



**Wave Hill**  
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## Press Release

### ***Trees, We Breathe: A Group Exhibition Celebrating the Vital Role of Trees at Wave Hill***

Bronx, NY, May 12, 2025 — Wave Hill is proud to announce the group exhibition *Trees, we breathe*, running from May 31 to September 1, 2025, in Glyndor Gallery and on the grounds. This exhibition is part of Wave Hill's 60th Anniversary celebration and honors trees in all their splendor.

Featuring works by a diverse group of artists, including Sarah Ahmad, Andrea Bowers, Sari Carel, Michelle Frick, Ben Gould, Sara Jimenez, Weihui Lu, Julia Oldham, Yoko Ono, Rose B. Simpson, Yeseul Song and Jesse Simpson, Rachel Sussman, Carlie Trosclair, and Sam Van Aken, the exhibition explores various tree species through multiple media, including sculpture, sound, drawing, site-responsive installation, video, and living artwork. The artists delve into deep time, revisiting the ancient past while speculating on the future, considering trees' unique independence and symbiotic abilities beyond an anthropocentric view of the forest ecosystem.

Trees are pillars of ecological balance and vital to all life on Earth. They provide the air we breathe, sustain communities beneath their soil, offer habitats for wildlife, filter our drinking water, and promote our physical and mental well-being. If we allow ourselves to expand our understanding of animate life, we may come to recognize ourselves as entangled in the community of trees and to consider trees as sentient actors, who have dignity, are able to make decisions, and deserve our respect beyond a relationship based on use value.

"Since the founding of our Arts program, artists presenting work at Wave Hill have always been inspired by the trees and woodland, but more recently, artists have been rethinking our relationship to trees and envisioning what reciprocal care can look like," said Gabriel de Guzman, Director of Arts and Chief Curator.

The exhibition also addresses the challenges trees face, including climate change, deforestation, development, and urban forest inequity. The artists



Andrea Bowers, *EcoGrief Deforestation Series (Old Growth Stump 2)*, 2024, Acrylic on cardboard. Photo: Jeff McLane.  
Courtesy of the artist and Vielmetter Los Angeles

thoughtfully consider and honor the ways in which trees care for many organisms, including humans, while recognizing our roles in their destruction and survival.

Wave Hill is home to some of the most notable trees in New York City, including a red oak (*Quercus rubra*) dating back before 1850, grand copper beech trees (*Fagus sylvatica* 'Atropurpurea'), and a dawn redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*) that survived a lightning strike. As part of its anniversary milestone, Wave Hill is committed to ensuring the longevity of these existing trees while also planting new ones for future generations.

*Trees, we breathe* is organized by Gabriel de Guzman, Director of Arts and Chief Curator; Rachel Raphaela Gugelberger, Curator of Visual Arts; and Afriti Bankwalla, Curatorial Administrative Assistant. The exhibition is free with admission to the grounds.

## Public Programs

### Saturday, June 7, 4-6 PM

Exhibitions Reception: Group exhibition *Trees, we breathe* in Glyndor Gallery; Solo projects by Sonja John and Amanda Phingbodhipakkiya in the Sunroom Project Space; and a site-specific sculpture by Suran Song & William M. Weiss III in the Glyndor Terrace Garden. At 4PM, Sara Jimenez gives a guided tour of her outdoor installation *Folding Field*, commissioned as part of Wave Hill's 60th anniversary celebration and presented in conjunction with *Trees, we breathe*. Glyndor Gallery and on the Grounds.

### Sunday, July 13, 10-11:30 PM

Walking Meditation: Art Among the Trees: Guided meditation led by instructor Sara Hart among Wave Hill's trees and artist Sara Jimenez's outdoor sculptural installation. Meet at Perkins Visitor Center.

### Sunday, July 13, 1-2 PM

Kids on the Move! Go with the Flow: Museum educator Corinne Flax leads a movement workshop for families to experience and interact with artist Sara Jimenez's outdoor sculptural creations. Recommended for ages 3 to 8. Meet at Perkins Visitor Center.

### Sunday, July 20, 9-1:30 PM

Trees en Plein Air: Teaching artists Rebecca Allan and Wennie Huang lead an observational painting and drawing workshop focused on Wave Hill's stately trees. On the Grounds.

### Sunday, July 27 1-2:30 PM

Meet the Artists: Exhibition walkthrough of *Trees, we breathe* with exhibiting New York-area artists. Glyndor Gallery.

### Sunday, July 27, 3-4 PM

Concert: Majel Connery: *Elderflora*. Composer and vocalist Majel Connery presents *Elderflora*, an oratorio on the life and death of a tree. Glyndor Terrace Garden.

### Saturday, August 9, 12-4 PM

*Grounding Feeling*: A participatory performance series exploring our interdependence with trees through embodied research practices, including movement, meditation, sound and voice. Featuring dancers and performance artists Nora Raine Thompson and Chloë Engel, Emergent Improvisation, and Tanika Williams. Glyndor Terrace Garden.

### Saturday, August 9 and Sunday, August 10, 10 AM-1 PM

Family Art Project: Woodland Worlds: Children and family participants make tree sculptures using provided art materials. Wave Hill House.

### Sunday, August 10, 9:30-11 AM

Summer Birding with naturalist and birder Gabriel Willow. Meet at Perkins Visitor Center.

### **Sunday, August 10, 1–2 PM**

Kids on the Move! Trees R Us: Led by museum educator Corinne Flax, participants tour the exhibition *Trees*, we *breathe* in Glyndor Gallery and then head outside to express their experience with playful yoga flow among the trees. Recommended for ages 3 to 8. Glyndor Gallery.

### **Sunday, August 10, 5:30–7 PM**

Sound Bath Meditation: Woodland Edge: Wellness retreat host Sara Hart and sound healer Andrew Campbell guide this combined sensory and sound bath experience, while participants find connection with the surrounding trees and the ground below. Glyndor Terrace Garden.

### **Thursdays and Saturdays at 2PM**

Public Gallery Tours. Glyndor Gallery.

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#### **About Wave Hill**

A 28-acre public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades, Wave Hill's mission is to celebrate the artistry and legacy of its gardens and landscapes, to preserve its magnificent views, and to explore human connections to the natural world through programs in horticulture, education and the arts.

HOURS: Open all year, Tuesday–Sunday, 10AM–5:30PM. Marco Polo Stufano Conservatory 10AM–Noon/1–4PM.

ADMISSION TO THE GROUNDS: \$10 adults, \$6 students and seniors 65+, \$4 children 6-18. Free Thursdays.

Free to Wave Hill Members, children under 6.

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