

Touchstone Center's February Newsletter

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Greetings,

I am pleased to announce the premiere of a new choral piece by <u>David Heinick</u>, a composer and professor of music at SUNY(Potsdam) based on the text of my book <u>Cave: An Evocation of the Beginnings of Art</u>. The performance on March 18th at 7:30 PM by the Crane Concert Choir, will be conducted by Rebecca Reames, with Lillia Woolschlager, oboe, and Brandon Bromsey, percussion. Accompanying the performance will be <u>George Hirose</u>'s photographs, done in collaboration with <u>Elizabeth Crawford</u>'s artwork, which make up the original illustrations of the book. A live video stream of the concert can be seen at http://canwebcast.net/potsdam/live1/max/.

I would also like to bring to your attention an interview I did with poet and artist <u>Cecilia Vicuna</u> on the occasion of The Touchstone Center releasing, a number of years ago, her documentary <u>The Thread at Play</u>. The interview seems to have lost its way and is now happily a <u>part of our website</u>. The Thread of Play is a moving and joyous documentary of Cecilia's work with a group of indigenous children in a small mountain village in Chile.

And as a reminder, the Center's exhibition, <u>Art Inspires Art: How Does A Bird Imagine What Does a Tree Know?</u> at the Brooklyn Children's Museum opens on March 1st and runs through August 31st. In addition, the Center will be presenting <u>The Nature of Play and the Play of Nature: A Day of Imagining the Universe at Play</u> at the Museum on March 29th.

Thank you,

Richard

Photograph from Humankind: The First Artisans, a two year arts and education thematic residency run by the Touchstone Center at P.S. 9 (Manhattan).

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