

FRIESEN GALLERY

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SPEAK FOR THE TREES

Published by Marquand Books, the book format is a 12" x 11" hardcover coffee table book with 180 pages titled *SPEAK FOR THE TREES*. Celebrating 70 artists from around the world, each artist will be showcased on a two page spread featuring a full page/color image of their work of art [all mediums will be represented; painting, sculpture, photography, glass, etc]. The opposing page will offer two elements, the first being the artist's statement on one or all of the following; the specific work of art featured, their body of work on trees, or their thoughts on trees. The third component to the spread will be a piece of writing chosen by the artist on the unifying theme of trees. These poems, haiku, concepts, questions, or quotes are sure to span centuries; crossing cultural and geographical barriers to combine a collective series of thoughts, observations and philosophies about trees. From Lao-Tzu to Warren Buffett – this third element is what takes the book out of the contemporary, placing it into the timeless. The Gallery has organized talented artists holding a sincere, deep connection with trees. It is important to recognize that fine artists were not sought out to paint or sculpt trees, rather the call was made to artists who have either in the past or present chosen to work with tree imagery. The beginning of the book will include an essay authored by Dorothy Maclean/Findhorn Co-Founder and the book's foreword will be from Michael Murphy/Esalen Co-Founder.

Realizing this book is meant to quite literally, *Speak For The Trees*, supreme care has been taken with its production. All of the paper will be made from recycled/sustainable materials and the ink will be soy based.

SPEAK FOR THE TREES is not an environmental book, nor is it about spirituality, philosophy, or the arts, ... it's all of it. It is a collaboration of these elements and more, and this - the far reaching, ever growing capacity of the subject matter is what makes the book so powerful, giving it the ability to touch all people.

Dorothy Maclean, on the book *Speak For The Trees*:

**"If ever there was a time in our evolution of consciousness
- the ground is prepared for this planting".**

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