

**Artists, Scientists, and Explorers Collaborate  
In Cross-Disciplinary Program Fostering Ocean Literacy and Participation  
on June 5 and 6**

**Organized by TBA21–Academy in Conjunction with The Explorers Club  
Two-Day Program of Discussions, Performances, and Installations  
Stimulate New Dialogues about the Ocean as a Source of Inspiration and Discovery**

**WHAT** During the first-ever United Nations Ocean Conference and coinciding with World Oceans Day, leading artists, scientists, explorers and conservationists will transform The Explorers Club into a place of collaboration, participation, and inspiration through a dynamic cross-disciplinary program exploring the most pressing issues facing our oceans today. Organized by **TBA21–Academy** and curated by TBA21–Academy director **Markus Reymann**, “**A Contemporary Exploration**” unfolds in thematic sessions on June 5 and 6, revealing how alliances across disciplines and knowledge sharing can generate solutions in conserving and sustainably using the oceans. A program schedule is available at [www.tba21.org/journals/oceanweek](http://www.tba21.org/journals/oceanweek).

**WHO** Participants and presenters include Thyssen Bornemisza Art Contemporary (TBA21) founder **Francesca von Habsburg**, Explorers Club president **Ted Janulis**, the President of the Republic of Palau **Thomas Esang "Tommy" Remengesau, Jr.**, artists **Joan Jonas** and **Mark Dion**, geophysicist **Walter Munk**, citizen science champion **David Lang**, marine biologists **Sylvia Earle** and **David Gruber**, oceanographer **Margaret Leinen**, among many others.

Two art installations specially conceived for this event – a sound installation of Blue Whale recordings by synthesizer pioneer **Peter Zinovieff** and an oceanic scentscape by **Sissel Tolaas** – immerse visitors into the scents and sounds of the ocean throughout the two-day conference.

**WHEN** Monday, June 5, 2017, 2 – 6pm  
Exploratory themes include oceanic exploration through the lens of the arts and scientific discoveries and strategies for change  
Tuesday, June 6, 2017, 2 – 4pm  
Exploratory themes include extraordinary new approaches to oceanic expeditions and explorations

**LOCATION & DIRECTIONS** The Explorers Club  
46 East 70th Street  
New York City  
By Subway: Take Q to 72nd Street;  
or 6 to 68th Street  
By Bus: Take M98, M101, M102,  
M103 to 68th and Lexington; or  
M72 to 72nd Street and Madison

**ADMISSIONS** The event is free and open to the public.

**ABOUT TBA21–ACADEMY**

TBA21–Academy leads artists, scientists, and thought-leaders on expeditions of collaborative discovery. Our mission is to foster a deeper understanding of our ocean through the lens of art and to engender creative solutions to its most pressing issues. The itinerant Academy commissions interdisciplinary research that catalyzes engagement, stimulates new knowledge, and inspires artistic production. Founded

in 2011, our nonprofit's program is informed by a belief in the power of exchange between disciplines and in the ability of the arts as a vessel for communication, change, and action. TBA21–Academy's first exhibition, *Tidalectics*, presenting thirteen artists whose work reveal diverse perspectives on the cultural, political and biological dimensions of the oceans, recently opened in the foundation's headquarters in Vienna.

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