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GUILD HALL'S STUDENT ART FESTIVAL: ECO VS EGO TO EXPLORE OUR SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH NATURE

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ON VIEW JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 26, 2024



January 9, 2024 — East Hampton, NY: The **Student Art Festival** returns to **Guild Hall** (158 Main Street, East Hampton) from **January 20 through February 26, 2024**, with the theme of **Eco vs Ego**, inspired by guest thought leader Edwina von Gal.

The [***Student Art Festival: Eco vs Ego***](#) explores our symbiotic relationship with nature, asking students, schoolteachers, and artists to delve into topics such as needs and survival,

infrastructure and growth, anthropomorphism and symbolism, and biophilia through the practices of art, design, horticulture, and performance.

Core to the festival is the Student Art Festival In-School Artist-in-Residence program. The program has engaged 20 artists over two academic years to work within 15 participating schools to create new works, culminating in exhibitions and performances with nearly 4,000 students.

“It has been incredible to see relationships between artists, students, and teachers develop over the past 2 to 3 years, and to witness the ways in which a conversation on ecology and symbiosis can transform into the creation of over 20 collaborative projects,” said Anthony Madonna, Guild Hall’s Patti Kenner Director of Learning + New Works. “From 200+ handmade paper pieces, life-sized shelters of driftwood and found materials, the formation of an “Echo Choir,” and a large-scale video installation, each project is unique to students and artists, reflecting the diverse experiences communities can have within a single concept.”

“As art educators, my colleagues and I are thankful for Guild Hall’s willingness to take creative approaches to maintain a cultural relationship, bringing together a community of artists and student learning experiences, whether it is during a pandemic or a major renovation,” shared Heather Evans, Unified Arts Department Chair, East Hampton UFSD.

The artists-in-residence and participating schools include Pamella Allen & Springs School; Keren Anavy & Amagansett School; Darlene Charneco & Bridgehampton School; Viv Corringham & Springs School; Andrea Cote & The Bridgehampton Childcare & Recreation Center; Lionel Cruet & the Guild Hall Teen Arts Council; Mare Dianora & Bridgehampton School; Denise Silva-Dennis & Pierson Middle-High School; Jeremy Dennis & East Hampton High School; Brianna Hernandez & East Hampton High School; Liz Joyce with Wainscott & Sagaponack Schools; Laurie Lambrecht and Westhampton Beach Elementary School; Brett Loving & Project Most; Anthony Madonna & John Marshall Elementary School; Cheryl Molnar & Shelter Island School; Jody Oberfelder & Our Fabulous Variety Show; Beau Bree Rhee & East Hampton High School; Steven Sergiovanni & the Guild Hall Teen Arts Council; Alexandra Talty & Bridgehampton School; Rosario Varela & East Hampton Middle School.

A series of related programs will be presented throughout the exhibition, including:

[Opening Day Celebration:](#) Saturday, January 20, 12-2 PM

[Lunch Break:](#) Fridays, January 26 and February 16, 12-1 PM

[Family Tours + Workshops:](#) Saturdays, January 27 and February 17, 12-1 PM (Ages 4-7 + parent/guardian)

[Creative Lab: Lionel Cruet:](#) Monday, January 29, 6-7:30 PM

[Student Performance with Viv Corringham + Springs School:](#) Saturday, February 10, 3-4 PM

[Creative Lab: Liz Joyce:](#) Monday, February 12, 6-7:30 PM

[Landscape Therapy: Edwina von Gal + PRFCT Earth Project:](#) Sunday, February 25, 2-3:30 PM

Galleries are open Friday to Monday, 12-5 PM, and admission is always free. To learn more about these exhibitions and related programming, visit guildhall.org/events.

Pictured:

Amagansett School student preparing for Guild Hall's 2024 Student Art Festival: Eco vs Ego. Photo: Keren Anavy

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Free Gallery admission is sponsored, in part, by Landscape Details.

ABOUT GUILD HALL

Guild Hall is the cultural heart of the East End: a museum, performing arts, and education center, founded in 1931. We invite everyone to experience the endless possibilities of the arts: to open minds to what art can be; inspire creativity and conversation; and have fun.

Guild Hall has served four generations and introduced audiences to the most storied artists and performers of our time. As we approach our centennial, we have embarked on a state-of-the-art renovation to match the caliber of our artistry for twenty-first-century audiences. The facility-wide Capital Improvements Project & Campaign includes top-of-the-line physical and technological enhancements to better deliver on our mission as an artist-driven, interdisciplinary institution.

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