

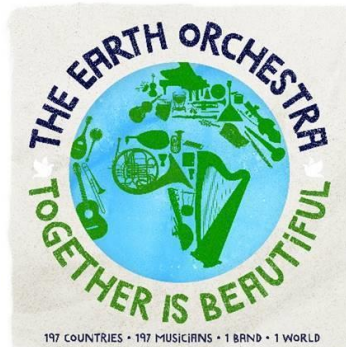
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**A GLOBAL PROJECT, DELAYED BY A GLOBAL PANDEMIC
CREATED TO UNITE THE WORLD**

**FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, 197 MUSICIANS – ONE FROM EVERY SINGLE COUNTRY
IN THE WORLD JOIN TOGETHER ON ONE NEW SONG**

A FILM DOCUMENTING THIS ACHIEVEMENT OVER THREE YEARS

THE EARTH ORCHESTRA



DOCUMENTARY RELEASED 2021

On **4 December 2020** the world will be united as for the **first time in recording history**, a song, followed by a film, will be released featuring musicians from **every single country in the world**. Released by **Mercury Studios** and **Universal Music** respectively, the film entitled **The Earth Orchestra** and song 'Together Is Beautiful' bring together **197** musicians from the world's 197 countries on a track written to highlight the power that music has on unifying people from all cultures – transcending physical, cultural and political barriers.

This unique recording project on an unprecedented scale, was three years in the making. Documented every step of the way the film demonstrates the world as one, united through music, through the face of every musician involved in the project – the first ever Earth Orchestra.

In 2018, an ambitious idea emerged to ask at least one musician from each country – 197 in total – to record a piece of music together, in the hope that they could light a beacon of hope for our future. Cultural and language barriers were not in question for those who accepted the challenge, each having a deep understanding of the unifying power of music.

“Connecting with a musician from every single country in the world has been an incredible experience for us both. Music is such a potent tool of communication, and to see these people and hear the final recording with all 197 musicians on it is so powerful. We are humbled by the experience and hope that it brings joy to what has been an incredibly challenging year globally for everyone around the world.” **Emma Newman & Jude Dexter Smith** (Project Directors, The Earth Orchestra)

Over the course of three years, with delays due to the ongoing global pandemic, musicians from all over the globe came together to bring The Earth Orchestra and song 'Together Is Beautiful' to life. Under the watchful eye of BAFTA-winning composer **George Fenton** (*The Blue Planet*, *Ghandi*, *Cry Freedom*), who has written the music specially for those involved, the first themes and melodies of this incredible piece begin to emerge.

Fenton says, “The Earth Orchestra is the largest and in my view the most significant orchestra in history. The willingness of these gifted and diverse people to participate says it all for me. It’s simple and profound. A great reason to write music and an honour to be part of”.

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The accompanying footage of these contributors, shot on camera phones, further accentuates the enormous cultural and technical diversity of the project and forms the basis of the documentary released alongside the recording, distributed by **Mercury Studios**. The Earth Orchestra documentary, directed by **Jamie Wolfeld** (Another News Story, 2017 "Magnificent & Epic" *IMDB*), shares some of the incredible stories of the musicians involved in the project including Raghad Haddad, an asylum seeker from Syria and professional viola player, and Michael Cretu, a Romanian folk musician and double bassist. Bat-Erdene Victor Nyamdavaa, a throat singer and horse head fiddle player from Mongolia; Dae Lee from South Korea; Zuhail from Iraq; Garnell from The Bahamas; Vishal from India; Jally from The Gambia; baritone Patrizio La Placa, who sings at the Sistine Chapel, and many more share their incredible stories, highlighting the importance and power of music to everybody on the planet. *Full List of musicians included in notes to editors.

From the vast deserts of Mauritania to the tiny islands of Tuvalu, the mountains of Bhutan to the volcanos of El Salvador, every culture and nationality is represented in this work. Instruments and styles range from Jazz, Classical, Hip Hop, Reggae, Folk, and many instruments and styles indigenous to countries around the world.

Icelandic piano player Kira Kira said, "I don't think I knew how many countries there were on Earth. Looking for the similarities in each other rather than spotting what separates us is so beautiful to understand in a primitive way how alike we are. The Earth Orchestra is a gathering of voices from all the countries in the world with 197 smiles."

Bat-Erdene Victor Nyamdavaa, the Mongolian throat singer and horse head fiddle said, "It makes so much sense that everyone can be different, everyone living in different countries, different language, different culture, but in the end we are just making this one piece of music, so beautifully as one, as a whole together."

Zuhail Sultan from Iraq commented: "I would say if you are a musician and you play whatever instrument you may play or sing, and you have that love for what you do, then by extension you are connected to everybody who has that same passion. So I think it is a collection of people that create one entity that is united in their love for music."

The path to building The Earth Orchestra has been long but the connections made not only straddle borders, but show a significant statement of global creative optimism. Through music we can move to feelings and emotions beyond the capacity of words. 'Together Is Beautiful', released by Universal Music, shows how the world can come together and make a real and lasting difference.

**The Earth Orchestra's title track 'Together is Beautiful' is out 4th December.
The album with music by George Fenton is released on 15th Jan 2021**

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Notes To Editors:

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Afghanistan	Anita Alami	Tanbur
Albania	Aurel Qirjo	Violin
Algeria	Zad De Marseille	Double Bass
Andorra	Efrem Roca	Saxophone
Angola	Tello Morgado	Percussion
Antigua and Barbuda	Omari King	Saxophone
Argentina	Jorge Santo	Congas
Armenia	Anna Hambardzumya	Santoor
Australia	Michael Pilley	Trombone
Austria	Susanne Simma	Bassoon
Azerbaijan	Shahriyar Imanov	Tar
Bahamas (The)	Garnell Louise Limpers	Piano
Bahrain	Noor Al Qassim	Piano
Bangladesh	Shapla Salique	Vocals
Barbados	Jacob Layson	Guitar
Belarus	Tatiana Righini	Flute
Belgium	Bart Devaere	Guitar
Belize	Melonie Gillett	Vocals
Benin	Gyovanni Houessou	Vocals
Bhutan	Tandin Wangchuk	Guitar
Bolivia	Ruby Aspinall	Harp
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Dzana Hakl	Cello
Botswana	Abbey Muzenda	Vocals
Brazil	Dilson Laguna	Guitar
Brunei	Neecia Majolly	Piano
Bulgaria	Dessy Dimitrova	Flute
Burkina Faso	Moussa Dembele	Balafon
Burundi	Nicole Irakosi	Vocals
Cote D'Ivoire	Henri Gaobi	Percussion
Cabo Verde	Luis Firmino	Guitar
Cambodia	Kheav Sothan	Khim
Cameroon	Olgha Nk	Vocals
Canada	Linda Rand	Bassoon
Central African Republic	Marina Kangala	Vocals
Chad	Doungous De Gospa	Guitar / Vocals
Chile	Ian Zarate	Guitar
China	Haylin Cai	Cello
Colombia	Alejandro Martinez	Percussion
Comoros	Eliasse	Guitar/Vocals
Congo (Congo-Brazzaville)	Ducé 2 La Nonocité	vocals
Costa Rica	Pablo Cruz	Clarinet
Croatia	Klara Schumann	Cello
Cuba	Jennifer Casi Suarez	Cello
Cyprus	Giannis Koudounas	Trumpet
Czechia (Czech Republic)	Martina Mihulkova	Flute
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Fiston Lusambo	Guitar
Denmark	Páll Solstein	French Horn
Djibouti	Hassan Fourshed	Vocals
Dominica	Pierre Cameron	Guitar
Dominican Republic	David Almengod	Percussion
Ecuador	Jorge Saade	Violin
Egypt	Leyla Chilenge	Violin
El Salvador	Sara de Juárez	Violin
Equatorial Guinea	Judith Bijieri Boko	Vocals
Eritrea	Desta Hailé	Vocals
Estonia	Taave Lips	Viola
Eswatini	Tlale Makhene	Percussion

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Ethiopia	Temesgen Zeleke	Krar
Fiji	Simi Rova	Vocals
Finland	Elina Tikkanen	Euphonium
France	Cendrine Lambert	French Horn
Gabon	Jude Maixent Oyouomi	Flute
Gambia (The)	Jally Kebba Susso	Kora
Georgia	Nika Kocharov	Guitar
Germany	Moritz Grimm	French Horn
Ghana	Nii Kwartey Owoo	Kpanlogo/s
Greece	Sofia Roubati	Saxophone
Grenada	Godson Browne	Percussion
Guatemala	Carlos Toc	Violin
Guinea	Baba Galle Kante	Fulani Flute
Guinea-Bissau	Ernesto da Silva	Tina (Water Drum)
Guyana	Gavin Mendonca	Guitar
Haiti	Nannley Duverly	Flute
Honduras	Kathia Rivera	Violin
Hungary	Géza Molnár	Trombone
Iceland	Kira Kira	Vocals
India	Vishal Ramakrishnan	Piano
Indonesia	Ayesha Ichsan	Violin
Iran	Yasamin Shahhosseini	Oud
Iraq	Zuhal Sultan	Piano
Ireland	Valerie Gunning	Violin
Israel	Ari Politi	Guitar
Italy	Giovanni Re	Trumpet
Jamaica	Andreen Wright	Vocals
Japan	Kumiko Suzuki	Taiko
Jordan	Macadi Nahhas	Vocals
Kazakhstan	Balnur Kudaibergen	Vocals
Kenya	Paul Chege	Violin
Kiribati	Patricia Tabakea	Vocals
Kosovo	Mennan Bërveniku	Piano
Kuwait	Rahmani Boushehri	Vocals
Kyrgyzstan	Chinara Sharshenova	Violin
Laos	Odai Sengdavong	Khene
Latvia	Elize Sera	Cello
Lebanon	Julian Azkoul	Violin
Lesotho	Mahali Selepe	Vocals
Liberia	Kamilla Arku	Piano
Libya	Nadia Al Faghiih Hasan	Darbuka
Liechtenstein	Manuel Elias Büchel	Toggenburger Halszither
Lithuania	Vaiva Tamošiūnaitė	Violin
Luxembourg	Ken Rischard	Guitar
Macedonia	Andrijana Janevska	Violin
Madagascar	Tahiny Ali-Rafananenena	Percussion
Malawi	Faith Mussa	Badza
Malaysia	Fuad Alhabshi	Guitar
Maldives	Ahmed Affan Adil	Lapsteel Slide Guitar
Mali	Mahalmadane Traore	Percussion
Malta	Laura Cioffi	Flute
Marshall Islands	Kairo Langrus	Vocals
Mauritania	Youba Dia	Bass
Mauritius	Nel Bucktowar	Saxophone
Mexico	Mariana Paras Pena	Bassoon
Micronesia	Vincent Reyes	Vocals
Moldova	Cristian Bantas	Drums
Monaco	Dorian Marcel	Double Bass
Mongolia	Bat-Erdene Victor Nyamdavaa	Horse Head Fiddle
Montenegro	Verica Čuljković	Violin
Morocco	Hamza El Fasiki	Oud
Mozambique	Venancio Mbande Junior	Mbila
Myanmar (formerly Burma)	Ah Moon	Vocals
Namibia	Suzy Eises	Saxophone

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Nauru	Joyful Ytuaeb Sosefo	Vocals
Nepal	Ganga Thapa	Tungna
Netherlands	Wilma Pistorius	Cello
New Zealand	Annabel Drummond	Violin
Nicaragua	Carlos Useda	Violin
Niger	Zouhaire Aroudani	Electric Guitar
Nigeria	Ogundipe Oluwamayowa Elijah	Trumpet
North Korea	Jun-hyuk Hong	Violin
Norway	Håvard Tanner	Double Bass
Oman	Jokha Al Naabi	Piano
Pakistan	Anna Salman Dar	Vocals
Palau	Roberto Hernandez	Piano
Palestine State	Rasha Nahas	Vocals
Panama	Raul Trujillo	Viola
Papua New Guinea	Jimmy Taugera Segodi	Conch Shell
Paraguay	Victoria Oviedo Galeano	Paraguayan Harp
Peru	Carlos Carty	Panpipes
Philippines	Bernice Elaine Go	Violin
Poland	Natalia Wierzbicka	Viola
Portugal	Gavin Fernandes	Violin
Qatar	Mohammed Yousf Alsulaiti	Oud
Romania	Michael Cretu	Double Bass
Russia	Katie Sazanova	Flute
Rwanda	Eugene Turikumana	Violin
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Jazziqe Chiverton	Piano
Saint Lucia	Taj Weekes	Riddim
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Cloud Gooding	Vocals
Samoa	Levei Laban	Guitar
San Marino	Francesco Stefanelli	Cello
Sao Tome and Principe	Mesaro Soares	Vocals
Saudi Arabia	Eman Gusti	Piano
Senegal	Abdoulaye Samb	Guitar
Serbia	Nenad Ivočić	Piano
Seychelles	Angelique Alissop	Vocals
Sierra Leone	Jahson Bull	Guitar
Singapore	Marietta Ku	Viola
Slovakia	Tomas Javnický	Saxophone
Slovenia	Alenka Bogataj	Flute
Solomon Islands	Evan Manunua	Panpipes
Somalia	Aar Maanta	Vocals
South Africa	Lu Dlamini	Umakhweyana
South Korea	Dae Lee	Percussion
South Sudan	Winnie Lado	Vocals
Spain	Lidia Alonso	Cello
Sri Lanka	Sampath Blok	Trumpet
Sudan	Seebawiehe Araki	Bass
Suriname	Denise Jannah	Vocals
Sweden	Johan Nordfeldt	Trumpet
Switzerland	Helen Cockcroft	Oboe
Syria	Raghad	Viola
Taiwan	Tzu-Fan Tang	Violin
Tajikistan	Talat Nasreddinov	vocals
Tanzania	Freddy Macha	Guitar
Thailand	Pongthep Jitduangprem	Viola
Timor-Leste	Etson Caminha	Lakadou
Togo	Ralycia Jebali	Vocals
Tonga	Tevita H. Hafoka	Vocals
Trinidad and Tobago	Andre J Donawa	Violin
Tunisia	Nidhal Jebali	Violin
Turkey	Hakan Kilman	Trombone
Turkmenistan	Maya Tuylieva	Piano
Tuvalu	Lauolive Faaila & Lily Pugameau	Vocals
Uganda	Albert Bisaso Ssempeke	Bowed Lyre
Ukraine	Iryna Glyebova	Violin

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United Arab Emirates	Abdullah	Oud
United Kingdom	Joe Steele	Saxophone
United States of America	William Harvey	Violin
Uruguay	Edgardo Cambon	Latin Percussion
Uzbekistan	Nuriddin Khujamberdiyev	Bassoon
Vanuatu	Vanuella Watt	Vocals
Vatican City	Patrizio La Placa	Vocals
Venezuela	Veronica Marziano	Violin
Vietnam	Tuan Cao	Clarinet
Yemen	Ahmed Alshaiba	Oud
Zambia	Seya Fundafunda	Vocals
Zimbabwe	Nyasha Warinda	Marimba