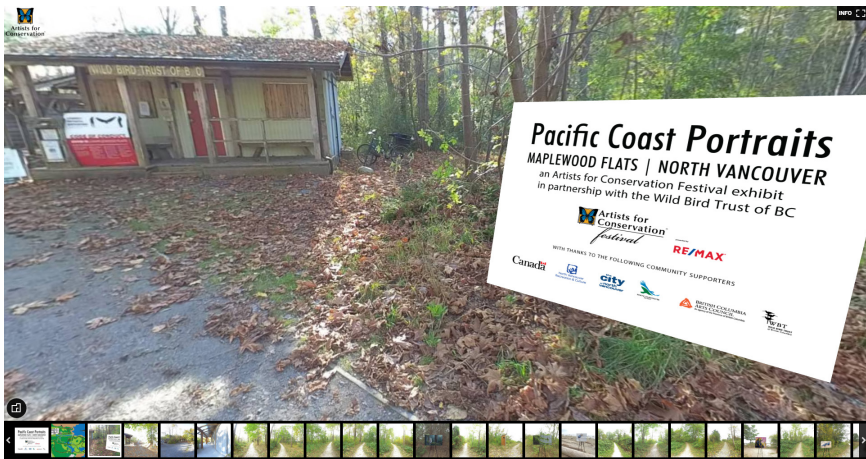
## Streaming Films about Art & Conservation

Watch free streams of AFC produced and other films including "How an Artist Saved the Mountain Gorilla", "Conservation in the Caymans", "the Soysambu Legacy" plus a special selection of independent films focused on the power of nature to inspire art and the power of art to inspire change.

Visit [www.ArtistsForConservation.org/festival](http://www.ArtistsForConservation.org/festival) for a complete list and schedule of virtual programs.



# 360° Nature Art Walk



This year, in response to a need to expand virtual programming due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a 360 virtual nature art walk was produced, based in North Vancouver’s Maplewood Flats Conservancy area. The “proof-of-concept” virtual walk features the art of local chapter members of Artists for Conservation. Most photos on the tour were taken in August, 2020, during the peak of the forest fires across western North America. Smoke originating hundreds of miles to the south of North Vancouver shrouded the area and resulted in ghostly light effects during the day.

The exhibit features the art by local members of Artists for Conservation, including: Patricia Banks, Bryan Coombes, Rob Butler, Vicky Earle, James Harry, Mark Hobson, Joseph Koensgen, Laura Levitsky, Anita McComas, Ken Nash, Dorset Norwich-Young, Ashley Roll, Ronald Straight and Joyce Trygg.

The tour was produced in partnership with the Wild Bird Trust of BC, and with the support of the North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission, the City and District of North Vancouver, BC Arts Council and Heritage Canada.

*Take the 360 Virtual Nature Art Walk at [www.ArtistsForConservation.org/festival](http://www.ArtistsForConservation.org/festival).*



# Documentary Films (online)

Due to COVID-19, film screenings will be streamed online. Visit [ArtistsForConservation.org/festival](http://ArtistsForConservation.org/festival).

**Returning:** An immersive film about the Salish Sea, it is also a conversation about connection, nature, our sense of place and explores the concept of a “Nature Culture”.

**This is Your Ocean: Sharks - Part 2:** Sylvia Earle narrates the story of Guy Harvey, Jim Abernethy and Wyland as they return to Tiger Beach in the Bahamas.

**Pride: The Lions of Soysambu:** See how the power of nature inspires art, the power of art inspires change, and a people’s pride in their land, livelihood, and wildlife.

**Art & Conservation in the Caymans:** Learn how a Caymanian marine biologist-turned-artist is championing international marine conservation efforts.

**The Soysambu Legacy:** Learn about one of the world’s most successful wildlife painters who fought to conserve wildlife and one of Kenya’s most unique areas.

**How an Artist Saved the Mountain Gorilla:** Retrace the footsteps of a legendary explorer and learn how he saved the Mountain Gorilla from extinction.

**Reflections: Art for an Oil Free Coast:** Follow an expedition with 50 artists on a mission to save BC’s Great Bear Rainforest: home to the Spirit Bear, whales and grizzlies.

**This is Your Ocean: Sharks - Part 2:** Three artists take you to a shark sanctuary in the Bahamas, to meet Emma, a 14-foot Tiger Shark you’ll never forget.



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