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SOUTHAMPTON ARTS CENTER JOINS CARBON CREW PROJECT, DRAWDOWN EAST END, AND DAMON GAMEAU TO PRESENT DRAWDOWN FESTIVAL

Tools for Regeneration: Forums, Fun, Films

(Southampton, New York... January 2022) Recognizing the climate crisis is one of the most critical issues of our time, **Southampton Arts Center [SAC – southamptonartscenter.org]** has partnered with the **Carbon CREW Project, Drawdown East End**, and filmmaker and activist **Damon Gameau** to present a virtual festival to inspire action in regenerating our earth and reversing climate change. **DRAWDOWN FESTIVAL – Tools for Regeneration: Forums, Fun, Films** will take place from **Friday, January 21 through Sunday, January 23**. Virtual talks, workshops, films, a youth program, and much more will be presented featuring local, regional, and global experts in a number of categories ranging from food and farming to fashion and model towns. More information and link to register can be found at **southamptonartscenter.org/drawdown**.

"Art and collaboration are essential in effecting positive change," shares Tom Dunn, SAC executive director. "We know there are viable solutions to reversing global warming, and now more than ever we need to act on them. SAC has long demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the environment through meaningful and inclusive exhibitions, engaging artists who use their talents to focus on conservation and activism. Our collaborative partnerships with environmental organizations and civic groups is critical. We're excited to present this timely, important festival with Carbon CREW Project, Damon Gameau, and Drawdown East End."

"In the wake of our climate crisis, the 2022 Drawdown Festival is here to motivate, and to inspire not only hope but action that will contribute to lasting and meaningful change" shares Dorothy Reilly, co-founder of Carbon CREW Project and Drawdown East End. "As we all reflect on the heavy toll of the last few years, this January's Drawdown Festival brings an opportunity to come together and become the solution."

Inspired by environmentalist Paul Hawken's Project Drawdown, a nonprofit organization that seeks to help the world reach "drawdown" – the future point in time when levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere stop climbing and start to steadily decline – Drawdown East End is a grassroots group that seeks to inspire and support people in the community to engage in solutions that achieve drawdown. The festival, open to participants of all ages and presents viable solutions to reversing global warming in ways that all understand and appreciate.

Joining Paul Hawken and Damon Gameau, various panelists will discuss topics such as soil sequestration, sea sequestration, climate cuisine, educating women and girls, web resources for regeneration, communications, consumption, environmental preservation and protection, and much more. Session curators include Montauk Seaweed Supply Co. founder Sean Barrett, Long Island University professor and author of *Gratitude and Climate Change* Scott Carlin, North Fork Environmental Council vice president Mark Haubner, Carbon CREW Project co-founder Sheila Pfeiffer, and journalist Alexandra Talty. Sponsors include Children's Museum of the East End, League of Women

Voters, Peconic Baykeeper, Peconic Land Trust, and Quogue Wildlife Refuge. The full schedule will be updated regularly at southamptonartscenter.org/drawdown.

SAC continues to follow all New York State and CDC guidelines for all programs and events. Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test is required for all events in the theatre. Masks are required in the galleries and in the theatre.

Select Southampton Arts Center programs are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature. **OUTCROPPING – Indigenous Art Now** opens February 4. The presenting sponsor of the exhibition is Ingrid Arneberg, with support from exclusive media partner The Southampton Press. **FILM @ SAC** is sponsored by Brown Harris Stevens. **KIDS @ SAC** is sponsored by Investors Bank. Additional support comes from Southampton Bath and Tennis Club. **Financial Literacy Partner:** J.P. Morgan Private Bank. General operating support is provided by Bank of America.

ABOUT SOUTHAMPTON ARTS CENTER

Southampton Arts Center is committed to community building through the arts. We present and produce inspiring, inclusive, socially and regionally relevant programs across all disciplines – welcoming, connecting, and collaborating with the diverse members of New York’s East End community and beyond. SAC is a not for profit 501(c)(3) organization.

For more information about Southampton Arts Center, located at 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton, New York 11968, visit southamptonartscenter.org or call 631.283.0967. Follow SAC on Facebook and Instagram @southamptonartscenter. For press inquiries, contact Rachel Bosworth via email at rachel@rachelbosworth.com or by phone at 631.220.1220.

ABOUT DRAWDOWN EAST END

Drawdown East End is a grass roots group that seeks to inspire and support people in our communities to engage in solutions that achieve drawdown. Project Drawdown research is being used by Cornell University and the DEC and guides all the local work of Drawdown East End. Learn more at drawdowneastend.org.

ABOUT CARBON CREW PROJECT

The objective of Carbon CREW (Carbon Reduction for Earth Wellbeing) Project is to reverse global warming by empowering individuals to rewrite their narrative and reduce their carbon footprint, ensuring a cleaner, greener, regenerative future. Carbon emissions originate from household decisions. In small interactive “CREWs” and with great support, people develop Personal Climate Action Plans to become the solution.

ABOUT PAUL HAWKEN

Paul Hawken is an environmentalist, entrepreneur, author and activist who has dedicated his life to environmental sustainability and changing the relationship between business and the environment. He is one of the environmental movement’s leading voices. His work includes founding successful, ecologically conscious businesses, writing about the impacts of commerce on living systems, consulting with heads of state and CEOs on economic development, and environmental policy. Hawken is the founder of Project Drawdown, a non-profit dedicated to researching when and how global warming can be reversed. The organization maps and models the scaling of one hundred substantive technological, social, and ecological solutions to global warming.

ABOUT DAMON GAMEAU

Damon Gameau is an award-winning writer, director, author and activist. In 2015, he released his debut feature documentary *That Sugar Film*, which broke Australian box office records. His latest project, *2040*, is also one of the highest grossing Australian documentaries of all time and is currently being released internationally. Following the success of the 2040 film, *2040: A Handbook for a Regeneration* was published in 2020 as a visionary how to guide to inspire practical solutions to reduce the impacts of climate change. An in-demand thought leader and keynote speaker, Gameau has received numerous accolades for his work, including a nomination for NSW Australian of the Year 2020 and will be debuting his latest work, *Regenerating Australia* at the Drawdown Festival on January 21.

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