

Press release

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How do plants sound? A concert with Band of Weeds at Konstmuseet i Norr will provide the answer

As part of the exhibition *Waiting for the extinction*, Konstmuseet i Norr presents a concert with Band of Weeds on Friday 10 December at 6.30 p.m. Free admission with limited number of visitors.

The sound collective Band of Weeds is based in Finland and consists of Kalle Hamm, Olli Aarni, Lauri Ainala and Hermanni Keko. They perform with something as unique as sound material recorded from plants. With their electronic music, Band of Weeds question anthropocentric and zoocentric worldviews and the assumption that plants are silent and emotionless creatures.

County Art Museum Director Selma Green talks about the event:

“We are very happy to present an exciting concert at Konstmuseet i Norr, where contemporary art meets music to interpret current issues concerning climate change and the environment. For anyone who has wondered if plants have a language, there is now an opportunity to find out!”

During the event, non-alcoholic prosecco and sandwiches are served. After the concert, there is an opportunity to participate in a guided tour of current exhibitions. Kiruna Lokaltrafik provides a bus service to and from Kiruna’s old town centre to Konstmuseet i Norr in the Kristallen town hall. More information is available at: <https://konstmuseetinorr.se/en/programme/band-of-weeds/>

BAND OF WEEDS

Band of Weeds was formed in 2015 by Kalle Hamm and Dzamil Kamanger. First as a conceptual band that existed only on paper and later as a real band that gives live concerts and releases records. The technology for recording sound material from plants is based on methods for measuring the electrical conductivity of plants developed by the Soviet botanist Ivan Gunar. Ionized liquid flows through the plant tissues and the changes in their electromagnetic field can be converted into the sound range perceived by the human ear – the music of the plants!

WAITING FOR THE EXTINCTION

The exhibition *Waiting for the extinction* with Kalle Hamm at Konstmuseet i Norr runs through 9 January 2022.

BAND OF WEEDS PRESS IMAGES

Press photos can be downloaded from the art museum's press page:

<https://konstmuseetinorr.se/en/about/contact/press/>

A SAFE VISIT

A maximum of 80 visitors are accepted to the event. No pre-registration required but first come, first served. Covid vaccination certificate is not required. The concert takes place in spacious premises in the art museum where it is easy to keep a safe distance. Hand sanitisers are available. Face masks are not a requirement, but you are free to use them if you want.

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About Konstmuseet i Norr

Konstmuseet i Norr presents critically-oriented contemporary art that responds to societal issues through a variety of artistic perspectives, media and practices. As Norrbotten's County Art Museum, Konstmuseet i Norr operates in the museum premises in Kristallen in Kiruna and conducts county-wide exhibitions and projects in Norrbotten's 14 municipalities. Konstmuseet i Norr's mission is to stimulate creativity and freedom of thought, with the Barents Region as a geographical starting point, and give art an influential voice within public and democratic discourse.

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