



Cucalorus Connect brings Local, National and International Speakers together for talks about health, finance and the future

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Wilmington, NC – Celebrating its 25th anniversary, Cucalorus Festival announced the list of speakers, who are converging in Wilmington from around the world to speak at this year's Connect Conference, *A Future for Everyone*, November 14-15. Nick Adkins, co-founder of Pinksocks Life, a former healthcare executive turned digital health evangelist, delivers the [festival keynote](#) focused on promoting human connection around the world.

According to Cucalorus Programming Director Rachel Taylor, featured sessions will include:

- [Jake Kheel](#), vice president of Grupo Puntacana Foundation in the Dominican Republic exploring how coastal companies can become engines of environmental innovation while maintaining environmental sustainability.
- [Marie Johnson](#), managing director Centre for Digital Business in Australia, sharing what she sees as her moon shot, the “humanitarian revolution” where digital humans are part of an augmented health ecosystem: helping patients and reducing staff burnout.
- Girard Newkirk, founder and CEO of KWHCoin and NewNext Advanced Energy moderating an international panel discussion on [Blockchain technology](#), poised to fundamentally change the way machines, people and businesses interact.
- Filmmakers Randall Dottin, Angela Tucker and local housing activists participating in a discussion centering around [housing justice](#) and examining possible solutions available for people who want to level the playing field while another session [debates capitalism](#).

Chris Hillier, Executive Director of Innovation at New Hanover Regional Medical Center and a Cucalorus Connect Board member shared, “As culture, societies, and businesses are struggling to keep up with new powerful technologies that influence almost every part of our lives, now more than ever, we need to understand how we impact the future. [The Connect Conference](#) brings together an eclectic mix of creative, business and tech minds and is designed for us to explore what it means to be human and to ask ourselves what is our role and responsibility to one another, our community and the world we live in.”

To purchase individual speaker sessions, visit <http://www.cucalorus.org/connect/>

To attend the two-day Connect conference and associated social events, visit

<https://www.goevent.com/Cucalorus/Pass/Sale/ConnectPass>

To review the Connect Conference schedule visit <http://www.cucalorus.org/cucalorus-festival/?type=connect>

The Cucalorus Film Foundation is a multidisciplinary organization connecting visionary leaders in film, performance, and technology, hosting more than 300 events each year with four film festivals, a growing technology conference, a multimedia performance festival, a residency program, and numerous educational programs spread throughout the region. The foundation is a leader in developing the arts as a tool for community building and economic development. More information is available at www.cucalorus.org.