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**Rupa & the April Fishes @ Global Climate Action Summit**

**San Jose, Calif. – San Jose Jazz** The 2018 Global Climate Action Summit, hosted in San Francisco on Sept. 12–14, brings together state and local governments, businesses and citizens from around the world to contribute their support in the race against climate change and inspire deeper national commitments in support of the Paris Agreement. Singular non-profit **San Jose Jazz** joins other pioneering Silicon Valley organizations to help fight against the perils of climate change with their advocacy work at the **Leading Climate Innovation -- The Silicon Valley Way** event taking place at San José City Hall on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 (1pm - 7pm). An affiliate event to the Global Climate Action Summit, *Leading Climate Innovation -- The Silicon Valley Way* highlights private sector and public-sector climate leadership in Silicon Valley to a global audience.

Adjacent to San José City Hall ([200 E. Santa Clara Street, San José, CA](#)) on September 12, the free community event "**Green Arts Festival**" features art, food trucks, resources, and a live musical performance by the Bay Area's lauded **Rupa and the April Fishes**. A powerful voice in the activist community, Rupa and the April Fishes perform on San Jose Jazz's Boom Box Stage, which will be fully pedal powered by [Rock The Bike](#). With the generous support of **Applied Materials Foundation**, **Rock The Bike** will be onsite with 12 stationary bikes generating power by volunteers from the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition. To volunteer, please register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/volunteer-at-rupa-the-april-fishes-global-climate-action-summit-tickets-49753488022>. The "Green Arts Festival" takes place at City Hall Plaza from 5pm - 7pm.

Would you be interested in highlighting San Jose Jazz's participation in the *Leading Climate Innovation -- The Silicon Valley Way* event and "Green Arts Festival"?

San Jose Jazz's nearly 30-year commitment to the arts in the South Bay includes presenting two major annual festivals, year-round free concerts, life-changing music education programs in local San José schools, and partnering with influential national and local non-profit organizations. San Jose Jazz proudly teams up with the "Green Arts Festival" to empower artists such as Rupa and the April Fishes to raise their voice in the fight against one of today's most pertinent issues, the climate crisis effecting all corners of the globe.

**Brendan Rawson (Executive Director of San Jose Jazz)** comments, "The lack of leadership out of Washington addressing climate change is embarrassing. Cities and regions around the globe stepping up to the challenge is where change can happen and we believe all partners in a community have a role to play. We are thrilled to play a small part today in helping bring our local San José community together to learn how we can individually and collectively impact climate change."

The "Green Arts Festival" includes presentations by Ford GoBike, Bird scooters, and booths by City departments including the [San José Clean Energy initiative](#). The San José Library's Maker(Space)Ship will be onsite as well as an art exhibit by the San José Museum of Modern Art. The following food trucks are scheduled for the "Green Arts Festival": 3 Brothers Kitchen, 333 Truck, Judie's Tacos Locos, and The Rolling Dough.

For additional information including the September 12 agenda for *Leading Climate Innovation -- The Silicon Valley Way*, please visit:

<https://globalclimateactionsummit.org/events/leading-climate-innovation-the-silicon-valley-way-2/>

#### **About San Jose Jazz**

Founded in 1986, San Jose Jazz is a public benefit corporation celebrating jazz as a dynamic, evolving art form and is producer of the annual San Jose Jazz Summer Fest and Winter Fest. With its singular music programming and innovative educational offerings, San Jose Jazz preserves the jazz tradition while actively supporting the next generation of performers within the genre and beyond. For more information, please visit [sanjosejazz.org](http://sanjosejazz.org).

#### **About Rock The Bike**

Our mission is to get people in touch with their ability to make a real, lasting impact in the ongoing climate crisis, through Pedal Powered event activities and products that help Bike People shine in their communities. Our dream is to help spread the spirit of the bike into the broader culture by organizing, entertaining, inspiring, educating, and inventing new ways to get the message out there. And more importantly, we help our customers spread the message in their communities.

#### **About Rupa & the April Fishes**

Rupa & the April Fishes create a singular sound that unapologetically runs across genre, culture and form to bring a fresh take on styles as diverse as indie folk, art rock, roots reggae, chanson, cumbia, jazz and politically charged punk. Their engaging body of music pulls from a decade of concerts, street parties, festivals and symphonic concerts on four continents, four studio albums and one live album, several languages from English to Tzotzil to French, many musical traditions, countless moments of joy, sorrow, loss, and transformation and a fierce independent spirit.

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