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Welcome to the 22nd annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival!

This year's theme, *Reel Action*, goes to the heart of Wild & Scenic: inspiring people through film to take action and make this world a better place for all living things.

For over two decades, our Festival has allowed us to engage with filmmakers and learn from activists and scientists about the subject matters presented on screen. In 2024, we will continue our mission to use film to ignite solutions and spark conversations. We are excited to share an array of experienced and emerging filmmakers with our audiences. After over 20 years and nearly 1,000,000 pieces of paper, the festival program is going paper-free! This is another way we are taking *Reel Action* in our commitment to decreasing our environmental impact and lowering our carbon footprint. The program is available online as a digital PDF file. A print version will be available for review at Fest HQ and some venues.

We hope this year's films, panels, and workshops inspire you to continue fighting for a healthy and thriving planet. Thank you for seeking ways to impact our world positively and for letting SYRCL and Wild & Scenic be a part of that.

Aaron Zettler-Mann, Executive Director Lívia Campos de Menezes, Festival Director

Our Vision

SYRCL's Wild & Scenic Film Festival is a call to action. Our audiences are inspired, educated, and moved to join a growing groundswell for environmental protection and justice.

Wild & Scenic presents environmental and adventure films that illustrate the Earth's beauty, the challenges our planet faces, and the work communities worldwide do to protect their home. When the flagship festival ends, we take our films on tour to continue inspiring audiences throughout the year.



The Wild & Scenic Film Festival is produced by SYRCL, the South Yuba River Citizens League, and it's our nonprofit's largest annual fundraiser, helping to raise money for many year-round conservation projects. SYRCL has been uniting the community for four decades to protect and restore the Yuba River watershed.

We invite you to become a dues-paying member of SYRCL to help us amplify our voice, increase our impact, and continue our essential restoration efforts.

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The Festival Team: Top Row, from left: Eric Dunn, Aaron Zettler-Mann, Daniel Elkin, Jamie des Tombe, Craig Rohrsen, Caitlin Martin, Julie Pokrandt. Lower Row, from left: Summer Driscoll, Lorrie Poch, Maddie Davis, Kira Greene, Lívia Campos de Menezes, Monique Streit

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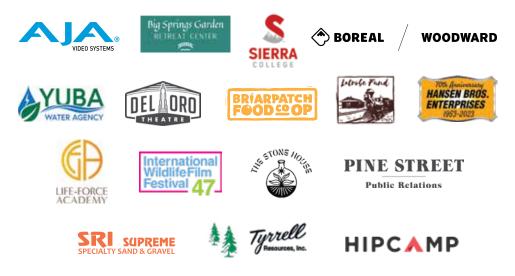


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The Wild & Scenic Film Festival would not be possible without the kind and generous donations of our sponsors. In partnering with Wild & Scenic, these companies and organizations are committed to helping us achieve our goal of inspiring activism through film. A huge thanks goes out to all of our 2024 sponsors for their continued support of WSFF and SYRCL. Be sure to show your gratitude for them by visiting their websites, learning more about their missions, and supporting their work and products.

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Thank You Volunteers!

For 22 years, our community has come together for SYRCL's Wild & Scenic Film Festival. It is because of the hard work of hundreds of volunteers that this event is such a tremendous success. They help us make the Wild & Scenic Film Festival the beloved community event it is. Please show our volunteers your gratitude when you see them working at a venue!



Tickets

WatershedPass \$350/\$345members

Includes all films both in-person and virtual, special events including Dinner and a Movie night, and reserved seats.

Yuba Pass \$165/\$15

\$165/\$155 members

Includes all films sessions including 3D films, Saturday Morn Family-Friendly Films, Sunday Awards, and Monday Local's Night. Does not include Special Events, such as Dinner and a Movie.

Festival Pass \$150/\$140 members

Includes all film sessions **except** 3D films, Saturday Morn Family-Friendly Films, Sunday Awards, and Monday Local's Night.

Virtual Pass \$115/\$105 members

Includes all Virtual sessions.

Single Tickets

Sat/Sun Morn/Aft Sessions	\$25
Fri/Sat/Sun Eve Sessions	\$30
Thursday Eve, 3D Films	\$20
Saturday Morn Family-Friendly Films	\$20
Monday "Locals Night"	\$20
Saturday Night, 3-course	
Dinner and a Movie at The Stonehouse	\$12

For complete pass & ticket descriptions: <u>WSFF.Eventive.org</u>

Buy Tickets in Advance!

wildandscenicfilmfestival.org

We strongly encourage all attendees to purchase tickets and make session reservations in advance. While some tickets may still be available for purchase during the festival, your chances of seeing the films you want are best if you reserve the film sessions well in advance.

If still available, tickets also sold at our Fest HQs & Venue Box Offices:

5	Nevada City Headquarters		
0	Seven Stars Gallery		
0	210 Spring Street		
0	Friday, Feb 16	12pm - 9pm	
0	Satuday, Feb 17	9am - 9pm	
0	Sunday, Feb 18	9am - 8pm	
25	Grass Valley Headquarters The Center for the Arts 314 Main Street		

Friday, Feb 16	6pm - 9pm
Saturday, Feb 17	9:30am - 9pm
Sunday, Feb 18	9:30am - 8pm

The Fine Print: We strongly encourage all attendees to purchase tickets and make session reservations in advance. While some tickets may still be available for purchase during the festival, your chances of seeing the films you want are best if you reserve the film sessions well in advance.

All venues are first-come, first-served. We can guarantee you a seat at one of the venues, but not necessarily at the one you may prefer. If you are a Watershed, Yuba, or Festival Passholder, you can use your pass to reserve space at the sessions you plan to attend. You still need to arrive to the venue 15-30 min prior to the start time to be able to get a seat. If you do not arrive within 15 minutes from start time, your space will no longer be considered reserved and may be opened up for other attendees. If you arrive at a venue that is full, please check with the volunteers at the door for available seating at other venues.

How to Fest

For 22 years, the Wild & Scenic Film Festival (WSFF) has welcomed audiences to the scenic foothill towns in Nevada County, CA, for this annual event. We are excited for you to join us in-person for the festivities running from February 15-19.

For those who cannot join us in person, we offer a **virtual component running Feb 15-25.** To learn more about the virtual component, go to: <u>watch.eventive.org/wsff</u>

About the Sessions

We have programmed 114 environmental and adventure films, including six world premieres, one international premiere, one North American premiere, four U.S. premieres, eight West Coast premieres, and six California premieres. You can view these adventure and environmental shorts and features in 30+ themed sessions – some of which you can watch online. This makes your experience a cinematic journey as these sessions thoughtfully link subject matter, encouraging surprising connections.



What is a film session?

A film session is a grouping of films shown in blocks of approximately 2 - 2.5 hours. Some sessions may include elements such as a filmmaker panel, Q&A session, or introduction.

In-Person Screenings

You must buy tickets in advance to guarantee a seat at each screening. If you are a Festival Passholder, you can use your pass to reserve space at the sessions you plan to attend.

IMPORTANT: Even with a ticket/pass, you must arrive at the venue 15-30 min before the start time to guarantee your seat.

What is a "Rush Line?"

When a session is sold out, we say that the session is "at rush." This means that last-minute tickets might be available 15 minutes before the session starts.

If you want to attend a session that is "at rush", plan to arrive at the venue 30 minutes before and check with a volunteer to see if there are tickets available or if you need to wait in the "rush line" for a chance to buy last-minute tickets.

NOTE: if you do not arrive within 15 minutes from the start time and the theater is otherwise at capacity, your seat will no longer be considered reserved and will be opened up to attendees waiting in the "rush line" to buy last-minute tickets



I really want to see a certain film. How can I make sure I get a spot?

Even with a pass, all in-person film session tickets must be reserved in advance. To ensure you will have a seat at a specific screening, we recommend you reserve your spot via Eventive as soon as you decide on a session.

To see where a film is screening,

click on the Film Guide button at WSFF.Eventive.Org. Once you have selected the film you are interested in, you can find the list of when and where that film is screening under "Showings – select to order tickets:" Once you have found which Showing you would like to attend, click on the teal Order Tickets button at the top of that film session's page.

Looking for what is screening at a particular venue? Click on the Schedule button at WSFF.Eventive.org. Then click on the Filter Events button in the top right. You can then filter the schedule by venue by selecting the venue you'd like from the list.

What is the Activist Center?

Sponsored by Earthjustice, the Activist Center takes place at the City Hall in Nevada City and serves as a hub of know-how and inspiration. Activists of all experience levels and passions can learn more about specific topics presented in the festival films and innovative ideas about how to make a lasting difference. Emphasizing our commitment to inspiring activism, we proudly offer these workshops and panels for FREE!

How do I meet guest filmmakers and speakers?

One of the coolest things about Wild & Scenic is meeting the great people behind the films. This year, we will have various in-person events with guests in attendance, such as filmmaker Q&As, Fireside Chats, Coffee Talks, and more. Some of our filmmakers and special guests will also be facilitating panels and workshops at the Activist Center.

Accessibility

To increase the accessibility of our programming, all of our virtual sessions have the option to enable closed captions.



Need more info? Go <u>HERE</u> for details on How-to-Fest (In-Person).

Virtual Screenings

This year, we are offering a virtual component composed of 8 sessions. All films are available on demand so you can watch a session anytime during the virtual festival window (February 15-25, 2024).

NOTE: Geographic restrictions and ticket caps may limit the ability to unlock some sessions. Where applicable, this information will be noted within each session in the **Virtual Catalog.**

To access films, you must "unlock" that session within the **Virtual Catalog** once it becomes available. You may also "pre-order" a session to register before it becomes available. Once you have unlocked individual session tickets, visit the **My Tickets** page for a complete list of the film sessions you've pre-ordered or unlocked.

I have slow internet - can I still attend?

Our virtual platform, Eventive, offers adaptive bitrate streaming, meaning that the resolution will adjust based on your internet speeds. That said, it all depends on your provider and their speeds, so expect similar results to what you experience when streaming other videos online.







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Getting Around Green

Ride the Wild & Scenic Shuttle Bus!

A FREE express shuttle bus runs between Nevada City and Grass Valley Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. It runs continuously and loops approximately every 15 min.

BUS STOPS

Nevada City: Broad St at Union St & Hwy 20/49 Bridge Grass Valley: Center for the Arts

HOURS

Friday 6pm - 10:30pm Saturday 9am - 10pm Sunday 10am - 9:30pm

See the maps for shuttle stops, pgs 52-53

Eating and Drinking

Purchase or bring a WSFF Klean Kanteen or MiiR cup and receive a discount on coffee, beer, and wine at SYRCL run concessions; located at Nevada Theatre, Oddfellows Hall, and pop-up locations.

Bring utensils, plate, and napkin. We have compostables, if you forget, but bringing your own is much better. **Don't have** *reusable items?* Check out our Wild & Scenic bamboo utensil kits available for purchase at Festival HQ.





Bring a water bottle! No bottled water is sold at the festival. Please bring a reusable water bottle with you. Water fountains and fill-up stations are located at many venues, so refills are easy. *In the market for a new bottle?* Head to Festival HQ for options from MiiR and Klean Kanteen.

Thanks to our 2024 sponsor Green Mary for leading the 2024 greening efforts!



Festival Headquarters

First Stop for the Weekend!

Nevada City Headquarters

Seven Stars Gallery

210 Spring Street

- Pick up your Festival Pass (only at Seven Stars).
- Purchase festival passes & tickets.
- Get info about the festival and directions to venues.
- Visit our Festival Shop for Wild & Scenic gear.
- Find out more about SYRCL and the Yuba River watershed.
- Learn more about our National Partners and their environmental and social impact initiatives.
- Meet our On Tour team and learn how to bring WSFF to your community.

GRASS VALLEY HQ HOURS:

Friday 6pm - 9pm

Saturday 9:30am - 9pm

Sunday 9:30am - 8pm

Grass Valley Headquarters The Center for the Arts

314 West Main Street

- Purchase festival passes & tickets.
- Get info about the festival and directions to venues.
- Visit our Festival Shop for Wild & Scenic gear.
- Find out more about SYRCL and the Yuba River watershed.
- Learn more about our National Partners and their environmental and social impact initiatives.

Hungry? Thirsty?

Need a bite or a drink in between film sessions? Visit one of our Featured Eateries Nevada City:

Three Forks Bakery & Brewery Grass Valley: MeZe Eatery

Helping Humanity Bag The Single-Use Habit

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NEVADA CITY HQ HOURS: Friday 12pm - 9pm Saturday 9am - 9pm Sunday 9am - 8pm

Media & Virtual Reality Lounges



Media Lounge Hours Friday 4 - 5pm (On KVMR 6 - 6:30pm) Saturday 12 - 5pm Sunday 12 - 4pm

Media Lounge

Nevada City Winery 321 Spring Street, Nevada City

Hosted by Elisa Parker

This year, the Media Lounge returns to the Nevada City Winery. Drop in for interviews with filmmakers and special guests attending Wild & Scenic. The Media Lounge helps kick off the festival with exclusive interviews with filmmakers and activists.

The Media Lounge is open Friday for special drinks at Happy Hour, 4 - 5pm. Keep your eye out for a live stream of this online as well. Tune into KVMR 89.5 FM for a broadcast from the lounge on Friday, 6 - 6:30pm. Stop by the Media Lounge to watch interviews Saturday, 12 - 5pm, and on Sunday, 12 - 4pm.

Our host, Elisa Parker, is the Co-Founder of See Jane Do; the Co-Creator, Project Director & Facilitator of 50 Women Can Change the World in Media & Entertainment; and the Co-Founder of Indivisible Women.

Virtual Reality Lounge

Saturday & Sunday, 1 - 3pm KVMR, 120 Bridge Street, Nevada City

The virtual reality lounge features *Sloth* 360, an incredible family-friendly film that will transport you to the Costa Rica jungles to spend time with one of the most beloved and iconic species on earth: the sloth.

The VR lounge is a free, first-come, first-served experience. Signup for the next available slot when you arrive at the lounge.



Fest Venue Guide

Check out the downtown maps on pg 52-53

Every year, the wonderful venues of Nevada City and Grass Valley become

hallowed halls of inspirational Wild & Scenic films and connections. This year's venues are the Nevada Theatre, City Hall, The Stone House, and the Oddfellows Hall in Nevada City; and Sierra College, Center for the Arts, and the Del Oro Theatre in Grass Valley.

Nevada City



Nevada Theatre

401 Broad Street This 150+ year old venue has plush chairs, a balcony, & snacks for sale. Seats 370.

City Hall

317 Broad Street Home to our **FREE** Activist



Workshops, sponsored by Earthjustice. Seats 100.

Oddfellows Hall

223 1/2 Broad Street A hidden gem! This upstairs venue is accessible via a stair lift at the Spring St. door, if needed. Tip: Bring a chair pad. Seats 190.

The Stone House

107 Sacramento Street This historic venue was built in 1857 and hosts an intimate screening space that seats 90.



Additional programming in Nevada City:

- Three Forks Bakery & Brewery (Coffee Talks)
- 425 Broad Street (Fireside Chats)
- Seven Stars Gallery (Festival HQ)
- Nevada City Winery (Media Lounge)
- Szabo Tasting Room (Art Exhibition)
- KVMR (Virtual Reality Lounge)

Grass Valley



Del Oro Theatre

165 Mill Street This historic theater provides a classic film viewing experience in comfy seats. Seats 360.

Center for the Arts

314 W. Main Street The Center is the hub for music and arts in Grass Valley. It is also home to the GV HQ and the Granucci Gallerv. Seats 500.





Sierra College

250 Sierra College Drive We're thrilled to be adding the modern Building N12 space with a large screen and padded

seats at the Sierra College Nevada County Campus into the mix this year. Comfy seats and easy parking. Seats 250.

Additional programming in Grass Valley:

- Lucchesi Winery (Art Exhibition)
- Granucci Gallery at Center for the Arts (Art Reception + Art Exhibition)
- Studio at Center for the Arts (Youth Workshop)

Post Your Selfies! #WSFF2024

Special Events



Thursday

Wild & Scenic Art Reception & Awards Ceremony

Join us for drinks, small bites, and community time at our annual Art Reception and Awards Ceremony.

Meet the 2024 art judges and celebrate the featured artists and award-winners. Thursday, February 15, 4:30 - 6:30pm @ Center for the Arts in Grass Valley FREE

3D Films Session Take the whole family to our 3D Films Night! Featured films are *Arctic: Our Frozen Planet* and *Blue Whales: Return of the Giants.* Free popcorn provided by HHMI Tangled Bank Studios. **7:30pm, Del Oro Theatre, Grass Valley**

Friday

Welcome Ceremony Start the fest with a warm welcome, including beer from Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. and delicious small bites from the Stone House and wine from Haven Stead. Opening remarks from SYRCL staff, Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribal Council member and spokesperson Shelly Covert, Nevada City Mayor Daniela Fernández, and California's Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot. **5 - 6:30pm, The Stone House, 107 Sacramento Street, Nevada City FREE**

Media Lounge Stop by for Happy Hour 4 - 5pm. Or watch a livestream of interviews on our social media channels, also 4 - 5pm. You can also tune in to KVMR 89.5 FM for a broadcast from the Lounge, 6 - 6:30pm, **Nevada City Winery FREE**



Coffee Talks

8:30 - 9:30am @ Three Forks 211 Commercial Street Nevada City

SATURDAY

Regenerative Farming & Cannabis Cultivation Practices

Join us for coffee and a conversation with Daniel Fink, owner of awardwinning Down Om Farms located in the Sierra Foothills, to explore regenerative farming and cannabis cultivation practices. In this session, we will prepare for spring and explore best practices for environmentally conscious cannabis cultivation, as well as look at some current challenges and opportunities in the licensed cannabis cultivation space.

SUNDAY Taking Action: Youth Activists

Join us for an intimate conversation with Jordan Hartzell, one of the founding members of The Farmlink Project, portrayed in the 2024 film, Abundance: The Farmlink Story. We'll talk about youth activism and explore youth-led solutions to food insecurity and wasted food. The Farmlink Project is a non-profit founded by 600+ college students and industry experts who have developed an innovative solution to alleviate hunger while limiting food loss and waste.

Special Events

Saturday

Coffee Talk "Regenerative Farming & Cannabis Cultivation Practices." See sidebar for info. 8:30 - 9:30am, Three Forks Bakery & Brewing Co., Nevada City FREE

Workshops Activists of all passions can learn more about the WSFF films' issues and ideas about how to make a difference. Emphasizing our commitment to inspiring activism, these workshops and panels are FREE thanks to out partner, Earthjustice. Pg 20 for specifics. **10am - 4pm, Activist Center, Nevada City's City Hall FREE**

EnviroFair Learn more about local, regional, and international organizations working to make a difference. **10am - 4pm, York Street, Nevada City FREE**

Media Lounge Live interviews with filmmakers, activists, and guests! 12 - 5pm, Nevada City Winery, FREE

Get Outside "Walk the Talk: Learn about Financial Activism" with Nia Impact Capital while hiking Nevada City's Tribute Trail! More info page 24. **RSVP required:** <u>WSFF.</u> <u>Eventive.org</u>, 11:30am - 1pm, meet in front of the Nevada City Winery, 11:15am FREE

Virtual Reality Lounge Featuring the family-friendly film, *Sloth 360.* **1 - 3pm, KVMR, Nevada City FREE**

Youth Workshops "Storytelling for Change". More info pg 26. 2:30 - 3:30pm, Activist Center, City Hall, Nevada City FREE

"The Salmon Project." More info page 26. \$3.00. *Minimum age: 7.* **3 - 4:30pm @ Studio, Center for the Arts, Grass Valley**

Fireside Chat "Outdoor Play & Emotional Development." See sidebar. 3:30 - 4:30pm, 425 Broad Street, Nevada City FREE **Dinner & A Movie** A special event featuring a 3-course dinner paired with films. Limited seating - you must reserve your ticket with your Watershed Pass or purchase an individual ticket (while they last). **7 - 9pm, The Stone House, Nevada City**

Sunday

Coffee Talk "Taking Action: Youth Activists." See sidebar. 8:30 - 9:30am, Three Forks Bakery & Brewing Co., Nevada City FREE

Workshops See page 21. 10am - 4pm, Activist Center, City Hall, Nevada City FREE

EnviroFair Learn more about local, regional, and international organizations working to make a difference. 10am - 4pm, York Street, Nevada City FREE

Excursion "Sightless Climbing with Timmy O'Neill." Meet climber and filmmaker Timmy O'Neill and try climbing without using your sight. More info pg 24. \$3.00. *Limited Space. Reservation required.* **10am - 12pm, Gold Crush Climbing Gym, Grass Valley**

Media Lounge Live interviews with filmmakers, activists, and guests! 12 - 4pm, Nevada City Winery, FREE

Virtual Reality Lounge Featuring the family-friendly film, *Sloth 360.* **1 - 3pm, KVMR, Nevada City FREE**



Fireside Chats

3:30 - 4:30pm @ 425 Broad Street, Nevada City

SATURDAY

Outdoor Play & Emotional Development

Jamshid Khajavi was born in Iran and immigrated to the US in his early twenties. He worked with deaf children for 17 years before becoming a counselor at a school in Seattle. His journey is depicted in the 2024 official selection, Ultimate Citizens, Join us for an intimate conversation with Khajavi, moderated by WSFF's long-time film advisor, Chuck Jaffee. They will discuss Khajavi's approach to using sports to teach kids about anger management, empathy, and self-esteem.

SUNDAY

Inspiring Journeys

During the centennial vear of the formation of the National Park Service. Brendan Hall sets out on a 10,000-mile exploration of the national parks with his best friend. Their adventure became a film, **Out There: A National Parks** Story, screening at the Nevada Theater Saturday, 6:30pm and online. Join the filmmaker and WSFF jury member, Jim Sano, as they share stories about their experiences visiting and working at the US national parks.

Special Events

Sunday continued

Fireside Chat "Inspiring Journeys." See sidebar. 3:30 - 4:30pm, 425 Broad Street, Nevada City FREE

Award-Winners A selection of the 2024 WSFF award-winning films. Lineups announced Sunday. **6:30pm, Nevada Theatre, and 7pm, Center for the Arts**

Music That's a Wrap: A Wild & Scenic Dance Party. Wrap up the weekend with our guest DJ, Skratch Miyagi, who will play beats inspired by a selection of 2024 films playing on the screen. Presented by Sierra Nevada Brewing Co., featuring end-of-fest beer specials.
 9 - 10:30pm, Oddfellows Hall, Nevada City FREE

Monday

Local's Night Award Screening To honor and thank our hometown audience for 22 years of supporting WSFF, we will have a special discounted screening showing a selection of award-winning films. Join us for these special sessions! **6pm**, **Nevada Theatre**, **Nevada City**, and **6:30pm**, **Del Oro Theatre**, **Grass Valley**





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Join the movement protect 1 million miles of rivers.

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Festival Art

Wild & Scenic Art Exhibition

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival and Nevada County Arts Council have again partnered to produce a Wild & Scenic Art Exhibition. Throughout the Festival, juried art can be viewed at the following venues:

Granucci Gallery at Center for the Arts, 314 W. Main Street, Grass Valley Lucchesi Mill Street Tasting Room, 128 Mill Street, Grass Valley Szabo Vinyards, 316 Broad Street, Nevada City Learn more about venue dates and times: <u>wildandscenicfilmfestival.org/2024art</u>

Thank you to our 2024 Art Committee. And thank you to our Art Judges: Piper Johnson, Pat Kemeny Macias, and MaryTess Mayall.

Wild & Scenic Art Reception & Awards Ceremony

Join us for drinks, small bites, and community time at our annual Art Reception and Awards Ceremony. Meet the 2024 art judges and celebrate the featured artists and award-winners. Food provided by Meze and Backporch Market. **Thursday, February 15, 4:30 - 6:30pm, Center for the Arts in Grass Valley FREE**

2024 Official Artist

Brianna French

Each year our artwork breathes life into the theme and sets the stage for the year to come. The 2024 official artwork by Nevada County local, Brianna French, celebrates the 2024 theme of *Reel Action*. Says Brianna: "The Wild & Scenic Film Festival has captivated my attention every year. I've often



thought I'd love to create the poster art. WSFF's commitment to highlighting environmental and social issues aligns with my core values as an artist, and I'm thrilled to contribute to their mission through art. I created a piece with this year's theme, *Reel Action*, in mind. I wanted to make something that felt captivating, whimsical, and hopeful. The artwork took shape with layers of geometric structures, weaving day and night, realistic and fantastic. Amidst this dreamscape, a little river otter looks out representing optimism and invitation. Humans on a bridge over the Yuba River are in the midst of conservation action, asking us to join the fight, their presence embodying the spirit of engagement. I hope the art serves as an invitation to step into this world of environmental action, to feel the magic of nature's beauty, and to embrace the optimism of positive change for our planet ... or at the very least that it inspires someone to go see some great films!"

Art Reception & Awards Ceremony

Thursday, Feb 15 4:30 - 6:30pm Center for the Arts, Grass Valley

Congratulations to our 2024 Festival Artists

View artists' work at: Szabo Vineyards in Nevada City, and the Lucchesi Tasting Room and the Granucci Gallery at the Center for the Arts in Grass Valley.

Alexander Diederich Allison Kalt Ameera Godwin Angela Apostal Anita DuPratt Annette Wolters Barbara McCabe Betsy Lombard C Tenaya Harvey Casey Newton Chris Crossen David Wong Denise Wey Elany Prusa Eli Rush Ellen Davis **Eric Engles** Fred Finney Holly Tornheim

Jacqui Ver Loren van Themaat Jennifer Rugge Jim Bair Jody Alexander John Seivert Jonathan Finegold Jori Phillips Jude Bischoff Julie Romano June Anderson Katharine Popenuk Kathleen Kershaw Kirk Keeler Kurt Barton LeeAnn Brook Linda Galusha Lisa Parsons Marsha Stone



Granite Boulders in Pond, Yosemite by Kirk Keeler

Megan Enright Michael Shea Mieke Blees Monica Hughes Raven Westwood Richard Swayze Robert Stelson Ron Kenedi Rose Reis-Jackson Rose Shulman Shelby Cohen Shelley Carlisle Steve Solinsky Terry Shearn Tom Quinn Tracy Rose Will Barber William Jacobson Art Exhibition produced in partnership with:



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Scan the QR code or visit hipcamp.com/wsff Join us to explore specific topics presented in this year's festival films and learn about innovative ideas that can make a lasting difference. If you're a budding filmmaker, take advantage of special workshops on filmmaking techniques and conversations with film festival programmers. Thanks to our partnership with Earthjustice, we proudly offer all these workshops and panels for FREE. Earthjustice Activist Center at Nevada City's City Hall* 317 Broad Street ALL WORKSHOPS FREE TO THE PUBLIC

*unless otherwise stated

Saturday

10 - 11am Impact Investing and Your Financial Plan

You already buy organic, shop local, and support SYRCL and Wild & Scenic. This workshop will provide steps to align your financial plan and investment portfolio with the environment and the causes you care about most. We'll trace the history of socially responsible investing from its roots to its current form of impact investing. Led by Scott Beesley, CFP

11:30am - 12:30pm The Creative Corps Model: How Artists, Culture Bearers, Museums, Galleries, and Other NGOs Can Save the Planet

Against a backdrop of food scarcity, the fight for fertile land and freshwater, the threat of fire, public health, and emergency preparedness in all its forms, artists and culture bearers, museums, galleries, and other NGOs are stepping up to raise awareness for critical issues and solutions, as bastions of public information, comfort, storytelling, and response.

1 - 2pm Healthy Rivers, Healthy Communities

Learn from one of California's foremost watershed experts how river conservation heals climate change, biodiversity loss, and social injustice. Dr. Ann Willis, California Regional Director at American Rivers, will share how efforts to protect and restore California rivers are paving the way to a more resilient future for nature and our communities. She'll discuss cutting-edge projects on nearby rivers and how we can use our voices for change.

2:30 - 3:30pm ALL AGES Storytelling for Change:

Earthjustice & Coyote Peterson in Conversation (pre-recorded)

Join Earthjustice for a pre-recorded conversation with Coyote Peterson, a YouTuber, wildlife educator, and host of Animal Planet's series *Coyote Peterson: Brave the Wild*, and Tim Preso, Managing Attorney of the Biodiversity Defense Program at Earthjustice. Moderated by Christian Anthony, Director, Digital Engagement, Earthjustice, this conversation for all ages will focus on the importance of educating the next generation of conservationists, and how storytelling can promote the protection of vulnerable species—with the help of public engagement, advocacy, and the law. Following the conversation, in-person participants can ask questions of storytellers and creators. (*Also available on Zoom - link <u>wsff.eventive.org</u>)*

3 - 4:30pm YOUTH WORKSHOP The Salmon Journey

@ Studio, Center for the Arts, Grass Valley The Salmon Journey Project fosters cross-cultural connections and raises environmental awareness while emphasizing the importance of interdependence and indigenous heritage. Participants will use visual elements, music, and playful expression to engage in a memorable exploration encompassing storytelling and communication across generations. \$3.00, <u>RSVP required at wsff.eventive.org/schedule</u>. *Minimum Age: 7.*

3:30 - 4:30pm Supporting the Next Generation of Climate Stewards Through SYRCL's Field Science Program

SYRCL's Youth Field Science Programs engage high school students in local climate action and meadow restoration efforts. Students work with SYRCL's watershed science and education team to assist with on-the-ground restoration work. Join us for a panel discussion with former Youth Outdoor Leadership Opportunity (YOLO) Fellows and Earthwatch Institute Fellows to learn about their experiences in the program and their future goals in pursuing environmental stewardship.

Sunday

10am - 12pm California's Watershed Healing: FREE Community Screening + Panel

Join us for this FREE screening of the 2024 official selection, *California's Watershed Healing*. After the film, stay for a panel discussion with the scientists and policymakers from the film facilitated by the SYRCL's Executive Director, Dr. Aaron Zettler-Mann. They will talk about how healthy forests are crucial to California's water supply, the challenges California faces with more extreme precipitation patterns, and opportunities for the future. <u>RSVP at wsff.</u> <u>eventive.org.</u>

12:30 - 1:30pm Outdoors for All

From non-inclusive outdoor images to bodywear that does not reflect all body types, the outdoor industry is beginning to address these matters, which affect communities that often feel left out of planning and marketing around the outdoors. Join us for a conversation with Anjelica Avella, the main subject of Palmer Morse's *Forward*, Chad Brown, director of *Inward*, and Chelsea Jolly, the director of *JoJo - A Toad Musical* and *With The Tide* (2024 official selection), moderated by Teresa Baker, founder of the In Solidarity Project.

2 - 3pm Investing for Environmental & Social Justice

In this interactive panel discussion, the Nia Impact Capital team will share insights, tools, and solutions for investing in environmental & social justice. Nia Impact Capital is a womenfirst investing firm promoting diversity & sustainability to create an economy that works for all. We are honored that Val Red-Horse Mohl, of Cherokee ancestry, will join this discussion.



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EnviroFair

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival is proud to work with many outstanding

organizations devoted to protecting the earth and its inhabitants and creating sustainability for all. Large and small hometown groups and ones with an international scope can be found here! We host our annual EnviroFair to let these critical organizations showcase their work and inform us how we can engage in meaningful ways. Learn more and get involved at the Wild & Scenic EnviroFair!



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Don't Miss a Visit to the EnviroFair! Saturday & Sunday FREE 10am - 4pm, York Street, Nevada City

EnviroFair Music Schedule Saturday

12 - 1pm: Riparia: "geo-folk" songs about the Yuba
1:30 - 2:30pm: Gary Bowman: lively & spirited singing
2:45 - 3:30pm: CoU'Rage: hip hop
3:45 - 4pm: Maracatu: Afro-Brazilian dance & music

Sunday

12 - 1:30pm: Mignon Geli: native-style flutes & more 2 - 3pm: Gary Bowman

EnviroFair Organizations

- Bear Yuba Land Trust Better Bites Bright Futures for Youth Buffalo Field Campaign California Wolf Foundation California Heritage: Indigenous Research Project Citizens' Climate Lobby, Nevada County CNPS Redbud Chapter Earth Justice Ministries Northern Alaska Environmental Center
- Placer Nature Center Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship Sierra Club Sierra Gold Parks Foundation Sierra Nevada Alliance Sierra Streams Institute Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance South Yuba River Citizens League Tahoe National Forest Waste Management

Get Outside!

Need a break from films? Head outside (or to the climbing gym) for a field trip!

Walk the Talk: Learn About Financial Activism Nevada City's Tribute Trail

Saturday: During this interactive walk through the beautiful woods of Nevada City, we will discuss and reflect on how finances can be solutions for investing in environmental & social justice. Discover what goes on behind the scenes when Nia Impact Capital engages directly with companies to



The Tribute Trail's suspension bridge. Photo courtesy of the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce.

create positive change on behalf of investors. We will look at Nia's financial activism case studies and learn more about how you can join the movement to invest in the world we all want to have. An easy hike, everyone is welcome. *Capacity: 30.* **Saturday, 11:30am - 1pm.**

Meet in front of Nevada City Winery at 11:15am FREE, RSVP required at wsff.eventive.org/schedule



Excursion: Sightless Climbing with Timmy O'Neill Gold Crush Climbing Gym, Grass Valley

Sunday: In the 2024 official selection, *Soundscape*, Erik Weihenmayer, a global adventure athlete and author who is fully blind, and veteran rock climber Timmy O'Neill ascend a massive alpine rock face deep in the Sierra

Nevada. Join us to hear more from Timmy O'Neill about that trip and experience what it is like to climb without using your sight at this special workshop at Gold Crush Climbing Gym in Grass Valley. Attendees will get a chance to guide a blindfolded climber, as well as to experience climbing blindfolded! *Capacity: 24. No climbing experience required.* **Sunday, 10am - 12pm. Meet at the Gold Crush Climbing Gym \$3.00** RSVP required at wsff.eventive.org/schedule

Field trip info & to RSVP: WSFF.Eventive.org/schedule



Special Film Presentations

Watershed pass holders have access to all special film screenings, but must reserve Dinner and a Movie in advance. Yuba Pass holders have access to all special film sessions except Dinner and a Movie.

3D Films Take the family! Films: Arctic: Our Frozen Planet and Blue Whales: Return of the Giants. Free Popcorn provided by HHMI Tangled Bank Studios. **Thursday, 7:30pm, Del Oro Theatre, Grass Valley \$20**

Wild Child Family-Friendly Films These stories will take you on a journey to the Valley of the Turkeys and introduce you to Jojo, a kid who lives in the city and loves nature, especially toads, and writing rap songs. They will also showcase kids surfing in Taiwan and a brave 6-year-old girl learning to climb mountains. Saturday, 9:30am, Del Oro Theatre, Grass Valley \$20

Dinner & A Movie A special event featuring a 3-course dinner paired with films. Limited seating. Watershed Passholders have access to this session, but must reserve a ticket to confirm attendance. Films: The Story of Bacanora; The Future of Healthcare is Farm Fresh!; Spear, Spatula, Submarine; Bluebird Sky; Café Y Aves; Gardener to Guardian; and Frozen Harvest. **Saturday, 7 - 9pm, The Stone House, Nevada City \$125**

Sunday Award Winners Join us for a selection of the 2024 award-winning films*. **6:30pm, Nevada Theatre, and 7pm, The Center for the Arts \$30**

Monday "Local's Night" Award Winners To honor and thank our hometown audience for 22 years of supporting WSFF, we will have a special discounted screening showing a selection of award-winning films*. **6pm, Nevada Theatre, and 6:30, Del Oro Theatre \$20** **These surprise lineups will be announced on Sunday morning.*



Proudly continuing the tradition of supporting SYRCL's Wild & Scenic Film Festival

Wild & Scenic Youth

Monday - Thursday

Four carefully selected, age-appropriate programs are offered to area schools, accompanied by film-specific, standardsbased lessons for classroom enrichment. (Working directly with schools, this program is not open to the general public). **Want to bring the school programs to your community?** Talk to our *On Tour* team at Festival HQ.

Saturday

Wild Child Family-Friendly Films

Journey to the Valley of the Turkeys and meet Jojo, a kid who lives in the city and loves nature and writing rap songs. See kids surfing in Taiwan and meet a 6-yearold girl who climbs mountains. Bring the whole family! **9:30am, Del Oro Theatre, Grass Valley**



Wild & Scenic offers plenty of events where kids can learn and get inspired to take care of the planet!

Saturday Youth Workshops

Storytelling for Change: Earthjustice & Coyote Peterson in Conversation

Join Earthjustice for a pre-recorded conversation with Coyote Peterson, host of Animal Planet's series *Coyote Peterson: Brave the Wild*, and Tim Preso, Managing Attorney at Earthjustice. It will focus on the importance of educating the young generation, and how storytelling can work to protect vulnerable species. In-person participants can ask questions of Earthjustice storytellers and creators. **Saturday, 2:30-3:30pm, Activist Center FREE** (Also on Zoom, link via <u>wsff.eventive.org</u>)

The Salmon Journey

The Salmon Journey Project fosters cross-cultural connections and raises environmental awareness while emphasizing the importance of interdependence and indigenous heritage. Participants in the interactive workshop use visual elements, music, and playful expression to engage in a memorable exploration encompassing storytelling and communication across generations. *Minimum Age: 7.* \$3.00. <u>RSVP required at wsff.eventive.org.</u> **Saturday, 3 - 4:30pm, Studio, Center for the Arts, Grass Valley**



Sharing the Festival with Schools

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival team partners with schools every year to present film programming for the local community and neighboring counties. During the festival week, K-12 graders participate in the Wild & Scenic School Program at the Del Oro and Don Baggett Theaters.

Grades K - 2 Films Biopixels; Brave Girl; Kind of Fishy; Mel Fell; JoJo - A Toad Musical; The Tundra; You Are Not Small.

Grades 3 - 5 Films Bridging Fragments; Danny MacAskill: Do a Wheelie; Flowing - My dream of more freedom; Healing HiłsyaqAiss; JoJo - A Toad Musical; Soundscape; The Invention of Less.

Grades 6 - 8 Films 4DWN, Finding the Line; Mount St. Helens: A Fire Within; Mussel Grubbing: A Citizen Science Treasure Hunt; PLACE - People, Lamprey, And Cultural Ecology.

Grades 9 - 12 Films African Voices for Africa's Forests - Gender; Indigenous Rights, and Restoration; Nanoscapes; Paddle Tribal Waters; Spear, Spatula, Submarine; The Quest to Save Parasites; Driving Sweep.



Awards & Jury

Every year our Program Committee watches hundreds of films submitted for consideration. These volunteers evaluate the films and recommend them for the final selection. Then our Festival Director and Head of Programming, Lívia Campos de Menezes, curates the film sessions so you can enjoy them in theaters or at home.

Thank you to the 2024 Program Committee, who logged hundreds of hours reviewing films: Aaron Zettler-Mann, Akhila Bonnie Murphy, Ali Stefancich, Aviva Fiske, Bil Skidmore, Bill & Susan McClure, Brian Coe, Carrie Rose d'Inzillo, Elyce Klein, Fran Murphy, Kathy Phill, Kyle McNeil, Leila Madge, Lisa Nash, Lucy Logsdon, Luke Walters, Maddie Davis, Melinda Booth, Michele Tremblay, Naima Pagano, Pat Pilling, Rachel Reinyday, Rebecca Walters, Rose Ledford, Scott Beesley, Sushila Mertens, Wrenn Cleary, Yasha Aginsky

Special Awards

The Festival Director decides on two special awards: the Student Filmmaker Award and the John de Graaf Award for Environmental Filmmaking.

We also have a Kid's Jury, facilitated by Wild & Scenic co-founder Janet Cohen, which selects the Best Children's Film. **Thank you to our dedicated elementary and middle school children of the 2024 Kid's Jury:** Banyan Rhodenhill, Blake Harper, Bo Rinne, Cayden Whittlesey, Elias Audelo, Ellieanna Whittlesey, Jasper Hitchcock, Loretta Rinne, Naomi Adams, Quinn Rhodenhill, Rai Audelo, Scarlet Dotson, Siena Harper.

People's Choice Award - Completely Electronic Voting!

For in-person screenings, ballots will be emailed (or texted, if you opt-in) to you after each session ends, allowing you to vote for your favorite films of the sessions you attend. For virtual, the option to vote will appear once you watch the film session.

The 2024 Film Jury brings a rich and varied experience in film, environmental conservation, and activism. The Jury watches a shortlist of films selected by the Festival Director to decide upon the following awards: Best of Festival, Best in Theme, Spirit of Activism, Most Inspiring Adventure Film, Best Short, Jury Awards, Honorable Mentions, and the Szabo Award. Many thanks to our talented and prestigious Jury for the long hours they spent selecting the 2024 award-winning films!







Head Juror, Aaron Zettler-Mann grew up playing in the rivers of Humboldt County. A geographer at heart, he has completed three degrees in Geography, including a PhD at the University of Oregon. He has been involved in river research across the western US and globally. Aaron's drive to protect and improve the health of the West's watersheds led him to SYRCL. As the Executive Director, he works closely with the community, government, and private entities to develop, implement, and monitor restoration efforts across the Yuba River watershed.

Ana Blanco is the Executive Director of the International Ocean Film Festival. She began her nonprofit career with the San Francisco Foundation, preceded by her work at BizWorld.org, an educational entrepreneurship curriculum for young students. Ana's passion for the ocean began when, at age 11, she moved to Lima, Peru. She is a certified PADI diver and learned to sail on the San Francisco Bay while volunteering with the Blue Water Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to introducing at-risk youth to the joys and challenges of sailing on the bay.



Jeannie Wood is one of the founding members and Executive Director of the Community Asian Theatre of the Sierra (CATS), celebrating 30 years of theater, and arts and culture programming in the community. A native of San Francisco Chinatown, she is pleased to share, through CATS, the best of East and West. Jeannie is currently the Nevada County Law Librarian and a Mobile Notary Public and Document Signing Agent. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Nevada County Arts Council and enjoys Japanese drumming with Grass Valley Taiko.



Jesse Locks is a communications specialist with 25 years of experience. After graduating from UC Santa Cruz, she wrote for *Thrasher, Heckler*, and ESPN. She has been at the helm of the award-winning Nevada City Film Festival for 15 years and helped the event to become recognized as the #9 Best Film Festival in the US (*USA Today*) and one of the 25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World (*Moviemaker Magazine*). Jesse also works for the Presidio of SF as their online community manager, a job that deepens her interests in history, outdoor recreation, land conservation, wildlife restoration, and equity in parks.



Jim Sano is the World Wildlife Fund's Vice President for Conservation Travel. He directs WWF's conservation travel programs and is the technical lead for its partnerships with travel companies. Jim was formerly President of Geographic Expeditions, a SF-based adventure travel company, served as a National Park Service ranger in Yosemite National Park, and a leader of many expeditions in Asia, South America, and Africa. He led the first American men and women's expedition on the rarely attempted Lho Pass-West ridge route on Mt. Everest, the first guided crossing of South Georgia Island, and other expeditions throughout Asia and Latin America.

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2024 Films by Genre



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Paddle Tribal Waters

Activism

4DWN Danny Schmidt, USA

Abundance: The Farmlink Story Owen Dubeck, USA

The Bat Couple Simpa Samson, Nigeria

Bright Toh: Unsung Hero Garth Kingwill, Cameroon

Curupira Lea Hejn, UK

The Engine Inside Darcy Wittenburg/Darren McCullough/ Colin Jones, Canada

Near The River Darby McAdams, Zambia, USA

Our Waters Josh "Bones" Murphy, USA

Paddle Tribal Waters Rush Sturges/Paul Robert Wolf Wilson, USA

Puffling Jessica Bishopp, UK

Study Aboard WEST COAST PREMIERE Peter Goetz, USA

You Are Not Small Sherene Strausberg, USA

All film synopses and information on filmmakers in attendance are listed in the Eventive Film Guide. Explore the films at: <u>wsff.eventive.org/films</u>

2024 Films by Genre



Chicas al Agua

Adventure

Apayauq Zeppelin Zeerip, USA

Brave Girl Mark Pedri, USA

Chasing the Bono WEST COAST PREMIERE Peter Goetz, Indonesia

Chicas al Agua Liz McGregor, Chile

Danny MacAskill: Do a Wheelie Cut Media, UK

Desert Wings Nathan McBride, USA Driving Sweep WEST COAST PREMIERE Greg Cairns, USA

Finding the Line Katie Hake, USA

Forward NORCAL PREMIERE Palmer Morse, USA

IN THE DIRT T.C. Johnstone, USA

Kind of Fishy Aleksander L. Nordaas, Norway

META Antje Heyn, Germany

Out There: A National Parks Story Brendan Hall, USA

Soundscape Timmy O'Neill, USA

ULTIMATE CITIZENS CALIFORNIA PREMIERE Francine Strickwerda, USA

Weak Layers Katie Burrell, USA



Danny MacAskill: Do a Wheelie

Energy/Climate Change/ Resources

A Renewable Future Jack Fisher, USA

Arctic: Our Frozen Planet Rachel Scott, UK

California's Watershed Healing CALIFORNIA PREMIERE James Thebaut, USA

Dante's Paradise Osseily Hanna, Mexico

Frozen Harvest Mark Fleming, USA

HEALY Maya Craig, USA

The Invention of Less Noah Erni, Switzerland

Losing Blue Leanne Allison, Canada/US

Pripyat Horse Sally Pearce, UK

Suzie (& Jenny) Marie Rouhban, USA

Tales of Jan Mayen WEST COAST PREMIERE Hugo Pettit, UK

To Be Rich Erika Bolstad, USA

Won't Give Up NORCAL PREMIERE Abdul Kassamali, USA



Usugilix Awakun

Environmental Justice

African Voices for Africa's Forests -Gender, Indigenous Rights, and Restoration African Climate Reality Project/ReWild Africa, Cameroon

Burning Injustice Miguel Astudillo Hirsch, USA

INWARD WORLD PREMIERE Chad Brown, USA

Mãri hi - The Tree of Dream Morzaniel Iramari, Brasil

Ni Wapiten Noémie Echaquan/Julie Ottawa, Canada

NUKED INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE Andrew Nisker, Canada

Soñadora Jr Rodriguez, USA/Colombia

2024 Films by Genre

Tracing History Jalena Keane-Lee, USA

Usugilix Awakun WORLD PREMIERE Palmer Morse/ Matt Mikkelsen, USA

Van Versus Vikas (Forest Versus Progress) Rucha Chitnis, India

Food/Farming

Bluebird Sky Chad Weber, USA

Café Y Aves CALIFORNIA PREMIERE Roshan Patel, Colombia

Farming While Black Mark Decena, USA

Groundwork: A Family Journey into Regenerative Cotton Lindsey Hagen, USA

Sol in the Garden Débora Souza Silva/Emily Cohen Ibañez, USA

The Future of Healthcare is Farm Fresh Val Camp, USA

Health

Between Earth & Sky Andrew Nadkarni, USA

Daughter of the Sea Nicole Gormley/Nancy Kwon, South Korea

Light Beams For Helena Kirk Horton, Mexico

Renaissance Mike McKay, Canada

The Studio Justin Carfagnini/Joshua Duplechian, USA

With the Tide Chelsea Jolly, USA

Land Preservation

Gardener to Guardian Anisa Peters/Sarah Arnoff, USA

Keepers of the Land NORCAL PREMIERE Deirdre Leowinata/Douglas Neasloss, Canada

Mount St. Helens: A Fire Within Rory Banyard, USA

Patrol Camilo de Castro/Brad Allgood, Nicaragua/USA



Bluebird Sky

The Shelmeca Serpent Laura Bermúdez, Honduras

Vertical Meadows Anisa Peters/Sarah Arnoff, USA

Oceans

Blue Whales: Return of the Giants Hugh Pearson, USA

By the Sea - Luca! Here comes the wave! Hao-Jan Chang, Taiwan

Deep Rising Matthieu Rytz, USA

PLSTC Laen Sanches, France

Pond Lena von Döhren/Eva Rust, Switzerland

Siddhartha Sean Fee, Norway/Switzerland

Spear, Spatula, Submarine Shannon Morrall, USA

Sustainable Living

Algorithms of Beauty Miléna Trivier, Belgium

I Am the Nature Taliesin Black-Brown, Brazil

KELP! Caylon La Mantia/Anna Roberts, UK

STORMY WORLD PREMIERE Aaron Straight, USA

Water/River Issues

6,000 Miles Masha Karpoukhina, USA

Flowing - My Dream of More Freedom Christine Sonvilla/Marc Graf, Austria

Healing Hiłsyaq∧is Mark Wyatt, Canada

Mussel Grubbing: A Citizen Science Treasure Hunt Jason Lindsey, USA

On, In & Under the Sava Rožle Bregar/Rok Rozman, Slovenia

PLACE - People, Lamprey, and Cultural Ecology Jeremy Monroe/David Herasimtschuk, USA

Ripples of Plastic WORLD PREMIERE Chris Langer, USA



By the Sea - Luca! Here comes the wave!

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JoJo - A Toad Musical

Romeo November WEST COAST PREMIERE Sinjin Eberle, USA

Salted Earth Ben Hemmings, USA

School of Fish Oliver Sutro/Colin Arisman, USA

Toxic Art WEST COAST PREMIERE Jason Whalen, USA

Vanishing Oasis Jaxon Derow, UK

Wildlife

841 Rachel Burnett, USA

The Beauty Between Austin Smock, USA **Biopixels** Kristina Dutton, USA

Black Skimmers, under our wing Lia Nydes, USA

Bridging Fragments Sonny DePasquale, Costa Rica/USA

Jaguar del Cielo CALIFORNIA PREMIERE Austin Alvarado, Mexico

JoJo - A Toad Musical Chelsea Jolly/David Herasimtschuk, USA

The Lone Wolverine of the Wallowas CALIFORNIA PREMIERE Alan Lacy, USA

Mel Fell Galen Fott, USA

Modern Goose US PREMIERE Karsten Wall, Canada



Wrought

Nanoscapes Krsitina Dutton, USA

The Quest to Save Parasites Emily Driscoll, USA

The Serpent's Lair Sam LeGrys/Sarah Arnoff, USA

Skyward Jessica Bishopp, UK

Sloth 360 James Beissel, USA

The Story of Bacanora Chris Gallaway, USA

The Tundra Christopher Paetkau, Canada

The Waiting Volker Schlecht, Germany

Timber Rattlesnakes of Catoctin Mountain Park WORLD PREMIERE Grace Eggleston, USA **Up and At 'Em** Clyde Petersen, USA

Valley of the Turkeys Sean Grasso, USA

Wrought Anna Sigrithur/Joel Penner, Canada

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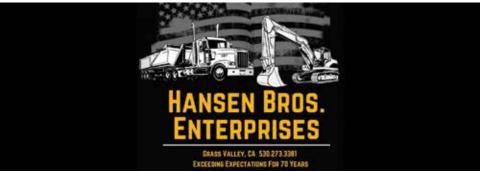




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On Tour

After our flagship event,

the Wild & Scenic Film Festival takes our films **On Tour,** partnering with host organizations to produce more than 100 events each year that reach



over 30,000 attendees. Our hosts are nonprofits, schools, museums, and businesses. Each creates unique film festivals in their communities to raise funds, reach new contacts, and increase awareness of local issues.

Our 2023 Tour Hosts:

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Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay Assateague Coastal Trust Barrymore Theatre Blue Hill Heritage Trust Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper California Film Institute The California Lawyers Association Conference California Natural Resources Agency CCL Alameda Chapter Cleveland Museum of Natural History Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust Columbia Falls Academic Endowment Corvallis Environmental Center **Dickinson College** Eagle River Watershed Council **Elevation Outdoors** Evanston Environmental Association Farmington River Watershed Association Friends of Black Rock High Rock Friends of Butte Creek Friends of Nevada Wilderness Friends of Organ Mountains Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness Friends of the Kaw Friends of the Lost Coast Friends of the Rappahannock Grande Ronde Watershed

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- Rocky Mountain Wild Roque Riverkeeper Saguache County Sustainable Environment & Economic Development San Antonio River Authority San Francisco Recreation and Park Department Santa Fe Watershed Seatuck Environmental Association Sierra Nevada Alliance Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire Southern Nevada Conservancy Spokane Riverkeeper Summit Metro Parks Susquehanna University Tehama Conservation Fund Trail Creek Outfitters
- Trinity County RCD/The Watershed Center Trout Unlimited South Coast Cutthroat Upper Merced River Watershed Council Upper Missisquoi & Trout Rivers Wild & Scenic Committee Utah State University Ventura Land Trust Visions of the Wild Washington & Jefferson College Wild Rivers Conservancy of the St. Croix & Namekagon Wildsight Willamette Riverkeeper

Interested in bringing Wild & Scenic On Tour to your community? Contact us at ontour@wildandscenicfilmfestival.org for more information!



Nevada City & Grass Valley

With the magnificent South Yuba River

in our backyard and loads of small-town charm, Nevada City and Grass Valley make the perfect setting for our festival. Our region is steeped in history and alive with vibrancy, creativity, and community. Nevada City's downtown is a national historical landmark with quality dining, lodging, and shops, all flavored with old-fashioned hospitality. Grass Valley boasts another historic, charming, and thriving downtown with beautifully restored Creating a Place for Community in the Beautiful Sierra Foothills





historic buildings reminding us of days gone by. Both towns are designated California Cultural Districts, an honor bestowed by the California Arts Council to regions of cultural distinction.

Land Acknowledgment

SYRCL works throughout the Yuba River watershed on the Ancestral and Traditional Homelands of the Nisenan Tribe and includes shared boundaries with the Mountain Maidu, Konkow, and Washoe peoples. These tribes have lived here for millennia and live here still. We acknowledge and mourn the painful history of genocide and the devastation of lands and waters irreversibly altered. We are grateful for opportunities to partner with the Tribes to create a shared vision and rebalance our relationship with this place.





Become a Friend of the Festival Join the South Yuba River Citizens League!

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival supports the mission of the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL). Become a member today and join the movement to protect the Yuba River watershed from threats and help us keep Wild & Scenic going year after year. When you become a Friend of the Festival and SYRCL Member, you fuel our ability to be a powerful voice for a thriving Yuba River.

Thanks to our members,

- We inspire activism around the globe with the Wild & Scenic Film Festival.
- We work to restore wild salmon to their native waters.
- We rehabilitate headwater meadows to restore natural water storage capacities.
- We educate and inspire the next generation of environmental stewards through our summer field programs and on-river salmon tours.
- We keep the river clean and healthy through our River Ambassador program, an annual River Cleanup, and river monitoring with the help of 80 trained citizen-scientists who carefully monitor water quality.

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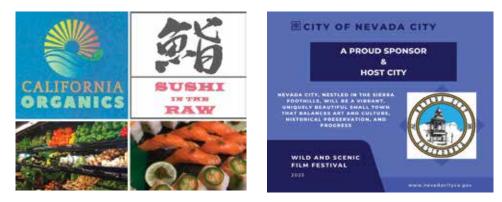
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Every dollar helps, and adding you to our official membership tally boosts our influence to protect the Yuba River from the summit in the Sierra to the Pacific Ocean. SYRCL Members receive Yuba news, discounts on event tickets, and free access to our DVD library of over 1,000 titles.

Send your membership donation to: SYRCL, 313 Railroad Ave, #101, Nevada City, CA 95959







Tyrrell Resources is proud to contribute to SYRCL's restoration work as well as support the Wild & Scenic Film Festival!



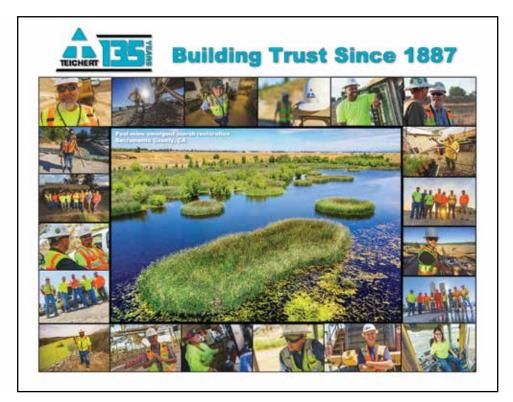
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Thursday

WSFF Sneak Peek Get a jump on watching films! Featured films: Biopixels, Losing Blue, PLTSC, Puffling, Frozen Harvest, Mel Fell, Usugilix Awakun, Soñadora, Paddle Tribal Waters. 1:30pm - 4pm, Sierra College, Grass Valley (Free for Sierra College students & staff)

Art Reception & Awards Ceremony Join us for drinks, small bites, and community at our Art Reception and Awards Ceremony. Meet the art judges and celebrate the artists and award winners. 4:30pm - 6:30pm, Center for the Arts, Grass Valley

3D Films Night For the whole family! Featured films: Arctic: Our Frozen Planet and Blue Whales: Return of the Giants. **7:30pm, Del Oro Theatre, Grass Valley**

Visit wsff.eventive.org/schedule for details on all programming.



Support the SYRCL Environmental Action!

Let the Salmon Swim!

This year, SYRCL's advocacy action is focused on getting more water to the Bay-Delta and all the way to the Golden Gate Bridge in support of salmon and a healthy ecosystem.

Look for Action Tables at various venues to sign the petition and Let Salmon Swim!

TAKE ACTION! <u>YubaAction.org</u>



GRASS VALLEY FILM VENUES

500 seats

SPECIAL EVENTS

Media Lounge Nevada City Winery 4 - 5pm (Livestream, too!) On KVMR Radio 89.5FM 6 - 6:30pm

Welcome Ceremony The Stone House 5 - 6:30pm

THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

ART + NATURE 7:30pm Start

The Beauty Between (5min) Algorithms of Beauty (21min) Siddhartha (10min) Finding the Line (12min) Inward (22min) Stormy (3min) Toxic Art (16min)

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		GRASS VALLEY	FILM VENUES
	500 seats	250 seats	360 seats
ACTIVIST CENTER	THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS	SIERRA COLLEGE	DEL ORO THEATRE
WORKSHOPS			
Workshop: Impact			
Investing and Your			WILD CHILD
Financial Plan			9:30pm Start
10 - 11am			Up and At 'Em (2min)
	TURNING TO		You Are Not Small (3min) Brave Girl (8min)
Panel: The Creative Corps	THE OUTDOORS		By the Sea-Luca! Here comes
ModelHow Artists, Culture	10:30am Start		the wave! (13min) Pond (9min)
Bearers, Museums,	4DWN (17min)		Valley of the Turkeys (25min)
Galleries, & Other NGOs	6,000 Miles (11min)		Mel Fell (7min)
Can Save the Planet	The Studio (12min)		JoJo - A Toad Musical (8min)
11:30am - 12:30pm	Forward (16min) Daughters of the Sea	CLIMATE ACTION	
	(18min)	12pm Start	
Workshop: Healthy Rivers,	Light Beams For Helena	Won't Give Up (5min)	
Healthy Communities	(10min)	To Be Rich (10min)	
1 - 2pm		Salted Earth (20min)	
Variate Manlack and		The Quest to Save	
Youth Workshop: Storytelling for Change:		Parasites (11min)	
Earthjustice &		HEALY (14min)	
Coyote Peterson in		Tales of Jan Mayen (31min)	
Conversation	WILD WOMEN		
also available via Zoom	2:30pm Start		
2:30 - 3:30pm	Renaissance (5min)		
	Between Earth & Sky (26min)		
Youth Workshop:	Apayauq (17min)		
The Salmon Journey	Brave Girl (8min)		
3 - 4:30pm	Chicas al Agua (18min)	SOLUTIONS (repeat)	
@ Center for the Arts Studio	Driving Sweep (10min)	4pm Start	
Panel: Supporting the Next	Driving Sweep (Tornin)	African Voices for Africa's Forests (9min)	
Generation of Climate		Vertical Meadows (7min)	
Stewards Through SYRCL's		Dante's Paradise (19min)	
Field Science Program		Spear, Spatula, Submarine	
4 - 5pm		(13min) KELP! (32min)	
		A Renewable Future (7min)	
	ADVENTURE		
	SPORTS 6:30pm Start		
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	Desert Wings (3min)		
	Soundscape (15min)		
	Near The River (11min)		
	Paddle Tribal Waters (9min)		
	Chasing the Bono (11min)		
	IN THE DIRT (41min)		

11pm

Sunday

370 seats

doors open 30 minutes before start of films NEVADA CITY FILM VENUES

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NEVADA THEATRE

190 seats

90 seats
THE STONE HOUSE

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WILD WOMEN (repeat) 10:30am Start

Renaissance (5min) Between Earth & Sky (26min) 12PM Apayauq (17min) Brave Girl (8min) Chicas al Agua (18min) Driving Sweep (10min) 1PM

FARMING STORIES 11:30am Start

Gardener to Guardian (13min) The Story of Bacanora (3min) Café Y Aves (14min) Bluebird Sky (23min) Frozen Harvest (3min) Groundwork: A Family Journey into Regenerative Cotton (16min) The Future of Healthcare is Farm Fresh! (5min)

CLIMATE ACTION (repeat) 11am Start

Won't Give Up (5min) To Be Rich (10min) Salted Earth (20min) The Quest to Save Parasites (11min) HEALY (14min) Tales of Jan Mayen (31min)

COMING OF AGE STORIES 2:30pm Start

Ni Wapiten (3min) Skyward (19min) School of Fish (19min) Puffling (20min) With the Tide (25min)

WATER TALES 3:30pm Start

Healing HilsyaqAis (5min) Flowing - My Dream of More Freedom (4min) Romeo November (16min) On, In & Under the Sava (5min) Ripples of Plastic (56min)

EXPERIMENTAL SHORTS 3pm Start

PLSTC (2min) Losing Blue (16min) Nanoscapes (4min) Modern Goose (23min) Pripyat Horse (2min) Wrought (20min) Mări hi - The Tree of Dream (17min) META (4min)

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AWARD WINNERS NIGHT 6:30pm Start

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That's A Wrap! A Wild & Scenic Dance Party 9pm Start

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GRASS	VALLEY	FILM	VENUES
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500 seats

THE ARTS

10:30am Start

PLACE - People, Lamprey,

And Cultural Ecology (8min)

The Lone Wolverine of the Wallowas

Bridging Fragments (8min)

9AM

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Coffee Talk: Taking Action: Youth Activists 8:30 - 9:30am Three Forks

> EnviroFair 10am - 4pm York St, Nevada City

Excursion Sightless Climbing with Timmy O'Neill **RSVP** required. 10am - 12pm Gold Crush Climbing Gym, Grass Valley

> Media Lounge 12pm - 4pm Nevada City Winery

Virtual Reality Lounge Sloth 360 1 - 3pm **KVMR**

> **Fireside Chat** Inspiring Journeys 3:30 - 4:30pm 425 Broad Street

Award Winners Film Screening 6:30pm, Nevada Theatre 7pm, Center for the Arts

That's a Wrap! A Wild & Scenic Dance Party 9pm, Oddfellows

ACTIVIST CENTER THE CENTER FOR WORKSHOPS

Screening + Panel California's Watershed Healing FREE 10 - 12pm

> Panel: Outdoors for All 12:30 - 1:30pm

Workshop: Healthy Rivers, Healthy Communities 1 - 2pm

Workshop: Investing for Environmental & Social Justice 2 - 3pm

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

(18min) The Bat Couple (13min) Jaguar del Cielo (14min) Black Skimmers, under our wing (12min) Vanishing Oasis (11min)

> **DEEP RISING** ЗРМ (93min) 2:30pm Start

AWARD WINNERS NIGHT 7pm Start **8**РМ

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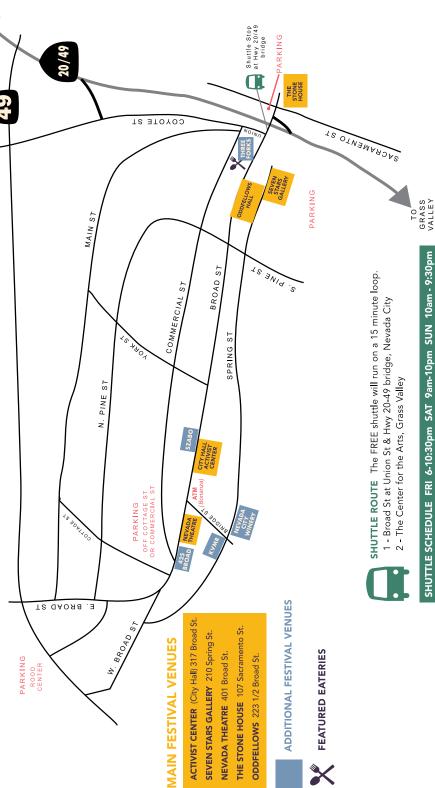
Local's Night Award Winners Nevada Theatre, 6pm Del Oro Theatre, 6:30pm

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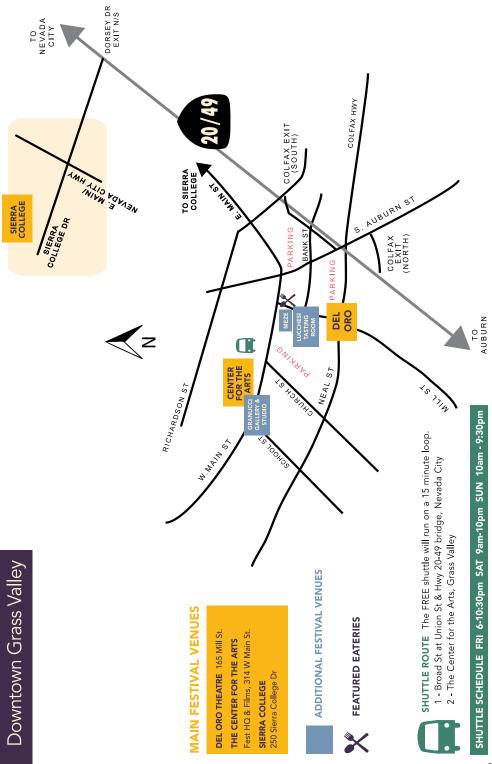




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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE FRI 6-10:30pm SAT 9am-10pm SUN 10am - 9:30pm



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