

Climate Mandalas In A Burning World: Portals of Transformation

Exhibition Collaborators:

Arvind Venugopal, Founder of Tvameva has produced the original soundtrack for this exhibition. Tvameva (Sanskrit for “You Are”) is a Washington, DC–based world-fusion collective that blends Carnatic classical music with electronic, rock, and global rhythms. Their immersive soundscapes, grounded in sacred ragas and spiritual lyricism, bridge cultures and uplift audiences. Tvameva’s debut album Upakrama – The Beginning earned Wammies recognition and global airplay. Tvameva has performed at the Kennedy Center, Cherry Blossom Festival, Climate Week NYC and Miami Art Week Renaissance.

Learn more at: tvamevamusic.com

Priya Parrotta has contributed original vocals for this exhibition’s soundscape. Priya is an environmental historian, singer and world music composer. She is the Founder and Director of Music & the Earth International, a global initiative which fosters environmental consciousness across borders through a combination of original music and scholarship on environmental politics, sociocultural coexistence, and the power of the arts. Priya has authored two books and composed six albums celebrating the profound biodiversity of our planet. She is a Senior Fellow with the Safina Center, a nominee for the US Artists Fellowship in Music, and a member of the Royal Historical Society.

Learn more at: priyaforpeace.com

Neha Misra’s climate epic poem “Portals of Transformation,” was originally commissioned in 2022 by **MAD Dance**, through the support of Maryland State Art Council’s Creativity Grant.

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Partner Organizations:

Temperance Alley Garden

Impact Geography: U Street, Washington, DC

“Temperance Alley Garden is a learning landscape, urban farm, and time machine in the alley behind the U Street Metro station. We are gardening a construction site and constructing a garden site. Our 10,000 square foot lot has been slated for development for over a decade. In the past, it held 26 tenement houses for post-Civil War migrants; in the future, it will hold 15 townhouses developed by Eastbanc. It is a garden for now. At the beginning of the pandemic, the U Street Neighborhood Association was granted a 3-year lease here and set out to develop a Temporary Nature space where we could practice caring for something that we know is going away. Now in year 5 of 3, the project has helped us remember the art of neighboring and taught us how to make home in the midst of vacancy. We are inhabiting the paradox of a temporary ecology that creates long-lasting transformations, both in the land and in the lives of those who tend it. We are making the most of the years between a developer’s initial proposal and its approval, keeping place in the cracks of the official timeline.”

Instagram: [@tempgardenc](#)

Learn more at: ustreetcommunity.org

Remote Energy

Impact Geography: United States, Global

“Remote Energy mentors aspiring Solar Photovoltaic technicians and motivated instructors in vibrant communities worldwide. We believe access to reliable sources of sustainable energy is a fundamental requirement for the advancement of education, healthcare, economic opportunity and quality of life. Everyone deserves access to a high-quality solar education. When one sees a powerful teacher, it plants the seed and possibility of a bright future. Our dedicated multi-lingual team has shared technical and teaching skills with people in over 51 countries, 14 Native American Nations, and 5 regions of the world: Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, and North America. Our work spans partnerships with women’s groups, school groups, rural energy technicians, electricians, farmers, community leaders, health care professionals, teachers, and vocational schools around the world. The need and potential for our work is limitless.”

Learn more at: <https://www.remoteenergy.org/>

The North Carolina Climate Justice Collective

Impact Geography: North Carolina

“The North Carolina Climate Justice Collective (NCCJC) believes that all people have a vital contribution to make in dealing with climate change. NCCJC cultivates a multi-racial, intergenerational grassroots movement ecosystem to address the root causes of climate change. Using popular education and cultural organizing, we ignite social transformation. We center all our work in the leadership of youth, Black, Indigenous and people of color, women, low wealth people, and LGBTQI+ people. We are bringing an end to fracked gas infrastructure, coal ash pollution, industrial agriculture and forest destruction while planting the seeds of a life-sustaining, regenerative society. We are shifting the cultural paradigm, turning our society away from destruction and toward equitable, earth-honoring, inclusive community building. Our animating principle is the experience of interconnection. As we live deeply into this principle, we experience love, joy, creativity, and authentic relationships in our movement. Together, we are healing the wounds of our separation from nature and understanding ourselves as nature. We can only create a thriving, regenerative economy if we embody mutual respect and practice reciprocity.”

Instagram and Facebook: [@ncclimatejustice](#)

Learn more at: ncclimatejustice.info

Green Dharma

Impact Geography: DC, MD. NoVA

“Green Dharma, a program of Interfaith Power & Light, engages local communities in South Asian faith traditions—Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism—in speaking out for Mother Earth, our shared home, through traditional and spiritual values. Green Dharma was launched in 2023 as part of IPL-DMV’s work with diverse faith communities to address climate change through greening, education, and advocacy. We collaborate with mandirs and gurdwaras to promote sustainable living and explore how liberation theology supports collective visions of climate justice. Our work on building electrification and clean energy includes testing pollution in kitchens with gas-burning stoves; helping families go solar at home; assisting congregations in undertaking energy upgrades and solar projects. We also mobilize people of faith to advocate for strong climate policy.

We have fun, too! Green Dharma fosters conversation and builds community through Desi climate socials co-hosted with DC South Asian Environmental Group and Hindus for Human Rights DC. We are committed to sustaining momentum around climate consciousness, even in challenging times, to care for our communities and our planet.”

Instagram: [@ipldmv](#)

Facebook: [@greendharmadmv](#)

Learn more at: <https://ipldmv.org/>

The Nature Conservancy's Women & Allies in Climate Initiative

Impact Geography: United States, Global

"The science is clear—women are disproportionately harmed by climate change.

The Nature Conservancy's Women & Allies in Climate initiative is a diverse, global network dedicated to uniting and supporting those leading the way for equitable climate solutions. We create intentional spaces for women leaders and their allies to collaborate, find common ground and advance innovative, inclusive approaches to climate change. Since 2019, we have created a network of more than 200 people who share a common drive to address the climate crisis.

We believe that diverse voices are essential to solving the world's most pressing environmental challenges. And we know that gender plays a critical role in climate change: while women are most harmed, they are also the ones implementing the most creative, inclusive and resilient solutions.

Because climate change is an immense challenge that cannot be solved by any single group, idea or action, we must make space for all voices to be heard. Together, we are building a future where people and nature thrive."

Learn more at: <https://www.nature.org/en-us>