



Art For Tomorrow: The First Decade

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Since the conference was first convened by *The New York Times International Edition* in March 2015, much has happened in the world: wars and invasions, a global refugee crisis, and a killer pandemic. How do art and contemporary culture reflect the times we live in?

That is the question posed by this book, written by Farah Nayeri, a *New York Times* journalist and long-time Art for Tomorrow moderator. The book is a chronicle of the conference's most striking moments. It also presents the conference's current organisers, the Democracy & Culture Foundation, and their ethos: that the arts can – and should – be a force for social change.