



Mobile Fresh Air Sculpture by DiLeva Halpern, Basel, Switzerland, 1991. Photo: Ed Heckerman

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John DiLeva Halpern

BREATHING ROOM

Opening: Friday, June 6th 6-8pm

Artist Talk: Sat & Sun, June 7th & 8th 10-3:30pm

Exhibition Dates: June 6 – 29, 2025

PUBLIC ART at BIRDSONG by I.C.A.I. – SUMMER 2025 | *Regional and International artists for Public Art & Dialogue* are pleased to present *BREATHING ROOM* the 35th Anniversary of *FRESH AIR*. A 24 foot glass chamber contains green oxygen producing plants, bright blue respiration tubes, filters and white sterile surgical masks. Visitors breathe interdependently with plants and each other, creating air for the future by exchanging their CO₂ with the O₂ created by plants. Slowed down films of people breathing from *FRESH AIR* mobile units around the world: America, Switzerland, Germany and France are projected on the surrounding walls of the gallery. *BREATHING ROOM* reminds us of our interdependence with plants and each other.

JUNE – OCTOBER 2025 | PUBLIC ART at BIRDSONG by I.C.A.I. Summer Series hosts surprising art encounters touching topics of breath, [alien] stardust, love, water, spoken word, pop-ups, workshops, karaoke singing, film screenings, concerts, food, enduring conversations, and more. All events & exhibitions feature regional and international artists at Birdsong in Hamden, NY several days a week, through to October with the primary focus of stimulating conversation from shared experience.

John DiLeva Halpern is an internationally recognized conceptual sculptor and filmmaker based in Delhi, NY. He lived in an hermetically sealed glass house for 10 days with 10,000 plants, breathing once per minute in conjunction with a museum exhibition in Holland, 1989. *FRESH AIR* toured city streets for 5 yrs. He is a certified meditation teacher, leads retreats in Delaware County, including a weekly class.

Cultural activists, John Dileva Halpern and Emily Marie Harris are founders of Institute for Cultural Activism International. Please join us for the *BREATHING ROOM* revival. For more information, www.studioicai.org contact: john@studioicai.org. *Partners & Sponsors: Birdsong Community Farm, Hamden; Bermant Foundation, Los Angeles; Origins Nursery & Café, Cooperstown; Roxbury Arts Group, Roxbury; Synder's Greenhouse, Delhi; Tri-County Glass, Oneonta; more, tba.*