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WE ARE NATURE: Rising and Falling | Earth Ethics - Our Season Closing Event and Fundraiser for Amazon Rainforest Conservation.

(Brooklyn, New York, October 10, 2023) – NOoSPHERE Arts is delighted to announce <u>WE ARE NATURE: Rising and Falling | Earth Ethics</u>, an eagerly anticipated celebration marking the transition from summer to autumn. This event pays homage to the exquisite wonders of our planet while reaffirming our unwavering commitment to environmental preservation through the power of art. Originally slated as a part of the annual Climate Week NYC, the event was temporarily postponed due to inclement weather. After some thoughtful adjustments and now seamlessly integrated with our season's closing acts, WE ARE NATURE: Rising and Falling | Earth Ethics is set to be an inspiring gathering and a fundraising initiative with a noble cause—supporting the preservation and restoration of the Amazon rainforest in collaboration with the <u>Boa Foundation</u>. Join us on Saturday, October 21st, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, for an event that promises to be a memorable fusion of art and environmental advocacy.

DANCE: Becoming by Alexandre Barranco: A solo act inspired by the metamorphosis of a caterpillar into a butterfly. Alexandre Barranco's performance captures the essence of nature's cycles: the processes, the transformations, and the celebration of freedom.

LIVE MUSIC: <u>Denise Reis</u>: Enjoy a musical performance by Denise Reism, a musician applauded by the Holiness Dalai Lama and known for spreading Brazilian music around the world.

PERFORMANCE: *Bottlecap* by <u>Fantasy Grandma</u>: Step into the whimsical realm of Fantasy Grandma, where laughter, and moments of reflection await. (*Bottlecap* was written specifically for NOoSPHERE Arts).

POETRY: Reading by <u>Honeychild Coleman</u> will be reading selections from upcoming novel "Black Girl: Blue Hair".

SOUND HEALING: *Inner Sanctuary Activation* with <u>Boshko Boskovic</u>: Experience your inner sanctuary on a rooftop garden through a sound healing session with Boshko Boskovic of Let's Heal NYC.

WISE WORDS: Fritjof Capra & Benki Piyako: Witness recordings from systems theorist and deep ecologist Fritjof Capra & environmental activist and spiritual leader Benki Piyako as they share their wisdom and visions for a sustainable future, the importance of planting trees in the Amazon forest.

To enhance the overall experience, attendees can savor delectable vegan bites by chef <u>Mariana Tamiozzy</u> and refreshing herbal drinks by <u>Crystal Drip Elixirs</u>.

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About NOoSPHERE Arts

NOoSPHERE Arts presents multidisciplinary aesthetic experiences at the nexus of art and eco-awareness: uniting music, dance, visual arts, theater, film, poetry & prose, NOoSPHERE Arts' collaborative productions harness the power of art to drive action around climate change, migration, and diversity. NOoSPHERE Arts is a 501c3 organization and cultural center led by a team of international creatives whose backgrounds blend the arts and sciences. Its freewheeling, multidisciplinary approach engages diverse audiences and builds community through a range of vibrant public events in its indoor-outdoor home in New York City's Greenpoint, Brooklyn.

About WE ARE NATURE

Set in a surreally beautiful nature sanctuary sprouting on top of an ExxonMobil industrial plant on the bank of Superfund site Newtown Creek, the recurring <u>WE ARE NATURE</u> Rooftop Series offers a combination of multiple art forms – dance, music, performance, visual art, poetry, prose and film – addressing humanity's place on Earth in aims of engaging a diverse audience in environmental efforts through art.

About Boa Foundation

The <u>Boa Foundation</u> is committed to the preservation and restoration of the Amazon rainforest, one of the world's most vital ecosystems. Through partnerships and initiatives, the foundation actively works towards safeguarding the Amazon's biodiversity and indigenous communities while promoting sustainable practices. They work in alliance with indigenous communities to preserve and protect sacred land, culture, and ancient wisdom, and support projects including strategic land buybacks, restoration of native ecosystems, cultural exchange, and sustainable living solution.

Tickets and additional event information can be found on our website.

* A portion of the event's proceeds will be dedicated to supporting the Yorenka Tasorentsi Initiative, led by environmental activist and spiritual leader Benki Piyãko, through the Boa Foundation. The reforestation project aims to reclaim farmland, even on the cusp of urban areas in the Amazon, as part of a 2.5 million-tree reforestation initiative. It combines ancient and modern agroforestry techniques to achieve maximum biodiversity.

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