

HURON WAVES

Bringing Music in Spring to Beautiful Huron County

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GAIA

Adventure



Our Earth / My Responsibility

Student Adventures June 1 - 23, 2023

Trivitt Church Auditorium, Exeter
264 Main Street South, Exeter, ON N0M 1S0

To book your adventure: <https://bit.ly/GAIAAdventure> **BOOK YOUR CLASS NOW!**



The project's theme is...

OUR EARTH/MY RESPONSIBILITY

POD A - GAIA WHAT is GAIA?

The original word GAIA is derived from Greek mythology - the personification of the Earth.

GAIA is a touring artwork by UK artist **Luke Jerram**. It is a slowly revolving balloon measuring six metres (20 feet) in diameter and created from detailed photos (120dpi) of the Earth's surface shot from NASA missions. In order to find a location of sufficient dimensions where GAIA could be hung, **Huron Waves Music Festival** chose the Auditorium of Trivitt Church in downtown Exeter.

A specially made composition played in surround-sound by the distinguished British composer **Dan Jones** is played alongside the sculpture in 30-minute cycles. The voices of astronauts aboard the spacecrafts, the resonance of the solar system and the composer's own planetary interpretations are sounded in continuous play.

The artwork is 1.8 million times smaller than the real Earth with each centimetre of the internally lit sculpture depicting 18km of the Earth's surface. If a viewer could stand 211m away from the artwork, the Earth would appear to that viewer as it did to an astronaut standing on the moon.

"Unlike the moon, which we have been gazing at for millennia, the first time humankind got to see the Earth in its entirety as a blue marble floating in space was in 1972 with NASA's Apollo 17 mission. At that moment our perception and understanding of our planet began to change forever. Hanging in the black emptiness of space the Earth seems isolated, a precious and fragile island of life."

- Luke Jerram, Artist / Creator

POD C Community Experience – Guest Expert Series

During school visits, various specialists committed to all the aspects of the GAIA experience will be leading 30-minute programs for the young visitors in the Community Room. Storytellers, musicians, First Nation women Water Walkers and guest experts will be among the leaders of these programs - all on themes such as conservation, energy, pure water and air, environmental stewardship, respect for animals and fish and their environments, i.e. topics and expressions which relate to the care, safety and future of our Earth and to the roles each of us must play to keep GAIA healthy. Elementary and secondary panels will have age-appropriate programs on days identified for each specific panel.

Every day is a new Adventure! We will be able to let you know whom your community experience will be with in advance. Wednesdays are called Watershed Wednesdays because on that day our water experts will be on site.



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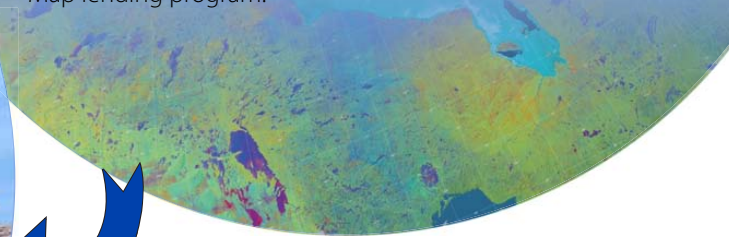
You and your students are cordially invited to experience the magic and wonder of **GAIA** through a guided 1.5 hour experience unlike any other.

POD B CANADA FROM SPACE

While GAIA in Pod A presents our planet as seen from space, Pod B brings the focus directly to our own country with a Giant Floor Map (11 by 8 metres) displaying CANADA FROM SPACE. Thanks to our presenting partners, the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and Canadian Geographic Education, this Pod displays our entire country using images captured by Canada's RADARSAT-2 satellite. Quite literally, in this Pod one can walk from sea to sea to sea and interpret regional variations in Canada's environment, climate and physical geography.

To add to the fun, a series of augmented and virtual reality experiences about the relationship between humans and the natural world will be available for viewing on tablets or smartphones that students may bring along.

Educators will have the opportunity to register to become members of Canadian Geographic Education and receive free monthly e-newsletters containing new digital resources for K-12 classrooms, physical resources such as poster maps and discounted issues of *Canadian Geographic* magazine, and access to the Giant Floor Map lending program.



Curriculum Connections:
Environment, Science, Geography,
Indigenous Studies, Arts, Humanities



All PODS are fully accessible.

How will GAIA Adventure Tours unfold?





Three times a day (Tuesdays to Fridays, June 1 to 23) the Adventure Tours will begin, with up to one classroom or a maximum of 35 students in each of the three Pods. To experience the overall Adventure, every 30 minutes each group will move into another Pod. The complete tour among the Pods will last 90 minutes. This schedule enables 4,410 young people, with their classes and schools, to enjoy a daytime GAIA Adventure.

FREE for STUDENTS and EDUCATORS!

Your admission has already been paid! Thanks to a very generous gift from the Grand Bend Rotary Club, there will be no entrance cost for every young person or educator to enjoy the GAIA Adventure.

Touring groups are responsible for their own transportation to the GAIA site in Exeter.



JUNE 2023				
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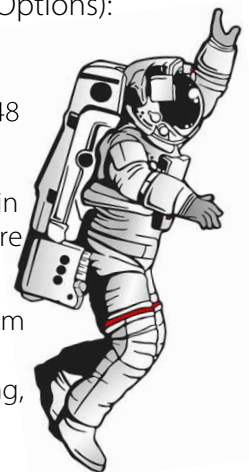
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Reservations for school groups will be on a first-come, first accepted basis. You will be contacted within 48 hours to confirm your time slot.



PREPARE FOR TAKEOFF! Once you are booked for a GAIA Adventure, in mid-April you'll receive a school classroom kit with activities to prepare for the experience.

For an enriched visit may we suggest a stop less than ten minutes from the GAIA site. MacNaughton Park overlooks the Ausable River at the head of the MacNaughton-Morrison Trail. There's room for bus parking, a covered pavilion with picnic tables and the beginning of the Storytime Nature Trail. **Learn more:** <https://abca.ca/post/?ID=657>



During GAIA's six weeks with us, Huron Waves, which is a music festival, will present various performances and creative activities – musical, experiential and spoken. We hope each person's experience with GAIA will lead to further creative expressions by young people, to renewed or fresh interest in the condition and needs of the Earth, and to personal reflection, appreciation, even action by everyone.



We look forward to welcoming you for a GAIA Adventure! If you have any questions please contact Melissa Schenk (519) 276-0006 / gaia@huronwaves.ca.