

13.82020 billion,
ABB (After Big Bang)

AN OPEN LETTER FOR INVERTEBRATE RIGHTS

Dear Martin Gropius Bau,

We would like to start by thanking your entire team and the team of *Down to Earth* for recognizing our rights to inhabit and exhibit in this museum and for not labelling us “urban pests”* as many others do. We hope that after this exhibition ends, Gropius Bau would consider allowing our continuing but threatened, unlimited existence.

Your scientific name for us is *Holocnemus Pluchei*, though we call ourselves differently in our vibrational language. On the 17th of January 2020, you spotted our presence in the upper-left corner of a window in Room 1.9. Now, for over a period of eight months, and with a pandemic in between, you have shown good will of co-existence by not sweeping us away. We are happy that you continue to recognize us and our contributions, even after so many anonymous exhibitions.

We could grant you a certificate of co-existence for a perpetual loan of our collection to be exhibited permanently, under the terms agreed to respect our rights! We have lived on earth for more than 380 million years, while some of you humans, only 200 thousand years. Can the minority learn to live with the majority of us? We are the 95% of all animals on planet earth asking for the right to weave synanthropically, yet we are threatened into extinction by such a small number of individuals.

Do not be afraid. Let us move from arachnophobia to arachnophilia by sensing new threads of connectivity, or else face the eternal silence of extinction.

At-ten(t)sion to invertebrate rights!
Signed,
Spider/Webs**

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Material: Dome Spider/Web endemic to Gropius Bau sensed and
felt at 1-300 Hz, sunlight, air, mirror, open letter.
Dimensions: Variable.
Diet: Please do not feed us, we eat just about anything
caught in our webs, including wasps, mosquitos, large jumping
spiders. We survive pandemics.*

* Urban Pest acc. <http://idtools.org/Holocnemus+pluchei>

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