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**EARTH CELEBRATIONS' PUPPET & COSTUME WORKSHOPS
TO RESTORE THE HUDSON RIVER & ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE
IN NEW YORK CITY - FREE**

Earth Celebrations' Puppet & Costume Workshops at the World Financial Center Courtyard Gallery from March 3 – May 19th, engage teens & adults to create the spectacular costumes and giant puppets for the Hudson River Pageant, inspired by the diverse marine species and habitats of the Hudson River. **Artists-in-Residence, Michele Brody and Lucrecia Novoa** lead the educational ecological art Puppet & Costume Workshops **every Wednesday 6-9pm and every Saturday 12-4pm**, through the in-kind Sponsorship of Brookfield Properties/ <arts World Financial Center. Workshops culminate in Earth Celebrations' Hudson River Pageant to restore the Hudson River and address climate change in New York City.

Earth Celebrations Hudson River Pageant, on Saturday, May 22nd, 2010 (raindate: Sunday May 23rd), is an ecological parade and performance art event to raise awareness for the restoration of the Hudson River and address climate change in New York City. The Hudson River Pageant features a parade of giant puppets, spectacular costumes, and musical bands. At the various piers and significant sites, performances, songs, dance, poetry, and ceremonies highlighting the river and issues, are presented along the parade route, from The World Financial Center/Marina to Gansevoort Street, in the downtown section of the Hudson River Park, 1-6pm.

**HUDSON RIVER PAGEANT - PUPPET & COSTUME WORKSHOPS- FREE (Adults &Teens)
MARCH 3 - MAY 19**

Create Spectacular Costume and Puppets for Hudson River Pageant
Wednesdays 6-9pm: Costume Workshops with artists Michele Brody
Saturdays 12-4pm: Puppet Workshops with artist Lucrecia Novoa

@ The World Financial Center Courtyard Gallery,
World Financial Center
220 Vesey Street (2nd floor- above the food court)
near the Winter Garden- just off the Hudson River

For more information contact: Earth Celebrations
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<http://www.earthcelebrations.com>

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THE WORKSHOPS ARE FREE
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EARTH CELEBRATIONS: HUDSON RIVER PAGEANT

AN ECOLOGICAL PARADE & PERFORMANCE ART EVENT TO RESTORE THE HUDSON RIVER & ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE

DOWNTOWN SECTION OF THE HUDSON RIVER PARK- NEW YORK CITY 1-6PM

On **Saturday, May 22, 2010** (raindate: Sunday, May 23), Earth Celebrations, a non-profit ecological arts organization, launches 2nd annual **Earth Celebrations' Hudson River Pageant: to restore the Hudson River and address climate change in New York City.**

This ecological parade and performance art event is directed by theatrical pageant director, **Felicia Young, Founder/Director of Earth Celebrations** and the creator of the Rites of Spring: Procession to Save Our Gardens for 15 years in the East Village. The new Hudson River Pageant features a magnificent parade of giant 15-foot river species puppets, spectacular costumes representing oysters, sea horses, blue crabs, wetlands, and over 70 species of local fish. Music, dance, performances, songs, and poetry, including an **Oyster Garden Planting Ceremony, Live Fish Release, River Cleansing Ceremony**, and a **Boat Dance**, highlighting the river, and its' species, habitats, and issues, are presented at the various piers and significant sites along the parade route, from the World Financial Center/ Marina, moving north to Gansevoort Street, in the downtown portion of the Hudson River Park from 1-6pm.

The spectacular **Water Dance of Boats & Harmonic Chant Concert** closing ceremony combines on-the-river boat choreography by the Bessie award-winning **Alice Farley**, and **David Hykes** and the over-the-river concert of "River Goddess Flowing" by renowned composer-singer with **The Harmonic Choir**. The choreography includes 30-foot rowboats festooned with spectacular marine-life sculptures and costumed kayaks performing a dance movement on the water. Boat participants include: Downtown Boathouse, The Harbor School, and individual kayakers, paddle boarders, and wind surfers.

The pageant is a magnificent creation of art, performance and community engagement to honor and restore the Hudson and address climate change. Children and community people participate creating the spectacular puppets and costumes through Earth Celebrations Art & Ecology/ Puppet & Costume Workshops with Artists-in Residence, Michele Brody and Lucrecia Novoa. The **Art & Ecology/ Puppet & Costume Workshops From March – May** are based at the **World Financial Center Courtyard Gallery, every Wednesday 6-9pm and every Saturday 12-4pm**, through the in-kind Sponsorship of Brookfield Properties/World Financial Center-Arts.

PARTICIPATING PARTNERS : The Hudson River Park Trust (Sponsor), Brookfield Properties/arts> World Financial Center (Sponsor- which is sponsored by American Express, Battery Park City Authority, Brookfield Properties and Bank of America.), Manhattan Youth Downtown Community Center, The River Project, Friends of Hudson River Park, Battery Park City Parks Conservancy, Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance, Village Community Boathouse, Downtown Boathouse, New York Harbor School, New York Kayak Company, Solar One, LES Ecology Center, NYC & Company, ACA Galleries, We, theWorld, Henry Street Settlement/ Abrons Arts Center, Boys and Girls Republic, Poets House, Church Street School for Music & Art, Clean Air NY, Greenpeace, One Brick, BuildOn, NY Cares, CB1, PS234, PS150, PS89, School at Columbia, Stuyvesant High School, NYU, Riverkeeper, and Clearwater.

THE PAGEANT IS FREE / VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
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Video Documentary-Hudson River Pageant: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROJCUVpuk7g>
Slideshow: <http://www.earthcelebrations.com/photos-videos/hudson-river-pageant-slideshow/>
Video Clip of Oyster Planting & Boat Dance: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yrWZLRGxtJ>

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