# **Engaging Youth on Energy and Climate Through Music, Movement, and Theatre**



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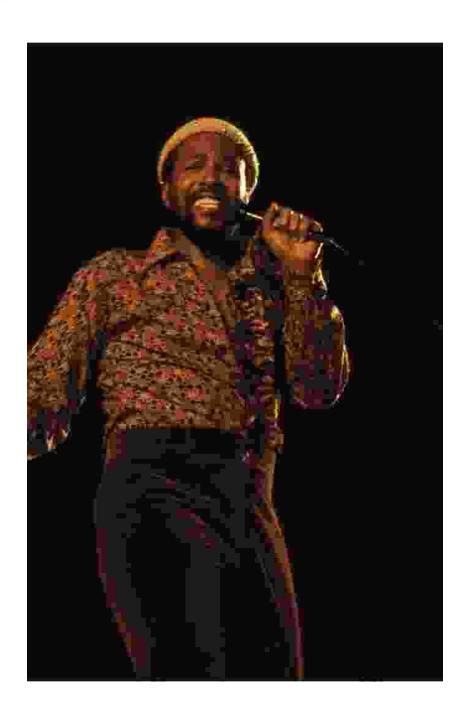
The world is facing a climate crisis, and young people are increasingly concerned about the future of the planet. They are also more likely to be affected by climate change than older generations, as they will have to live with the consequences of climate change for longer.

It is important to engage young people in the fight against climate change. They are our future leaders, and they have the power to make a difference. Music, movement, and theatre can be powerful tools for engaging young people on energy and climate change issues.

#### The Power of Music

Music can be a powerful way to connect with people on an emotional level. It can be used to raise awareness about climate change, to educate people about the science of climate change, and to inspire people to take action.

There are many examples of musicians who have used their music to raise awareness about climate change. One example is the song "Mercy Mercy Me" by Marvin Gaye. This song was released in 1971, and it speaks to the environmental destruction that was happening at the time. The song's lyrics are still relevant today, and they remind us that we need to take action to protect our planet.



#### The Power of Movement

Movement can also be a powerful tool for engaging young people on energy and climate change issues. Dance, drama, and other forms of movement can be used to communicate complex ideas in a way that is accessible and engaging.

One example of a dance performance that has been used to raise awareness about climate change is "The Melting of the Ice Caps." This dance was performed by the Royal New Zealand Ballet in 2009. The dance depicts the melting of the ice caps and the impact that this will have on the environment.

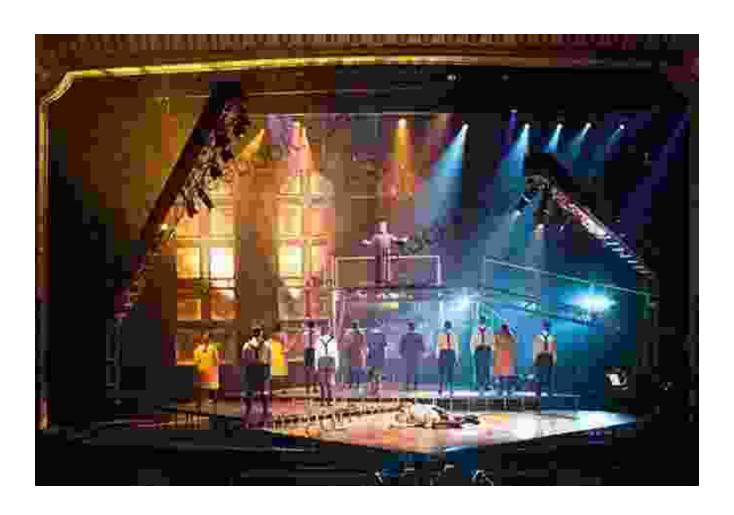


A dance performance of "The Melting of the Ice Caps" by the Royal New Zealand Ballet.

#### The Power of Theatre

Theatre can also be a powerful tool for engaging young people on energy and climate change issues. Plays and other forms of theatre can be used to explore the complex social and political issues surrounding climate change in a way that is thought-provoking and engaging.

One example of a play that has been used to raise awareness about climate change is "The Laramie Project." This play tells the story of the murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay college student who was killed in 1998. The play explores the themes of hate, violence, and homophobia, and it has been used to raise awareness about the dangers of discrimination.



Music, movement, and theatre can be powerful tools for engaging young people on energy and climate change issues. These art forms can be used to raise awareness, to educate, and to inspire action. By using these art forms, we can help young people to become active participants in the fight against climate change.



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