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Art21 to Release New Film: "Xin Liu's Inward Expeditions"



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New York, New York – Art21 is proud to announce the premiere of "Xin Liu's Inward Expeditions" on Wednesday, March 13, at 12:00 PM ET. The second 2024 release of Art21's digital film series, *New York Close Up*, "Xin Liu's Inward Expeditions" follows artist Xin Liu as she bridges the realms of art and science. [Watch the trailer on YouTube.](#)

"There's something about expedition," says Xin Liu in the film. "It's very beautiful but, at the same time, it's a very lonely journey. There is this inevitable death that happens along with the growth that we so desire for."

In the film, artist Xin Liu looks inward through her diverse body of work which includes frost-coated sculptures, a bubbling fountain of crude oil, a robotic container for her wisdom tooth, performance in outer space, and much more. Through these works, Liu teases out the tensions between the indefinable qualities of humanity and the underlying drives of scientific progress, while demonstrating that science and culture are inseparable in their advancement.

"In the days we spent filming with Xin, we often joked that the title of this film should be 'How to Make Anything with Xin Liu,'" says Andrea Chung, Director and Art21 Associate Producer. "It's a

marvel how she works in art and science not as two distinct, contradictory disciplines, but rather as two languages in which she is equally fluent and effective.”

Tune in to the premiere of "Xin Liu's Inward Expeditions" on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 12PM ET at Art21.org and on Art21's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/art21org. To learn more, email Art21 Manager of Communications, Hannah DeGarmo, at hannah@art21.org.

About *New York Close Up*

New York Close Up (NYCU) is devoted to capturing early career artists living and working in New York City. NYCU films have been accepted and honored by over 100 film festivals, including the BlackStar and DOC NYC film festivals, as well as the Academy Awards-qualifying, Big Sky Documentary Film Festival. NYCU films have also been honored with 2 Webby Award nominations and 8 Vimeo Staff Picks. Most recently, NYCU films have been accepted at the 2022 Frameline, Fullframe Documentary Film Festival, Miami Film Festival, and Rooftop Films.

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