

Hannah 0:00

Welcome to Seeing Climate Change, a limited series podcast that explores climate change through visual art, personal reflection, science and conversation. My name is Hannah and I'm joined by my co-host Alex.

Alex 0:27

Hi, Hannah, happy to be here. We are excited to share this podcast, which is inspired by and accompanies the Seeing Climate Change exhibition at the William Benton Museum of Art. Seeing Climate Change runs from January 16th to July 18th, 2024.

Hannah 0:43

This exhibition was curated by Doctor Robert Thorson with Dr Amanda Douberly. Dr Thorson is a professor of Earth Sciences at the University of Connecticut, and designed the first class on climate change here at UConn. Dr Amanda Douberly is the curator and academic liaison at The Benton.

Alex 1:02

The Benton is the official art museum of the state of Connecticut, and admission is always free at the Benton for all visitors. It's open Tuesday through Sunday all year round, though be sure to check the website for any seasonal closures before you arrive.

Hannah 1:15

So, we encourage you if you're listening sometime between January and July 2024, to go check out the exhibition. However, if you've already visited the exhibition or you're listening way after it ends, don't fear this podcast isn't a simple rehashing of the exhibition, but a true companion piece. If you're curious about climate change and your relationship to nature, this podcast is for you.

Alex 1:36

Each episode was produced by a different team member, including us, and covers a wide variety of fascinating topics. To give you a teaser, there's a whole episode on how to read landscape paintings featuring interviews with experts in art, history and science.

Hannah 1:50

We also have an episode on how walking in nature can tangibly improve your mental health, one where students share their memories of significant weather events, and another that takes a deep dive into how to move cows towards environmental sustainability. There is truly something for everyone.

Alex 2:06

Clearly, there's a lot of variety, so you want to briefly note that you can listen in any order you want. Pick and choose what sounds interesting to you and go from there.

Hannah 2:14

Alex and I are thrilled to be sharing this podcast with you. The whole Seeing Climate Change team hopes to help you, our listeners, take this opportunity to reflect on climate change and the ever evolving world around us.

Alex 2:25

Thank you for going on this journey with us, and we hope that we'll see you in the next episode.

Hannah 2:35

Thank you for listening. Check out the show notes for more information about the topics covered in this episode, and for a link to the William Benton Museum of Art's website.

Alex 2:43

The Benton is the official art museum for the state of Connecticut, and admission is always free for all visitors. The museum is located on the University of Connecticut's Storrs campus, and is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., but make sure to check the website for updated hours before you arrive. We encourage you to visit

Hannah 3:04

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Alex 3:31

Before we sign off, we hope that you will check out the other episodes in this series. Thank you again and see you in the next episode.