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## **Creative Climate Awards Artist Open Call**

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We live in a world where, for many of us, overconsumption is part of our genetic makeup. As much as we try to consciously be more aware of the environment in which we live and attempt to categorize our 'plastics' from our 'general waste,' the inspiration—dare I say—to adhere to these 'rules' isn't really there. Cue the <u>Human Impact Institute</u> (HII), a vehicle leading this much needed engagement. Spearheading the institute is championed Climate Reality Leader, Artist and Founder, Tara DePorte. Brooklyn-based DePorte deliberately chose New York over a more obvious environmentally friendly city with the intention to revolutionize the habits of an abundant metropolis, notorious for its environmental issues. "There are so many creative minds out there—painters, performers, designers, musicians, etc—who are experts in inspiration," explained DePorte. One way to capture the city's interest was in a creative manner, thus the Creative Climate Awards was born.

"I wanted to create a space where we can celebrate and elevate the voices of those who are inspiring climate action with their work and to challenge those who aren't to give it a try."

This year's sixth annual event explores artists creating climate-inspired, public works. In an attempt to instigate a new wave of critical thinking concerning our actions and their impact on the world, the Creative Climate Awards is calling upon artists, musicians, actors, dancers, and filmmakers to submit proposals by May 31st. All submissions must play with the idea of "making climate personal and practical," which consequently will encourage the audience to react in a positive and proactive way to climate change. In September an expert panel of judges—some of the most distinguished artists, curators and international leaders in the world—will determine the winner who will not only receive a\$2,000 first place prize but a month-long exhibition on 42nd Street, Manhattan, New York. As Deporte noted, "We need the best, brightest, and most creative minds to be helping us to connect with solutions in order to stop climate change." Where better to inspire this movement than New York City itself?

Feeling inspired and eager to play an instrumental role in the cause? Then don't miss this incredible opportunity! Apply for free online and see the details below:

#### WHAT HII ACCEPT

- All 2D works, including graphic design, drawings, painting, photographs, collage, and mixed media
- Films (both shorts and feature length)
- Performative works, including dance, theatre, music, and other works

#### WHAT YOU GET

- First place cash prize of \$2,000
- Month long exhibit at 42nd St. gallery in Manhattan, NYC
- Work viewed by our judges

### TIMELINE

- Submissions Due: 11:30 pm, May 31st
- Selections Announced: June 15th
- Opening Party: September 27th
- Film Screening 1: October 6th
- Film Screening 2: October 13th
- Film Screening 3: October 20th
- Closing Awards: October 27th







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