

World  
Science  
Festival

2009

# Opening Night Celebration

*An Evening of Entertainment and Tribute from  
the Worlds of Art, Culture and Science*

## **Honoring E.O. Wilson**

Explorer, Poet and Champion of the  
Natural World on his 80th Birthday

### GALA CO-CHAIRS

Harrison Ford • Alan Alda • Glenn Close • Gretchen Daily  
Sylvia Earle • Thomas Lovejoy • Paul Nurse • Neil Patterson • Peter Raven  
Jeffrey Sachs • Oliver Sacks • David Shaw • Harold Varmus • James Watson

### *Featuring\**

Harrison Ford • Glenn Close • Alan Alda  
Danny Burstein • Anna Deavere Smith • James Naughton  
National Dance Institute • The Abyssinian Baptist Church Choir  
Performance directed by Damian Woetzel

*And Presenting the New York Premiere of  
"Life: A Journey Through Time"  
A multimedia orchestral performance  
Concept and images by Frans Lanting  
Music by Philip Glass and performed by the Orchestra of St. Luke's  
Marin Alsop, Conductor*

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Alice Tully Hall  
Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts

\*Additional Artists to be Announced  
To purchase tickets, contact MF Productions at 212.243.7300



**2009 World Science Festival Opening Night Celebration  
Response and Pledge Form**

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, New York

6:00 p.m. VIP Reception

7:00 p.m. Performance and Tribute

9:00 p.m. E.O. Wilson 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration



**I/We would like to join the committee for the 2009 World Science Festival Opening Night Celebration.**

Please list my/our name as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like to support the 2009 World Science Festival at the following level:

\_\_\_ \$25,000 Benefactor (*tickets for 12 guests to the VIP Reception and the E.O. Wilson Birthday Celebration; premium seating for Performance and Tribute; listing in program*)

\_\_\_ \$10,000 Patron (*tickets for 10 guests to the VIP Reception and the E.O. Wilson Birthday Celebration; premium seating for Performance and Tribute; listing in program*)

\_\_\_ \$1,000 Sponsor Ticket (*one ticket to the VIP Reception and the E.O. Wilson Birthday Celebration; premium seating for Performance and Tribute; listing in program*)

\_\_\_ \$500 Friend Ticket/s (*one ticket to the Performance and Tribute and the E. O. Wilson Birthday Celebration; superior seating for Performance and Tribute; listing in program*)

\_\_\_ \$250 Supporter Ticket/s (*limited availability; one ticket to the Performance and Tribute and the E. O. Wilson Birthday Celebration*)

I/We cannot attend the event, but would like to make a contribution to the World Science Festival of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Payment Type:  Check  Amex  MC  Visa

Please make checks payable to The World Science Festival. Each ticket is tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

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**Please RSVP by May 8, 2009 for inclusion in the printed program.** Please fax forms to MF Productions at 212.243.1020 or return with payment to MF Productions, 425 West 13<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 403, New York, NY 10014. Questions can be directed to MF Productions at 212.243.7300.

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## THE WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL 2009

The World Science Festival, an unprecedented annual tribute to imagination, ingenuity and inventiveness, takes science out of the laboratory and into the streets, theaters, museums, and public halls of New York City, making the esoteric understandable and the familiar fascinating.

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The mission of the World Science Festival is to cultivate and sustain a general public informed by science, inspired by its wonder, convinced of its value and prepared to engage with its implications for the future. The inaugural Festival in 2008 attracted an audience of over 120,000 to its 44 events at 22 venues, and featured more than 150 participants, including 11 Nobel Laureates and other prominent figures in science, government, education, the media and the arts.

The 2009 Festival will draw on an all-star cast to offer vibrant programs—for kids and adults—engaging topics from climate change to cryogenics; from neuroscience to nanotechnology; from black holes to the big bang. Through a series of gripping debates, captivating performances and interactive events, the Festival will showcase cutting edge ideas and discoveries, reveal science's pivotal role in addressing critical global issues and how it profoundly shapes modern life. The 2009 World Science Festival will take place from June 10 through 14, 2009, at locations throughout New York City.

To learn more about the World Science Festival please visit: [www.worldsciencefestival.com](http://www.worldsciencefestival.com).