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ABB (After Big Bang)

AN OPEN LETTER FOR INVERTEBRATE RIGHTS

Dear Hessisches Landesmuseum Darmstadt,

We would like to start by thanking your entire team and the team of *Songs for the Air* 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, Hessisches Landesmuseum Darmstadt would consider allowing our continuing but threatened, unlimited existence.

On the 9th of September 2020, you spotted our presence in radiators, behind doors, on top of columns, between wooden frames and plaster walls, in and around all those often overlooked and unnoticed places. Now, for a short yet significant period of time, you have shown good will of co-existence by not sweeping us away throughout the entirety of this vast museum. 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! The Gropius Bau Museum in Berlin has recently added an endemic spider/web into their permanent collection.

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*

Spider/Webs endemic to Hessisches Landesmuseum Darmstadt, as part of the series 'Invertebrate Rights'
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Edition: Still ongoing but threatened
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/spider+webs>

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