



The Touchstone Center's October Newsletter

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Greetings...

I am pleased to announce that [*The Journey Within*](#), the award-winning film produced by Renaissance Films and made by Eleanor Hamerow and Naomi Trubowitz, can now be seen on YouTube – as well as on the Center's website. Filmed in 1990 at IS 277 (Louis Armstrong School) in New York City, the film documents my work with a 6th grade class exploring and encouraging, through a variety of art forms, each child's unique way of expressing their relationship to the natural world.

In addition, [*From the Sleep of Waters*](#), a new video by Geoffrey Jones is also available on YouTube and our website. Based on my poem, and the recently published book illustrated by Susan Joy Share (Touchstone Center Publications), Geoffrey's video is an evocative rendering of the performance Susan and I gave, along with musician Harry Mann, as part of the Performance Project at the University Settlement in 2011.

For those interested in seeing more of Susan's unique books, masks and puppets, a retrospective exhibition of her work is presently taking place at the [Jaffe Center for Book Arts](#) at Florida Atlantic University. An illustrated book, highlighting the many images and performances of her distinguished career, is also available [here](#).

I will be giving a reading, for all ages, of my new book [*Play. Said the Earth to Air*](#) – followed by a short workshop - at the [Bank Street Bookstore](#) on Sunday, November 3rd at 2:30 PM.

We are continuing our thematic dialogue on the life of play in childhood on [our facebook page](#) – and we would be delighted if you could join us.

Best wishes on these early autumn days...

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