

“ODES TO RESILIENCE” for an Age of Unbridled Ecological Consequence

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The primary obligation of the artist is to resist the status quo, to provide an aesthetic objection to the coarseness of everyday life, and to exalt what we value. . . . What artists are ethically responsible for, I think, is providing the art that makes what is wrong vivid, explicit, and forceful.

Barry Lopez, nature writer

This exhibition reflects on the climate crisis currently affecting our planet. Because of the seriousness of the topic, it is presented cumulatively. Starting with digitally captured work by four artists, a new artist is added approximately every day. Our hope is that the sparseness of the approach will encourage visitors, especially the on-campus community, to ponder the works carefully, repeatedly, and in relation to one another.

The artists are all contemporary and they work from studios in various parts of the world. They tend to bring the richness of symbolism, metaphor, allegory, and folk tradition to their art. They also experiment with media, often mixing materials in innovative ways. Each computer station is devoted to a single artist. Two of the presentations are audio-visual, offering earth sounds, but no human voices.

To assist at comprehending artistic purposes, the gallery has provided explanatory material for each presentation.

The entrance to The Art Gallery is located at the second-floor landing of Memorial Hall.

Regular open hours:
Monday and Wednesday 12:30 – 4:00 PM
Tuesday and Thursday 12:00 – 4:00 PM
Friday 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Additional hours for groups by appointment

For an appointment, questions, or additional information, please email the director, Sr. Theresa Couture, at tcouture@rivier.edu.