

THE COMPARATIVE LITERATURE DEPARTMENT  
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# International Human Rights Art Festival: At the Intersection of Art, Society, and the Spirit

SPEAKER  
Tom Block

**Tuesday, March 10, 2020 | 12:15–1:30 pm**  
**Rosenthal Library, President's Conference Room #2 (5th floor)**

The *International Human Rights Art Festival* utilizes art to highlight the highest human values—human rights, social justice, equality, and democracy. Our programming opens a space centered in creative beauty, sincerity of presentation, and personal vulnerability where artists, activists, government workers, and politicians come together to discuss these fundamental human ideals and how to best achieve them within our society. Using this generated healing energy, we build bridges of support to those around the world who risk their lives to use art and activism to protect these values.



Tom Block is a playwright and author of five books. He has spent over 25 years as an exhibiting visual artist and is the founding producer of New York City's International Human Rights Art Festival ([ihraf.org](http://ihraf.org)). He has spoken about his ideas throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Turkey, and the Middle East.

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