

Symphony No. 3: Altered Landscape

A Collaboration between the Reno Philharmonic and the Nevada Museum of Art

This exhibition accompanies a new musical composition commissioned by the Reno Philharmonic in collaboration with the Nevada Museum of Art. Jimmy López Bellido, a world-renowned, Finnish-trained, Peruvian-American composer, was invited by Laura Jackson, Music Director of the Reno Philharmonic, to work with curators at the Nevada Museum of Art to select photographs from the Museum's Carol Franc Buck Altered Landscape Photography Collection to inspire his brand-new, *Symphony No. 3: Altered Landscape*.

The symphony explores the dynamic interconnectedness of humans and the Earth and envisions a hypothetical future where people exist in harmony with the natural environment. Ultimately, it explores two landscapes. One landscape has endured alterations to the environment related to the rapid acceleration of human innovation, technology, and travel since World War II; and a second reveals an abrupt halt in global activity caused by COVID-19 that juxtaposes the tragedy and opportunity we face as we make our way in a new reality.

“Whether we want to acknowledge it or not, we live in an *altered* world now, but the future has not yet been written, and which direction we take from now on, is entirely up to us,” López Bellido has written. “May this symphony be a testament to the vision of a world everyone wants to see themselves live in, and may it plant a seed of hope and beauty in all of us, especially in our children...and the children of our children,” he continues. “For it is important to understand that we are all part of a grand and majestically interconnected organism, and that our actions never occur in a vacuum, as they have inescapable consequences for us and future generations.”

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