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A Million Ways to Save the World

BY EVE ENSLER

April is my last month of curating this column. But by no means is it my last appeal to the global community of artists, thinkers, activists, and citizens to collaborate in a vision that would keep the human species from destroying ourselves and our planet. We have two roads to choose from. The one we are on is leading to escalating poverty and starvation, war, ethnic strife, "disaster capitalism," insane violence against women, the plunder of the biosphere. The other road requires change—redistributing resources, honoring the Earth and women's bodies, ending racism, poverty, illiteracy, and war. The extraordinary people who have contributed to "A Million Ways to Save the World" since May 2007 have provided ideas to bring about this transformation. Many of you also sent in fantastic suggestions of your own (check out oprah.com/omagazine). In April we will celebrate V-Day's tenth anniversary—a decade of ending violence against women. It will be a mega-event, and many who have written in this column will be there; Oprah herself will be onstage. I urge you to come and join us. It is you who hold the power, the energy, the will to shift the current paradigm. And when you find your voice, your courage, your boldness, it will be you who saves the world. V-Day's "V to the Tenth." New Orleans, Superlove/Superdome. April 11 and 12 (go to vday.org for details). See you there.

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THE MEDIA ARE AMONG THE MOST POWERFUL institutions on Earth—more powerful than any bomb or missile. We need the kind of media that breaks the sound barrier with voices of everyday people, not just that small circle of pundits we see on television who know so little about so much. When you hear a Palestinian grandfather speak or an Iraqi mother talking about her child, you think, *That sounds like my grandfather or That sounds like an American mother.* Hearing the voices of real people helps break down the stereotypes that fuel hate groups, that allow whole populations to be led into war. In this age of increasing consolidation, when more and more media outlets are getting bought up by fewer and fewer giant corporations, we need an independent news source, a genuine fourth estate. Participate in your local media—write letters to the editor and opinion pieces. Join your public access station; volunteer at your community radio station. (See democracynow.org for details.)



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WHAT THE WORLD MOST NEEDS CAN BE conveyed in five words: equality between women and men. What more is there left to say? ▶