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SCIENCE NORTH OPENS NEW EXHIBITION *EARTH WORKS: WHERE ART MEETS CHANGE*, FEATURING ART BY BENJAMIN VON WONG

(SUDBURY, ON) – Just in time for summer, Science North invites visitors of all ages to step into a world of larger-than-life art, hands-on discovery, and big ideas with its new exhibition, *Earth Works: Where Art Meets Change*. Open now through the end of summer, this immersive experience includes bold visual storytelling to spark conversation and inspire action for a healthier planet.

FEATURING ARTWORK BY BENJAMIN VON WONG

Get ready to be inspired by the incredible artworks of Benjamin Von Wong. This Canadian artist and environmental activist transforms discarded materials into breathtaking large-scale installations that spark conversation, inspire action, and reimagine our relationship with our planet.

Known around the world for turning upcycled materials into powerful visual storytelling, he combines photography, sculpture, and community collaboration to shine a light on planetary health and the positive impacts people can create together.

“These pieces have stood in front of delegates from around the world — but change was never going to come from those rooms alone. It comes from everyday people, dedicating themselves to something they care about. I can't wait to see what this exhibition sparks in the people who walk through it.”

— **Benjamin Von Wong, Artist and Storyteller**

A SCIENCE NORTH ORIGINAL

Developed and produced by Science North, the exhibition is part art gallery, part interactive adventure, designed to challenge how we think about waste and our impact on the planet. When creating *Earth Works*, Science North wanted the exhibition to serve as a blank canvas of possibility where visitors can experiment with planetary health challenges, explore biodiversity, and rethink how we view waste. Each experience is designed to be engaging, accessible, and fun for the whole family. The exhibition invites visitors to look closer, ask questions, and see familiar issues in entirely new ways.

"Great art inspires us to see the world differently, and great science helps us understand it. *Earth Works* brings both together in a powerful and unexpected way, transforming environmental challenges into experiences

that spark curiosity, conversation, and action. It has been a privilege to work alongside Benjamin Von Wong to bring this exhibition to Science North. His extraordinary installations challenge assumptions, reveal beauty in unexpected places, and remind us that we all have a role to play in shaping a more sustainable future. We can't wait for visitors to experience it for themselves."

— **Ashley Larose, CEO, Science North**

OPENING DETAILS

June 19, 2026 – End of summer

Science North

Included in admission to Science North

EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS

Play, Create, and Share Your Visions for the Future

Use puppets, storytelling, and conversation starters to explore big ideas for people and the planet.

Rethink Plastic & Energy

Discover the connections between plastics, carbon, and energy through immersive art and interactive experiences.

Our Health, Our Planet

Explore how plastic pollution impacts ecosystems, biodiversity, and human health in our interconnected world.

Choose Your Impact

Challenge assumptions, test your knowledge, and uncover how everyday choices can help create positive change.

Be the Change

Find practical ways to take action and leave empowered to make a difference in your community and beyond.

Create Through Upcycling

Transform discarded cardboard into unique works of art and discover the creative potential of everyday materials.

Earth Works is open at Science North until the end of summer. For more information, please visit: sciencenorth.ca/exhibits/earth-works

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About Science North

Science North is Northern Ontario's most popular tourist attraction and an educational resource for children and adults across the province. Science North maintains the second and eighth-largest science centres in Canada. Science North's attractions include a science centre, IMAX® theatre, digital Planetarium, butterfly gallery, special exhibits hall, and Dynamic Earth: Home of the Big Nickel. Science North, in partnership with Laurentian University, offers North America's first and only comprehensive Science Communication program, a joint Master's and Graduate Diploma program. As part of its mandate, Science North provides science experiences throughout Northern Ontario including outreach to schools and festivals, summer science camps and more, and has a permanent base in Thunder Bay providing outreach to the Northwest. Science North is an agency of the Government of Ontario. For information, visit sciencenorth.ca.

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