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## Thoughts of art in your summer ear

***Are you looking for some interesting food for thought while dazing in the sun? Try the new series of podcasts, *Conversations in Time*. It brings together an audiobook of Suzi Gablik's important book, 'Conversations Before the End of Time' (1995), and a series of new conversations inspired by Gablik's original dialogues, questioning the role of art in our time.***

Gablik originally transcribed 19 conversations between herself and a range of artists, scientists, critics and practitioners, based on what she believed was a crisis point for art, humanity and the environment – she called it *Conversations Before the End of Time*. Inspired by its prescient dialogues, artists, writers and cultural thinkers have been recorded in one to one conversations, broadly inspired by the question:

*What is the purpose or role of art in an age of accelerating social change and environmental uncertainty?*

These conversations and an audiobook of Gablik's original text are distributed within the Public Programme 'Conversations in Time', part of the European Capital of Culture Aarhus 2017.

*"Aarhus 2017 is delighted to partner with Cast Iron Radio to bring *Conversations in Time* to people across the world via podcasting. These specially curated conversations between some of the leading creative minds open up ideas and stories that interrogate and contemplate the place and role of art and creative pursuits as we push into the next decades of the 21st century. We've prepared summer listening for you, full of quality thoughts...on the beach or by the fire. We hope the conversations inspire,"* says Juliana Engberg Programme Director Aarhus 2017.

*Conversations in Time* is a Cast Iron Radio production in collaboration with European Capital of Culture Aarhus 2017. You can get the podcasts at [www.aarhus2017.dk](http://www.aarhus2017.dk) or [www.conversationsintime.eu](http://www.conversationsintime.eu).

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