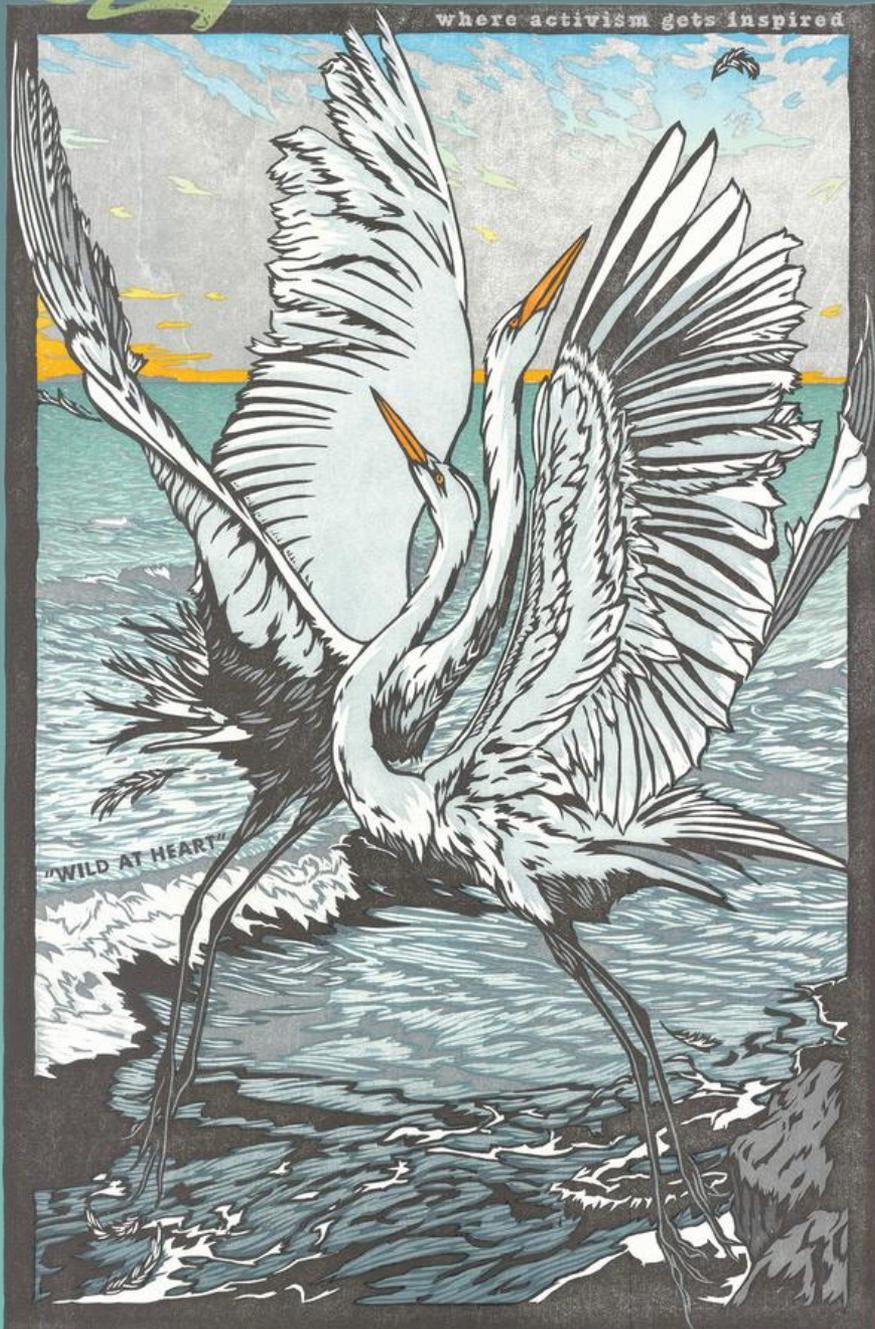


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WILD & SCENIC[®] FILM FESTIVAL

where activism gets inspired



WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL

WELCOME!

Tonight, you'll journey across the globe through breathtaking environmental and adventure films that celebrate the beauty, resilience, and wonder of our natural world.

Each short film invites you into wild places, bold journeys, and powerful stories of people working to protect the landscapes and communities they love.

Tri-Valley Conservancy and Tri-Valley Air Quality Climate Alliance are thrilled to bring this experience to the Bankhead Theater. Your presence helps make this event possible. Thank you for being here!



EVENT SCHEDULE

5:00 PM -
6:40 PM

ECO FAIR (LOBBY)

- Wine, Beer, and Local Bites
- Partner Tables
- Raffle Ticket Sales

5:30 PM -
6:15 PM

SPEAKER FORUM

6:40 PM -
8:00 PM

WELCOME MESSAGE, FIRST 7 FILMS

8:00 PM -
8:25 PM

INTERMISSION

- Eco Fair (Lobby)
- Raffle Winners Announced

8:25 PM -
9:20 PM

7 FILMS + TRAILER, CLOSING MESSAGE



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ALDO'S BUG EXTRAVAGANZA

In "Aldo's Bug Extravaganza," join 5-year-old Aldo and his dad on a backyard safari filled with tiny wonders and big laughs. Armed with a camera and boundless curiosity, Aldo embarks on a bug-hunting escapade, narrating his discoveries with adorable wit and charm. As the week unfolds, Aldo's wide-eyed explorations not only capture the audience's imagination, but also subtly echo the timeless wisdom of Aldo Leopold, making for a delightful and endearing ode to the joy of nature's smallest marvels.

Neil Losin, Aldo Losin



FORESTS ABOVE & FORESTS BELOW

Take a deep dive into California's unique and irreplaceable underwater kelp forests that have experienced catastrophic loss in the past decade. This piece was written and supported by scientists at The Nature Conservancy and was filmed and produced by the Coldwater Collective.

Sashwa Burrous & Justin Lewis



FREETOWN: COOLING A CITY

In Freetown, Sierra Leone, Africa's first Chief Heat Officer, Eugenia Kargbo, partners with MEER to tackle rising temperatures using innovative mirror technology to reflect sunlight and cool homes. This groundbreaking initiative has already improved living conditions for residents of Kroo Bay, offering hope for widespread urban heat relief.

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REFORESTING CALIFORNIA AFTER WILDFIRE

Large, severe wildfires are reshaping California's landscape – burning important ecosystems and threatening communities, wildlife, water and recreation. Today, millions of acres need to be reforested. This short film follows efforts underway in the Sierra Nevada, home to the world's population of giant sequoias, as American Forests, the USDA Forest Service and others race to return healthy forests to the landscape.

Liane O'Neill (Director, Producer), Mark Janzen (Director of Photography and Editing), Adrian Lugo (Assistant Photographer)



NATURE FOR ALL

An extraordinary forest in New Jersey offers sanctuary to a historically hidden community and a secretive endangered plant - but only through the combined work of indigenous leaders and land preservationists.

Adam Nawrot, Sonia Szczesna, Harri Bailey



TULE

Tule is a poetic 2D animated mixed media short film championing awareness and hope. A young Pomo girl serves as the narrator of our project. Her poetic contemplations ring true with convictions shared by her Pomo community at Clear Lake, California. She revels in the local nature's glory, but dread strikes when she faces today's careless pollution damage that impedes cultural practices.

Jocelyn Garcia (Director, Writer), Rie Peredo (Producer, Writer), Rachel Huang (Art Director, Writer), Ealaisa Nelken (Core Visual Development Artist, Writer)

HELP US PROTECT THE PLANET



Enjoy these fantastic adventure and environmental films that explore nature, outdoor adventures, conservation, open space, wildlife, water, energy, climate change, agriculture, environmental justice, and so much more. Stay engaged and involved for our families, for our communities, and for our future.

“The clearest way into the Universe is through a forest of wilderness.” ~ John Muir

For information about Sierra Club's Tri-Valley Group, email trivalley@sfbaysc.org

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FLORA, FAUNA, FUNGA

Follow mycologist Giuliana Furci's search for new mushrooms in far southern Chile. She's joined by biologist and author Merlin Sheldrake and mycologist Toby Kiers. Together, the three scientists illuminate how—through nutrient cycling and the essential relationships they form with plants—fungi underpin every ecosystem on Earth, and outline a strategy for greater fungal inclusion in conservation policy.

Sam Sheline (Director, Producer), Vanessa Serrao (Executive Producer), Kaitlin Yarnall (Executive Producer),



YUBA SALMON DANCE

Yuba Salmon Dance, a captivating short film, follows Chinook salmon's incredible journey to the Yuba River to spawn. The film captures their resilience as they navigate obstacles to reach their birthplace. Through breathtaking drone and underwater footage, we get an intimate look at the spawning grounds.

Michael E. Wier



DECADES IN THE MAKING

Managing a publicly-accessible nature preserve immediately adjacent to an urban region in coastal California presents unique challenges, including invasive species, a complex wildland-urban interface (WUI), damage from decades of cattle grazing, and active oil and gas infrastructure. Follow Ventura Land Trust as it works to open a new hillside preserve to the public.

Daniel Hulst (Director), Melissa Baffa (Producer), Jason Hernandez (Videographer, Editor)

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WILDHOPE: COUGAR CROSSING

Los Angeles is well known for its celebrities, so when the fearless cougar P-22 gained fame for making its home in the midst of the city, he inspired an effort to build the world's largest wildlife crossing and helped spark a national campaign to support crossings and corridors everywhere.

Geoff Luck (Executive Producer), Sarah Arnoff (Co-Exec Producer), Kitty Hu (Post Producer)



FREYA

Feel inspired by 9 year old Freya, who shares how she uses climbing as a practice to lean into discomfort and fear to help her navigate her neurodiversity. The strength she gains through both are applicable and inspirational to us all.

Natasha Brook



NOZAWA STORY

What can wildlife teach humanity about the natural world? In this Japanese folk tale, a hunter learns a mountain secret from the very bear that he attacks. Filmed on Super 8 in Nagano, Japan and Donner, California this short story features hand-drawn animations and an original synth score.

Zack McCune (Director), Theo Akimaru (Narrator), Larisa McCune (Music)

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THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE IS FARM FRESH!

Working with Chapa De Indian Health, Sierra Harvest is finding new ways to deliver nutrition education. Featuring Food Love Farm Summer Camp campers and local physician Dr. Glenn Gookin, the film poses the question: what if we could change our children's relationship with food?

Val Camp (Producer & Director), Kit Kohler (Producer & Director)



WILDHOPE: GARDENER TO GUARDIAN

Amid collapsing biodiversity worldwide, Mary Reynolds of Ireland is building a movement to turn gardeners into guardians of the planet, by returning our own patch of land to nature and restoring hope that individual action can create lasting change.

Produced by HHMI Tangled Bank Studios



CLIMATE CALIFORNIA TRAILER

Climate change demands new solutions and stories. CLIMATE CALIFORNIA, a 10-episode documentary series by NorCal Public Media, explores climate change's causes, impacts, and solutions through the stories of people who remind us of the world's beauty and our power.

Charles Loi, Northern California Public Media

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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS YEAR'S WSFF SUCH A GREAT SUCCESS!

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The Wild & Scenic Film Festival was started in 2003 by the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL, pronounced 'circle'), a nonprofit river conservation organization located in Nevada City, CA in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. The organization was formed in 1983 when a small group of concerned citizens banded together to fight against several proposed dams. The festival's namesake is in celebration of achieving Wild & Scenic status on 39 miles of the South Yuba River in 1999. The festival celebrates its annual event in Nevada City and Grass Valley, CA each January featuring more than 100 award-winning films and welcoming filmmakers, celebrities, and activists who bring a human face to the environmental movement.

SYRCL's Wild & Scenic Film Festival is a call to action! Films can serve as a potent tool to educate and inspire activism and growth, and Wild & Scenic is committed to offering programming that addresses environmental injustice, racism, and inequity as well as lack of representation in the outdoors and environmental movements. The films chosen by WSFF illustrate not only the challenges facing our planet but the work communities are doing to protect the environment and the places we love. The stories give us a sense of place and what it means to be responsible stewards of the earth.

Once the curtain closes in Nevada City and Grass Valley, SYRCL shares their success with other organizations by taking the film festival On Tour to over 100 communities across the continent. The tour, now reaching over 30,000 people a year, is building a grassroots network of organizations connected by a common goal of using film to inspire activism. The festival's National Partners: Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Tangled Bank Studios, Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, Earthjustice, Oars Whitewater Rafting, and Nia Impact Capital have joined together to support this campaign. They help to bring these inspiring and provocative films to communities across the globe.

Enjoy the festival!



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