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**Art21 Hosts Its Inaugural "Art21 at the Movies"
A Fusion of Film and Contemporary Art**



New York, NY (August 24) – **Art21**, the award-winning nonprofit organization committed to expanding access to contemporary art and artists through film and television, is thrilled to announce its inaugural event, **Art21 at the Movies**. This two-day event will offer an impressive lineup of film premieres and artist-curated screenings that deepen the connection between art enthusiasts, filmmakers, and artists. **Art21 at the Movies** will take place in the heart of New York City, with its opening night on **Wednesday, September 13, at Metrograph Theater** from 7:00-11:00 pm, and its second night on **Friday, September 15, at SVA Theatre** from 5:00-10:00 pm.

The excitement begins with the **opening night at Metrograph with a red carpet hour** that will welcome esteemed artists, filmmakers, trustees, and devoted Art21 supporters. The highlight of this evening will be the premiere screening of **"Friends and Strangers,"** the much-anticipated third and final episode of Season 11 of ***Art in the Twenty-First Century*** featuring **Linda Goode Bryant, Miranda July, Christine Sun Kim, and Cannupa Hanska Luger**. The presence of artists and filmmakers, including "Friends and Strangers" director **Chiemi Karasawa** and featured artists **Linda Goode Bryant, Miranda July** and **Cannupa Hanska Luger**, will create an opportunity for attendees to interact with the creative minds behind the episode. The evening

will conclude with an afterparty with **DJ Jennifly** where attendees will have the chance to mingle with fellow art aficionados, indulge in delectable refreshments and cocktails, and engage in meaningful conversations with artists and filmmakers.

“As an organization, it is our mission to make contemporary art approachable and accessible for all audiences,” says **Tina Kukielski, the Susan Sollins Executive Director and Chief Curator of Art21**. “**Art21 at the Movies** is the latest initiative in our ever-expanding efforts to introduce the public to the brilliant artists of our time. We’re thrilled to offer this in-person opportunity to Art21 fans to make connections with contemporary artists and filmmakers, as well as engage with other art lovers.”

The excitement continues on **the second night at SVA Theatre**, where attendees will be treated to a look into the life of artist **H.C. Westermann** through **the 3-D film premiere of “Westermann: Memorial to the Idea of Man If He Was an Idea,”** executive produced by the artist **KAWS**, narrated by **Ed Harris**, and scored by **Laurie Anderson and Kronos Quartet**. This film will be followed by a captivating conversation with artists **Trenton Doyle Hancock** and **Aaron Curry** and director of the film **Leslie Buchbinder**. The night will also feature a curated selection of films hosted by filmmaker, writer and artist **Miranda July** and a diverse collection of films and digital content paying homage to art and artists.

Art21 is honored to present Art21 at the Movies with the generous support of the Art21 Board of Trustees and Garth Greenan Gallery. **Learn more and purchase tickets to Art21 at the Movies at art21.org/atthemovies.**

About Art21

Art21 is a celebrated global leader in presenting thought-provoking and sophisticated content about contemporary art, and the go-to place to learn first-hand from the artists of our time. A nonprofit organization, Art21’s mission is to inspire a more creative world through the works and words of contemporary artists. Learn more at Art21.org.

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