If we can move the human spirit, we can move the Earth.

Scientists provide the intellectual underpinning for understanding and managing the environment. But there is another aspect of the human experience with the natural world that is not intellectual, yet just as essential: It encompasses a more visceral, spiritual and material connection to the Earth. Establishing and communicating that connection is the purview of the artist.

Throughout history, and through a variety of artistic formats – painting, film, music, sculpture, photography, dance, architecture and more – artists have lifted the human spirit by conveying our profound connection to nature, thereby inspiring others to help forge a more sustainable future for all.

At the Nicholas School, we recognize the vital role of the artist in advancing environmental stewardship. To celebrate and encourage this role, the School is finding new ways to engage the arts across our world-class programs in education, research and practice, often in partnership with prominent arts programs at Duke and in the surrounding community.

Harnessing the power of the arts to inspire and move people to act will take resources. That’s where you come in.

As a scientist, I needed to find a way to communicate how the ideas of science are relevant to everyone. This is what we, as artists, can do. We can engage the heart, and pull it into the unknown world in a way that really matters.”

— BARBARA KINGSOLVER
AUTHOR & EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGIST, 2011 DUKE LEAF AWARD RECIPIENT

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ONGOING AND PLANNED ARTS IN THE ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVES INCLUDE:

- **Duke Environment Hall**, the iconic new home for the Nicholas School and hub for all environmental activity on campus, will include prominent design elements and an Environmental Arts Gallery. Outside, it will feature a commissioned design by a landscape architect and artists for sustainable grounds and a pathway that conveys people – physically and emotionally – from the street to the Hall’s front entrance.

- **Duke LEAF Award for Lifetime Environmental Achievement in the Fine Arts**, presented annually to an artist who has inspired others to work for a more sustainable future through a body of work and advocacy. Honorees have included Robert Redford, Jackson Browne and Barbara Kingsolver.

- **Annual Environmental Documentary Film Festival and Workshop**, in collaboration with the Durham-based Full Frame Documentary Film Festival

- **Summer Diploma Program in Environmental Arts** that provides hands-on, experiential learning and culminates in the production of an environmental work of art

- **Ferguson Family Distinguished Lectureship in the Environment and Society** and **National Environmental Summits** which, together with the Duke LEAF, help us share our message of environmental stewardship with a broader audience

- **Duke Environmental Café** video series featuring renowned artists performing and talking about the environment in an intimate setting

- **YouTube Environmental Video Contest** to encourage and advance a national conversation

Help us inspire others through the arts.

- For $500,000, you can provide scholarships for summer program participants
- For $1 million, you can name the Environment Walk and Bridge for the new Duke Environment Hall
- For $2 million, you can endow the LEAF Award

For more information – or to contribute – contact Nicholas School of the Environment, Office of External Affairs, at (919) 613-8003 or visit nicholas.duke.edu/giving.