

The Producer(s):

Hamdi Issawi, Annie Banks, Trevor Chow-Fraser, Kathryn Lennon, Chris Chang-Yen Phillips, and Matt Hirji represent a mix of long-time contributors and fresh faces at Terra Informa. They bring a mix of experience in environmental activism, journalism, community radio, and science reporting to bear in their quest to ask big questions about humans and our environment.

The Show:

Terra Informa is your source for local and international environmental news with a Canadian perspective. Based out of the CJSR News Department in Edmonton, Alberta, and syndicated on more than 20 radio stations nationally, we strive to create awareness of the under-reported connections between our lives and the environment. Every week we produce a show comprised of feature reports, local campaigns, wrap ups, science “shorts”, movie reviews and environmental terminology clarifiers. Shows regularly feature interviews with politicians, activists, high profile thinkers and community organizers to highlight local, national and international environmental issues. Terra Informa has been running since 2003.

The Program:

Terra Informa ventures out at night to ask what we can find in the darkness, where to find darkness in the city these days, and what's out there among the stars. Recorded on-site, outside the Telus World of Science Observatory, and the Queen Elizabeth II Planetarium in Coronation Park, Edmonton, Alberta. How are industry and municipality incorporating light efficient design? Kathryn Lennon spoke with Alan Luck, Energy Engineer at Shell's Scotford Upgrader, in Strathcona County, Alberta, and Sherrilyn Jahrig, Director of Light Efficient Communities and Beaver Hills Dark Sky Preserve Coordinator for the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. Trevor Chow-Fraser got in touch with Tau Zero Foundation lead journalist Paul Gilster to help us understand one of the central mysteries of outer space, the question we've all had at some point when looking up at the stars—are we alone in the big vast universe? And to get a sense of the wonder of being outside at night, we called photographer Yuichi Takasaka in Lumby, BC. His pictures of wildlife and the night sky helped build momentum to declare Jasper National Park a designated dark sky reserve. Takasaka is also one of the photographers behind The World at Night, a collaborative international effort to capture the night sky.