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Art21 Partners with EXPO CHICAGO 2024



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Chicago, Illinois – Art21 is thrilled to announce a partnership with EXPO CHICAGO, the city’s premier showcase of contemporary and modern art galleries. Returning April 11-14, 2024, to Navy Pier’s Festival Hall, EXPO CHICAGO 2024: “A Fusion of Art, Dialogue, and Inspiration” is a dynamic convergence of artistic expression, thought-provoking discussions, and interactive initiatives celebrating the city’s rich cultural heritage while spotlighting the vibrant contemporary arts community.

Art21 will present two programs featuring several award-winning films as part of EXPO CHICAGO’s /Dialogues program as well as a public program at Gene Siskel Film Center featuring the artist Michael Rakowitz. Hosted in collaboration with the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), /Dialogues offers engaging panel discussions featuring leading curators, artists, and arts professionals. From exploring the artist’s civic responsibilities to addressing the role of art in times of crisis, this year’s lineup will delve into pressing topics shaping the contemporary art landscape. Attendees can also look forward to the Soho House Snug, a designated space within the /Dialogues area, where they can connect with fellow art enthusiasts and enjoy stimulating discussions, book signings, and video presentations by Art21.

“Art21 is proud to partner with EXPO CHICAGO in bringing our films to the city, Art21’s largest audience in the Midwest,” says Tina Kukielski, Susan Sollins Executive Director and Chief Curator. “We’re also excited that celebrated artist Michael Rakowitz will be joining us in Chicago for a special screening of his Art21 film.”

Art21’s /Dialogues program at EXPO CHICAGO include:

“Award-Winning Art21 Films”

Friday, April 12th, Noon-1pm

Soho House Snug, EXPO's /Dialogues area

Experience a curated selection of acclaimed Art21 films from 2023, featuring artists such as Miranda July, Christine Sun Kim, and Kerry James Marshall. Jurrell Lewis, Art21 Assistant Curator, will lead a Q&A session following the screening.

“Art21 Presents Artists in Chicago”

Friday, April 12th, 3-4pm

Soho House Snug, EXPO's /Dialogues area

Discover the creative voices shaping Chicago's artistic landscape through films showcasing artists like Nick Cave, Theaster Gates, and Jessica Stockholder. Emma Nordin, Art21 Director of Education, will host a post-screening Q&A session.

Art21 is also offering a public program at Gene Siskel Film Center:

“Art21 Presents Artist Michael Rakowitz in Conversation”

Saturday, April 13th, 1-2pm

Gene Siskel Film Center

Delve into the artistic journey of Michael Rakowitz with a screening of the Art21 *Extended Play* film "Haunting the West" followed by an insightful conversation with the artist. Tickets to this event are available to the general public (ie, guests don't need a pass to EXPO CHICAGO to attend).

About EXPO CHICAGO

EXPO CHICAGO showcases leading contemporary and modern art galleries each April at Navy Pier's Festival Hall, alongside a diverse and inventive program of talks, on-site installations, and public art initiatives. Inaugurated in 2012, EXPO CHICAGO draws upon the city's rich history as a vibrant international cultural destination, while highlighting the region's contemporary arts community. In 2023, EXPO CHICAGO was acquired by Frieze, the world's leading platform for modern and contemporary art. Learn more at www.expochicago.com.

About Art21

Art21 is the world's leading source to learn directly from the artists of our time. The mission of Art21 is to educate and expand access to contemporary art through the production of documentary films, resources, and public programs. And the vision of Art21 is to inspire a more creative and inclusive world through the works and words of contemporary artists. Learn more at Art21.org.