

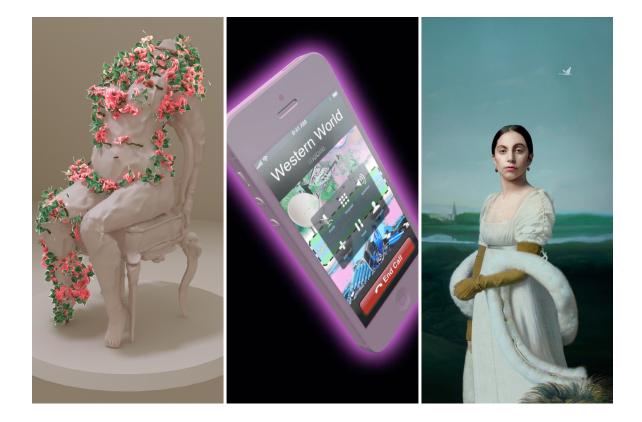
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# Weisman Art Museum Presents *Message from Our Planet*, with work by 19 International Artists at the Forefront of Digital Art

February 1, 2023, Minneapolis, MN: Weisman Art Museum's spring 2023 exhibition, Message from Our Planet: Digital Art from the Thoma Collection, brings together software, video, and light-technology artworks from 19 international artists working at the forefront of digital and electronic art. This exhibition will be on view at the Weisman from February 10 through May 21, 2023. There will be an opening party on Thursday, February 9, 7 - 11 p.m.

Message from Our Planet proposes that media technologies—from vintage devices to cutting-edge digital algorithms—offer distinct ways for artists to communicate with future generations, encapsulating the artifacts and ambitions of contemporary society. Through the exhibition, we imagine a digital future where art communicates beyond our common era through computer code.

Exhibition curator Jason Foumberg says, "Message from Our Planet was inspired by the interstellar time-capsule Voyager 1, a spacecraft containing a record of human culture launched into outer space by NASA in 1977. I wanted this group exhibition to evoke a similar multivocal message by artists who share a human desire to be understood across time and space."

Featured artists: Brian Bress, Lia Chaia, Sabrina Gschwandtner, Hong Hao, Matthew Angelo Harrison, Claudia Hart, Jenny Holzer, Eduardo Kac, Lee Nam Lee, Christian Marclay, Paul Pfeiffer, Tabita Rezaire, Michal Rovner, Jason Salavon, Elias Sime, Skawennati, Penelope Umbrico, Uva (United Visual Artists), and Robert Wilson.

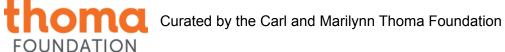


Image credits (top) L to R: Claudia Hart, The Seasons (still), 2009. Video with sound on monitor with artist's frame; Tabita Rezaire, Sorry for Real (still), 2015. Digital video with sound; Robert Wilson, LADY GAGA: Mademoiselle Carole Rivière (still), 2013. Digital video with sound on monitor. Courtesy of the Carl and Marilynn Thoma Foundation.

Exhibition dates: February 10 – May 21, 2023

Media Preview

Tuesday, February 7, 11 a.m. - noon

Weisman Art Museum | Coffee and pastries will be provided.

An early look at the exhibition for members of the press with WAM Senior Curator Diane Mullin. Interview and photo opportunities available. RSVP by Monday, February 6 by emailing susannah@umn.edu.

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### **Upcoming Event:**

Opening Party: Message from Our Planet

Thursday, February 9, 7 - 11 p.m.

**Tickets:** General admission, \$20 (\$15, WAM members/UMN staff & faculty)

Free for students

Vinai Bites by Union Hmong Kitchen, cash bar, projections by artist Sam Hoolihan, dancing, and music by DJs Ross H and Amy Pickett.

#### **About the Weisman Art Museum**

Since its origin in 1934, Weisman Art Museum has been a teaching museum for the University of Minnesota. Today, education remains central to the museum's mission to create art experiences that spark discovery, critical thinking, and transformation, linking the University and the community. The Weisman is located at 333 East River Road, Minneapolis, on the University of Minnesota campus. Gallery admission and membership are always free. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.wam.umn.edu">www.wam.umn.edu</a>.