

Gyre: Creating Art From a Plastic Ocean



National Geographic journeys along the remote Alaskan coast—in search of garbage. The world shrinks as we all become connected through our litter, yet somehow we are still severed from the problem we've created, killing the life that depends on the sea. Now, in one of the most breathtaking places on the planet, a unique scientific expedition brings the problem into perspective. An international team of renowned artists and scientists ventures north attempting to change the way we view plastic and ocean trash. Their battleground is not a prosaic academic textbook or quiet lecture hall, but high seas adventure and vivid and stirring artistic expression.

The tragedy of marine debris has only existed for a generation, and yet it's become one of the greatest threats to our oceans and wildlife today. In addition to the now infamous Pacific garbage patch, plastic waste is washing up on our most remote and pristine shorelines in phenomenal magnitude. I was passionate about making a film on such a contemporary environmental issue but I wanted to do it in a way that didn't feel didactic or too straightforward. - J.J. Kelley, Director

"A stunning film and timely warning." – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

"A film full of adventure... Beautiful!"– Boyd Matson, *National Geographic*

"Especially striking is the artistry; it takes a special eye to make something so ugly so compellingly watchable.." -Carl Safina, *Author and Ecologist*

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