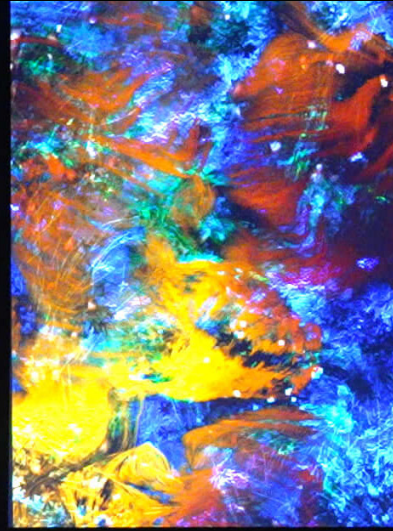
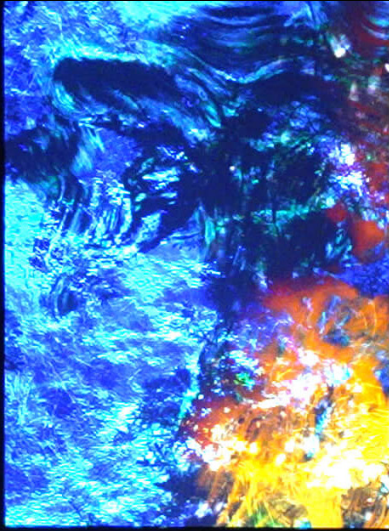


BANG ON A CAN ALL-STARS

before and **after** nature

Music and text by David Lang | Video design by Tal Rosner



FULL SHOW

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"The idea of 'nature' is a human construct – our ancestors noticed we were apart from the world around us, and then gave that 'apartness' its name, its meaning, its value."

— David Lang



TAL ROSNER



DAVID LANG



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With words and music by Lang, *before and after nature* looks at humanity's relationship with nature — a meditation on the natural world, both before human existence and after humans are gone. Drawing from various creation myths, as well as writings by John Muir, Bill McKibben, Jedidiah Purdy & others. Lang imagines the world before it was divided between humans and nature.

As part of this new work Lang enlisted video artist Tal Rosner, whose visual design is projected above the ensembles. Rosner's images combine distorted views of the natural world with computer-generated graphics that nonetheless appear organic, representing the ways in which people alter the natural world just by looking at it. With sources ranging from planetary to domestic, his digital assemblages fuse the telescopic and microscopic to create imaginary environments where sun spots, cloud formations and the ocean surface are superimposed, stretched, color-shifted and abstracted to the extent of leaving mere trails of their essence, engaging the viewer in a continuous game of un- and re-learning the Elements.

Touring company will consist of approximately 10 persons

Venue should be selected to provide video and film projection capability, and stage of such capacity as to support the Bang on a Can All-Stars musicians and the local choir.

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