

Beyond Crisis: A Story for hope for a rapidly changing world



Synopsis

BEYOND CRISIS is a story of hope for a rapidly changing world: a meditative call to action that explores what it means to be living in this new era of climate change, as told by over fifty diverse voices from across Canada, the U.S. and beyond.

The film is also a unique conversation piece: a grassroots model for what a healthy conversation on climate could look like, inspiring YOU to take the next steps in discussing these issues with your friends, community and loved ones.

The reality of climate change may be frightening, but there is good news. Diving into the dramatic climate and energy story unfolding all around us today, this film paints an inspiring vision of the better world we could be building together – if we find the courage to face our shared global crisis, saying YES to a far safer, more sustainable and more compassionate clean energy future.

***Beyond Crisis* is a story of truth that bridges both poetry and science, intellect and the human heart** – a beacon of hope to all people who are searching for an inspiring path beyond climate change, and a future we can actually believe in.

A hand-crafted portrait of a growing social movement united by our shared crisis, this film empowers YOU to continue the world's tough climate discussions at home, in school and in your community - to build a #SafeClimateFuture for all of us.



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Kai is a documentary and social change filmmaker, community activist and co-founder of Canadian not-for-profit The People's Climate Foundation, which seeks to empower communities to host dialogues and build a creative cultural response to global climate change. Beyond Crisis is his first feature-length film, as a powerful story for more transformative discourse and action to address rapid climate change.

Kai graduated from the University of Waterloo's Master of Climate Change (MCC) program in 2014, before this completing a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a focus on film and video through NSCAD University. Production credits include short works for social change groups such as 350.org, Sustainable Societies Consulting Group, evolvGREEN, the Climate Emergency Institute and the Goenchi Mati Movement among others. In Fall 2018 Kai started a PhD in Community Psychology

through Wilfrid Laurier University, with a focus on engaging communities more effectively on building a strong Culture of Sustainability (COS) through connecting the arts and social change theory - a focus area that has grown directly out of his leadership role as artist-director of Beyond Crisis.

Richard Watts, Artist, Crowe River



Richard is a land-based earth artist with his studio and work based in Southern Ontario. He was born in New Jersey and raised in the midwestern United States and on a family farm, moving to Toronto, Canada in 1987. Self-identifying as a Canadian/American artist with work bridging both countries, his art

practice remains based at a live/work barn Studio in the Canadian Shield, exploring both an inner spiritual connection to nature along with environmental and climate change issues. His work has received feature print and television coverage, along with solo exhibitions and commissions.

The Studio is a developing environmental art centre, located on a wooded acreage in a large converted barn like an overturned ship on the edge of the Canadian Shield, beside the Crowe River, 40 minutes east of Peterborough and 2 hrs. from Toronto. The barn and woods combine creation, production, exhibition, and education in an environmental context.

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