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### Climate Change Themed Art Competition to Launch September Festivities

**September 7, 2015 (New York)** - Over 25 international artists are using their art to “make climate personal and practical” in the heart of New York City with the [Human Impacts Institute’s](#) (HII) Fifth Annual [Creative Climate Awards](#). To kick off the season of all things related to climate change, the free, September 21st opening party at the stunning [Taipei Economic and Cultural Office](#) (TECO) on 42nd street in Manhattan will launch a month-long exhibition of climate-inspired performance art, installation, paintings, and short films.

“It’s clear that we need new, creative ways to communicate climate change to a broader audience,” remarked the Human Impacts Institute’s Founder and Executive Director, Tara DePorte, “inspiring people to take climate action is what the Creative Climate Awards are all about.”

This year’s MC will be the effervescent designer, upcycler, and reality tv personality Brooks Atwood, who will introduce acts such as the “Climate Couture Fashion Show”, featuring designs that creatively communicating the risks and vulnerabilities of communities facing climate impacts like sea level rise. Artists will also be competing for a \$2000 first place prize provided by TECO, decided based upon their artistic merit, messaging, and climate impact by an elite group of judges including the Director of the National Museum in Stockholm, Columbia University, and MoMA.

**Join the FREE Creative Climate Awards Celebration**, Monday, September 21st from 6:30-8:30pm, NYC  
**RSVP required:** <http://creativeclimate2015.bpt.me/>

**Support climate action with the Human Impacts Institute’s first Paddle8 auction of artwork from the show**  
Previews starting September 21st and auction runs for two weeks only October 5th-October 19th:  
<http://paddle8.com/auction/humanimpactsinstitute>

**See the exhibit** which will be open from Sept 21-Oct 22, Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm @ TECO, 1 East 42nd St, NYC

The Human Impacts Institute is a think-and-do tank of social entrepreneurs who are continuously exploring new and creative approaches to tackle social and environmental issues. This year’s program is in partnership with [Climate Week NYC](#), [Positive Feedback](#), [School of the International Center of Photography](#), and [Artbridge](#), Thanks to support from the [Taipei Economic and Cultural Office](#) in NY and the Global Crisis Information Network, Inc.

This year’s Creative Climate Awards feature an amazing group of local and international artists, such as:

**Films from:** Natalie Bazowska, Eric Corriel, Robert Ladislav Derr, Thomas Marcusson, and Sarah Cameron Sunde.

**Performances from:** Meghan Moe Beitiks, Dion Laurent, Kwan Taek Park, Jill Sigman, FICTILIS, and Catherine Young.

**2D works from:** Susan Albert, Ed Ambrose, Resa Blatman, Madeline Cottingham, Alexandre Dang, Kelsey Gallagher, Jaakko Heikkilä, Ruth Lyons, Juha Metso, Nika Ostby, Leah Raintree, Emily Schnellbacher, Diane Tuft, and Catherine Young.

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