

Arts and Culture at One Water Summit 2019



The urgent and multifaceted nature of our water challenges calls for new ways of thinking, acting, and investing. Working with artists and integrating cultural strategies can help unlock new ways of thinking and catalyze profound progress on tough water issues. At the US Water Alliance we value the important solutions that artists and culture bearers contribute to building a sustainable water future for all. We hope our attendees enjoy the arts and culture offerings at One Water Summit 2019!

One Water Delegations Peer Dialogue: How can creative placemaking advance a One Water future?

Wednesday, September 18, 8:30am–9:45am; Room 404

Hosted by the National Arts and Culture and Water Equity and Climate Resilience Caucus Delegations

Creative placemaking refers to community planning and development projects in which art or artists play an intentional and integrated role. Creative placemaking can involve any art form—design, folk arts, visual arts, theater, music, literature, film and media, culinary arts, dance, as well as storytelling, spiritual rituals, craft traditions, games, and other creative practices. How can creative placemaking advance the One Water approach? Water sector stakeholders increasingly see the value of this practice to help advance solutions that also produce equitable, healthy, and sustainable outcomes for communities. This peer-to-peer dialogue will engage artists, cultural leaders, and water managers to find common ground and build strategies that leverage creative placemaking to address tough water challenges.

Opening Plenary: Indigenous Welcome

Thursday, September 19 at 8:45am; Grand Salon 5–6

Dr. Mario Garza, Board of Elders Chair and Principal Founder, Indigenous Cultures Institute, will open One Water Summit 2019 with an opening song and prayer in the Coahuiltecan language.

Workshop:

Arts, Culture, and One Water Expansion

Thursday, September 19, 3:15pm–4:45pm; Grand Salon 4

One Water isn't just about breaking down the silos in the water sector—it's about re-conceptualizing water management in an inclusive and innovative way. Arts and culture can be essential tools to address water challenges. Last year, the US Water Alliance and ArtPlace America embarked on collaborative, ground-breaking report at the intersection of water, arts, and culture, *Advancing One Water Through Arts and Culture: A Blueprint for Action*. The report provides a framework for how to incorporate arts and culture strategies into the water sector, as well as case studies of successful arts, culture, and water work taking place across the country. This session spotlights leaders using arts and culture strategies for problem solving in the water sector and participants will explore ways in which they can apply these strategies in their communities.

Moderator: Jamie Hand, *Director of Research Strategies, ArtPlace America*

Speakers:

- Tracie Hall, *Director, Culture Program, The Joyce Foundation*
- Douglas Hooker, *Executive Director, Atlanta Regional Commission*
- ashley sparks, *Artist*

Art Walk in Austin!

Austin Art in Public Places welcomes the attendees of One Water Summit 2019. A map will help attendees find artwork—including water-themed pieces—walkable from the JW Marriott. Established by the City in 1985, the Art in Public Places (AIPP) program offers local and national artists, both established and emerging, an opportunity to contribute to Austin's ever-evolving cityscape. The program provides unique works of art for publicly funded facilities and has been an integral part of Austin's transformation into a top cultural and artistic destination in Texas and beyond. Art in Public Places is a program of the Cultural Arts Division within the City of Austin's Economic Development Department. **Check out the google map here: [Bit.ly/AIPPOneWater](https://bit.ly/AIPPOneWater)**

Water Bar at One Water Summit

Grand Salon 7–8 Foyer, cul de sac

Sample delicious drinking water from across the country while exchanging stories and information about the ways water connects and sustains us! Developed and led by Minneapolis artists Shanai Matteson and Colin Kloecker, Water Bar is pop-up social space that serves water to build relationships and transform the culture of collaboration on water issues.

Schedule of Water Tastings

Thursday, September 19

7:45am–8:45am; water from **Austin**

1:00pm–1:30pm; water from **Seattle**

2:45pm–3:30pm; water from **San Antonio**

4:30pm–6:30pm; water from **Hampton Roads**

Friday, September 20

8:00am–9:00am; water from **Houston**

10:15am–10:45am; water from **Baltimore**

11:30am–12:00pm; water from **Tucson**

A schedule of additional tastings will be posted outside the Water Bar.

Art Installation:

Water as A Place of Gathering

Thursday, September 19 and Friday, September 30; Grand Salon 5–6 Foyer

Commissioned by the Austin One Water Arts Committee, *Water as A Place of Gathering*, is an interactive art installation by Austin-based artist Ernesto Hernandez. Indigenous and Mexican by nationality, Ernesto grew up where water was not abundant—saving water was a way of life. He has watched the Rio Grande diminish in scale and flow, seeing it on a daily basis along the border. In collaboration with One Water Summit attendees, Ernesto will create an art installation that is inspired by the theme “water as place of gathering”—water can divide people or connect them. The imagery in the artwork reflects indigenous culture, referencing the textiles of the Navajo and featuring Tla-Loc, the god of rain for the Mexica people. Ernesto invites people to physically interact with the artwork. Each addition that summit attendees contribute will be as a drop of water is to a river, contributing to a larger whole.

Water StoryCorps

Thursday, September 19, 10:30am–5:00pm; Room 403

Hosted by the Austin One Water Arts Committee and the Nature Conservancy, the Water StoryCorps will gather and document one of the most powerful tools in our effort to change hearts and minds: *The stories we tell about water*. Using the intimate and connecting format of Storycorps, we will capture the audio recording of people telling stories to each other about water in their lives. Bring a story, a friend, or a group and spend 10 minutes making oral history with us! Stories will be compiled and shared with One Water summit attendees as well as archived with the American Folklife Center at the library of Congress in Washington D.C.

Closing Plenary and Luncheon Celebration:

From the Heart of Texas to Home: One Water Commitments to Action

Friday, September 20, 12:00pm–1:30pm; Grand Salon 5–6

Our closing plenary will be a celebration of our One Water delegations as they reveal their accomplishments over the past year and make inspiring commitments to action for the year to come. We thank the following artists for sharing their musical talent as we close out One Water Summit 2019:

- Mariachi Amor, a group of local artists who will share traditional Mexican folk music
- Dana Falconberry, a local singer/songwriter will share her song “Crooked River”
- Benny Starr, a hip hop artist will share an excerpt from *A Water Album*



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