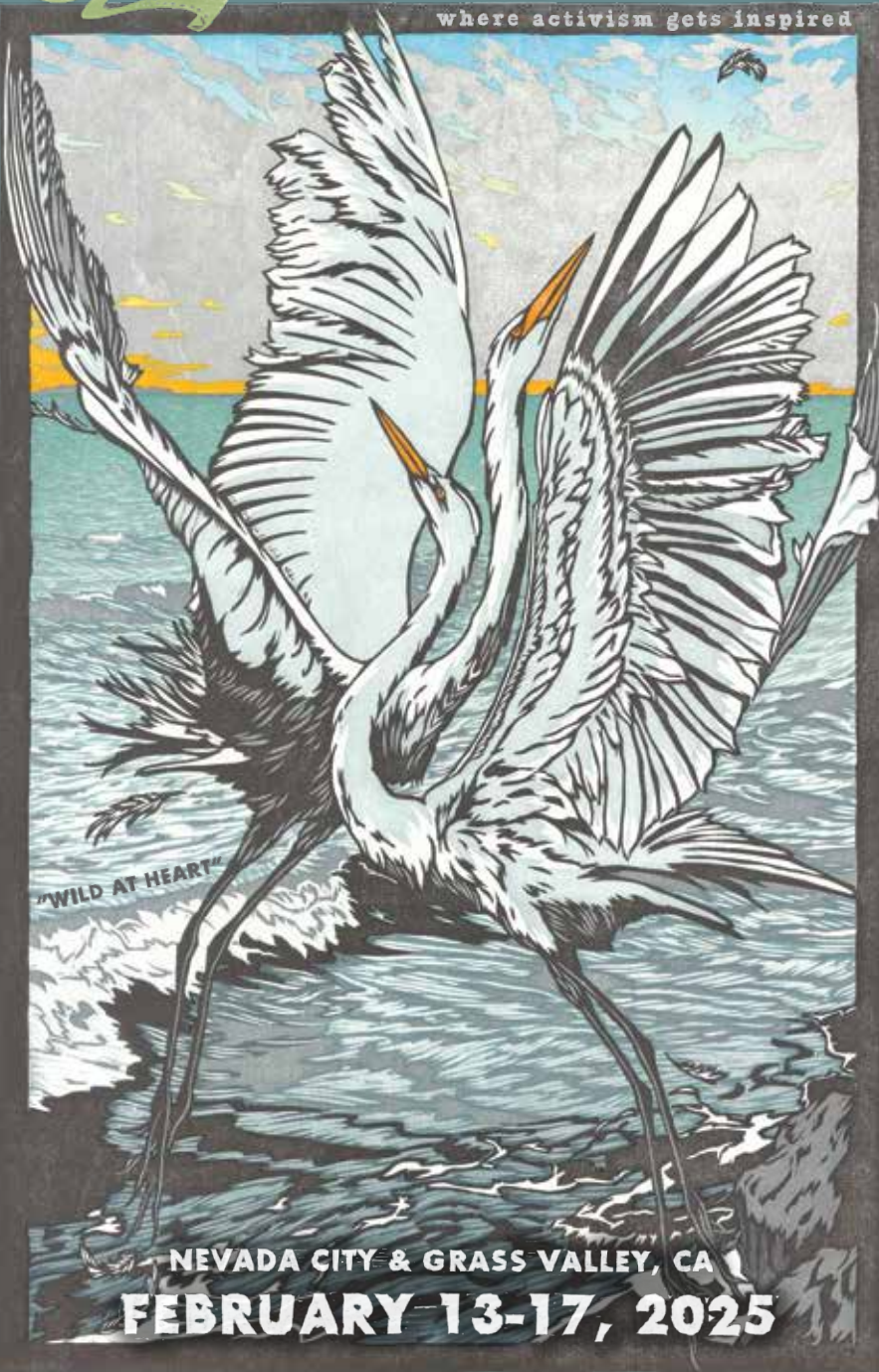


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"WILD AT HEART"

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SYRCL's 23rd Annual Wild & Scenic® Film Festival

Welcome to the 23rd annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival!

We are thrilled to have you as our guests. The 2025 festival theme of 'Wild at Heart' speaks to the power of wild places to spark inspiration, compassion, and understanding of the world around us. Wild is a natural state, particularly for this festival. With a nod to the festival's namesake, created in celebration of SYRCL's landmark victory to earn "Wild & Scenic" status for 39 miles of the South Yuba River, the 2025 theme encourages us all to work to stay wild in ways that enrich us and our surroundings.

For more than two decades, Wild & Scenic has united people inside and outside the theaters, allowing us to engage with filmmakers and learn from activists and scientists about the subject matters presented on screen. In 2025, we will continue our mission to use film to ignite solutions and spark conversations.

As we embark on a new year, we hope our film sessions, panels, and workshops inspire you to continue fighting for a healthy and thriving planet. Thank you for seeking ways to learn how to impact our world positively and for letting SYRCL and Wild & Scenic be a part of that.

Eric Dunn, Festival Director

Aaron Zettler-Mann, Executive 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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For 23 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!



Watershed Pass **\$399/\$389 members**

Includes all film sessions both in-person and virtual, special events including one evening of Dinner and a Movie night, & reserved seats.

Yuba Pass **\$175/\$165 members**

Includes all regular film sessions Thurs-Sun as well as Sunday Award Winners Sessions and Monday Locals' Night Award Winners sessions. Does **not** include special events such as Dinner and a Movie or Saturday Morning Family Friendly Films.

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Includes all regular film sessions Thurs-Sun. Does **not** include Saturday Morning Family Friendly, Dinner and a Movie, or Sun and Mon Award Winners sessions.

Virtual Pass **\$115/\$105 members**

Includes all Virtual sessions.

Single Tickets

Sat/Sun Morning/Afternoon Sessions	\$25
Fri/Sat/Sun Evening Sessions	\$30
Thurs Eve World Premiere, <i>A Radical Thread</i>	\$20
Saturday Morning Family-Friendly Films	\$20
Monday "Locals' Night"	\$20
Saturday Night, 3-course Dinner and a Movie at The Stonehouse	\$125
Sunday Night, 3-course Dinner and a Movie at The Stonehouse	\$125

Student Discount of \$5 for all tickets and passes.

For pass & ticket info: WSFF.Eventive.org

BUY TICKETS IN ADVANCE!

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

CLICK HERE to buy passes & tickets NOW:
wsff.eventive.org/passes/buy

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

Nevada City Headquarters

Seven Stars Gallery

210 Spring Street

Friday, Feb 14 12pm - 9pm

Saturday, Feb 15 9am - 9pm

Sunday, Feb 16 9am - 8pm

Grass Valley Headquarters

The Center for the Arts

314 Main Street

Friday, Feb 14 6pm - 9pm

Saturday, Feb 15 9:30am - 9pm

Sunday, Feb 16 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 them 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 prefer. If you are a Watershed, Yuba, or Creek Passholder, you can use your pass to reserve space at the sessions you plan to attend. You still need to arrive at 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 of the start time, your space will no longer be considered reserved and may be opened up for other attendees. If you arrive at a full venue, please check with the volunteers at the door for available seating at other venues.

For 23 years, SYRCL's Wild & Scenic Film Festival (WSFF) has welcomed audiences to scenic Nevada City and Grass Valley in Nevada County, California for this annual event. We are excited for you to join us in person for the February 13-17 festivities. For those who cannot join us in person, we offer a virtual fest running Feb 13-23. To learn more about the virtual festival, go to **WSFF.EVENTIVE.ORG**.

About the Sessions

We have programmed 117 environmental and adventure films, including 14 world premieres, 7 U.S. premieres, 4 West Coast premieres, and 7 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.** If you do not arrive within 15 minutes of the start time, your empty seat will be considered open for those waiting in the "rush line" to buy last-minute tickets.

A **Watershed Pass** allows you to have a pre-reserved seat for the sessions you attend. To have a pre-reserved seat for a given film session, you must reserve that space through Eventive in advance.

Watershed Pass 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 (unless you have a Watershed Pass).*

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" (according to Eventive when you attempt to reserve), 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.

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 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 light blue Order Tickets button at the top of that film session's page. Don't forget to show up no less than 15 minutes early to ensure that your reserved seat isn't given away as a "no show reservation".

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.

Accessibility

To increase the accessibility of our programming, all of our virtual sessions have the option to enable closed captions. All film venues are ADA accessible. Please reach out to a staff member at the venue if you require assistance. For ADA access to Oddfellows please stop by HQ at Seven Stars Gallery.

How do I meet guest filmmakers & 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, Coffee Talks, and more. Some of our filmmakers and special guests will also be facilitating panels and workshops at the Activist Center.



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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.

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!**

Virtual Screenings

This year, we are offering a virtual component composed of 9 sessions. All films are available on demand so you can watch a session anytime during the virtual festival window (February 13-23, 2025).

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**.

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.

info Click [HERE](#) for more on How to Fest

 
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Getting Around Green

Ride the Wild & Scenic Shuttle Bus!

A FREE shuttle bus runs between Nevada City and Grass Valley Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. It runs continuously and loops approximately every 30 min. First pickup is Nevada City (Fri & Sat), and Grass Valley (Sun).



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

HOURS

Friday 6pm - 11pm
Saturday 8:30am - 11pm
Sunday 9am - 11pm

bus stops

See the maps for shuttle stops, pgs 52-53

Eating and Drinking

Purchase or bring a WSFF stainless steel 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, plates, and a 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 your 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 sponsor Green Mary for leading the 2025 greening efforts!

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Festival Headquarters

First Stop for the Weekend!

Nevada City Headquarters

Seven Stars Gallery, 210 Spring St

- 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.

NEVADA CITY HQ HOURS:

Friday
12pm - 9pm

Saturday
9am - 9pm

Sunday
9am - 8pm

GRASS VALLEY HQ HOURS:

Friday
6pm - 9pm

Saturday
9:30am - 9pm

Sunday
9:30am - 8pm

Grass Valley Headquarters

presented by Cal Solar

The Center for the Arts, 314 West Main St

- Purchase festival passes & tickets.
- See films at the Cal Solar main stage theatre
- 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 watershed.
- Learn more about our National Partners and their environmental and social impact initiatives.

Hungry? Thirsty?

If you are attending in-person or viewing at home locally, consider visiting or ordering food or drinks from one of our Nevada City Featured Eateries.

Three Forks Bakery & Brewery
Pizza Joint
Communal Cafe



Free Popcorn!

HHMI Tangled Bank Studios is generously providing popcorn for FREE at WSFF concessions: Nevada Theatre, Oddfellows, & Sierra College.

Media & Virtual Reality Lounges

Media Lounge

Nevada City Winery
321 Spring Street, Nevada City
Hosted by Elisa Parker

Media Lounge Hours

Friday 4 - 5pm
Saturday 12 - 5pm
Sunday 12 - 4pm

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 lounge opens Friday, February 14, 4 - 5pm. Keep your eye out for a live stream of this online.

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

KVMR
120 Bridge Street, Nevada City
Saturday & Sunday - 10am to 4pm

Experience virtual reality during the festival! Wildlife Protection Solutions presents Wild XR Virtual Reality experience. Head on over to the virtual reality lounge at KVMR radio in Nevada City to immerse yourself in a selection of VR experiences created and presented by Wildlife Protection Solutions. *The VR lounge is a free, first-come, first-served experience where you get in line by signing up 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, the Cal Solar Theater at the 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. 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)
- Seven Stars Gallery (Festival HQ)
- Nevada City Winery (Media Lounge)
- 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 Gallery.
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:

- Granucci Gallery at Center for the Arts (Art Reception + Art Exhibition)

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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 2025 art judges and celebrate the featured artists and award-winners. **4:30 - 6:30pm, Center for the Arts in Grass Valley FREE**

Film Premiere Keeping with the theme of Nevada County art, we're thrilled to be presenting the World Premiere of the film *A Radical Thread*, about the North San Juan Ridge community and the Ridge Tapestry project. Join us for this local-centric evening of film. **7:30pm, Nevada Theatre, Nevada City**

Friday

Welcome Ceremony Start the fest with a warm welcome, including beer from Sierra Nevada Brewing Co, wine from Havenstead and delicious small bites. Opening remarks from SYRCL staff, Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribal Council member and spokesperson Shelly Covert, and others. **5 - 6:30pm, Life-Force Academy, 100 North Pine 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. **Nevada City Winery FREE**

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Special Events

Saturday

Coffee Talk "Regenerative Farming & Cannabis Cultivation Practices". See below 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 our partner, Earthjustice. Pg 20 for specifics. **10am - 5pm, Activist Center, Nevada City's City Hall FREE**

EnviroFair Learn more about local, regional, and international organizations working to make a difference. **10am - 4pm, North Pine Street (between Broad & Commercial streets), Nevada City FREE**

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

Wild XR Virtual Reality Experience The virtual reality lounge features a selection of VR experiences created and presented by Wildlife Protection Solutions. More info on page 11. **10am - 4pm, KVMR, 120 Bridge Street, Nevada City FREE**

Youth Workshop "Intro to Stop Motion Film". \$5 fee and reservation required. Info pg 26. **2 - 4pm, Off Center Stage at Center for the Arts, Grass Valley FREE**

SYRCL Happy Hour For South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL) supporters, members, and soon-to-be members. Hear from Aaron Zettler-Mann, Executive Director, about the issues we're facing this year and how the Wild & Scenic Film Festival is a critical program for generating solutions. Ask questions about what your priorities are. Mingle with board members, staff, and other Yuba lovers. Join or donate, and we'll toast you! No-host bar. **5 - 6pm @ The Stone House 107 Sacramento St, Nevada City FREE**

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 award-winning 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.

Dinner and 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). Featuring the films *Flora, Fauna, Funga, Worm Land, Wild Hope: Mission Impossible, Tides of Tradition, and Surf and Turf*. **6:30 - 9pm, The Stone House, 107 Sacramento Street, Nevada City**

Sunday

Coffee Talk "Get to Know Cindell Dale". See below. **8:30 - 9:30am, Three Forks Bakery & Brewing Co., Nevada City FREE**

Workshops See page 21. **10:30am - 5pm, Activist Center, City Hall, Nevada City FREE**

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

Get Outside "Walk the Talk: Investing in Environmental and Social Justice." Learn How to Make an Impact while Hiking Nevada City's Tribute Trail. See page 24 for info and how to sign-up. **10:30am - 12pm, Tribute Trail, Nevada City FREE**



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

Wild XR Virtual Reality Experience
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8:30 - 9:30am Three Forks, 211 Commercial Street, Nevada City

SUNDAY: Get to Know Cindell Dale, an OARS professional river guide

Featured in the film *About Damn Time* (World Premiere screening on Saturday) Cindell is a legendary female Grand Canyon dory guide who has been with OARS since 1983. The film chronicles the journey of trailblazing boatwomen who, guided by legacy and determination, challenge a male-dominated world, protect sacred rivers, and pass the oars to the next generation. Join us for this Coffee Talk to hear more about Cindell's amazing career and ask her questions of your own.

Special Events

Sunday continued

Dinner and 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). Featuring the films *Flora, Fauna, Funga, Worm Land, Wild Hope: Mission Impossible, Tides of Tradition, and Surf and Turf*. **6:30 - 9pm, The Stone House, 107 Sacramento Street, Nevada City**

Award-Winners A selection of the 2025 WSFF award-winning films. Lineups announced Sunday. See page 25 for more info. **6:30pm, Nevada Theatre, and 7pm, Center for the Arts**

Live Music That's a Wrap: A Wild & Scenic Dance Party. Wrap up the festival weekend with the band Par Avion, as seen and heard in the 2025 Official Selection *Don't Doubt the Trout*. Bernard and Rebecca are not your average musicians. They are also passionate fly fishing anglers and conservationists who are advocating for the protection of Southern California's endangered Steelhead trout. Their band, Par Avion, is a fresh indie-surf trio delivering breezy melodies and coastal vibes with a modern twist. The band's sound captures the essence of endless summer days and Pacific adventures. On drums is none other than Patagonia alpine ambassador Timmy O'Neill. A FREE event! Presented by Cal Trout and Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. **9 - 11pm, Oddfellows Hall, Nevada City FREE**

Monday

Locals' Night Award Screening To honor and thank our hometown audience for 23 years of supporting WSFF, we will have a special discounted screening showing a selection of award-winning films. See page 25 for more info. **6pm, Nevada Theatre, Nevada City, and 6:30pm, Del Oro Theatre, Grass Valley**



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Festival Art

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Meet the Artists!
Thursday
February 13
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Center for the Arts
Grass Valley

Wild & Scenic Art Exhibition

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival and Nevada County Arts Council have again partnered to produce the 14th annual Wild & Scenic Art Exhibition. During the Festival, juried artwork can be viewed at the Granucci Gallery at Center for the Arts, 314 W. Main Street, Grass Valley.

Thank you to our 2025 Art Committee formed by Barbara Getz, Carol Turner, Freda Scott, Rebecca Coffman, and Fran Murphy; as well as our Art Judges Mira Clark, Christine Koppes, and Cheri Awalt.

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 2025 art judges and celebrate the featured artists and award-winners.

Thursday, February 13, 4:30 - 6:30pm, Center for the Arts in Grass Valley FREE

2025 Official Artist

Nick Wroblewski

Each year, our artwork breathes life into the theme and sets the mood for the year to come. The gorgeous wood cut print was created by artist Nick Wroblewski, a Midwest based printmaker of hand cut woodblocks, and it embodies and embraces the 2025 theme of Wild at Heart. When we asked Nick to tell us what made him excited about making artwork for the Wild and Scenic Film Festival, here is what he told us: "Because I think when I was first asked, it just conjured that experience I had in that area. I think that was the real spark of it for me, especially the Yuba [River]. In years past, I traveled over the mountains to get out to California...I had always visited some friends in that area and spent some time on the river and just really...appreciated

it. And then also the work that [SYRCL + WSFF] has done, you know, I love the mission and the themes. I like the challenge of it...trying to create an image that would be rewarding for my own pursuits, but also something that you all would really find striking and useful and meaningful."



Congratulations to our 2025 Festival Artists

View artists' work at the Granucci Gallery at the Center for the Arts in Grass Valley.

Alex Sebastian	Jennifer Peart
Alice Krasinski	Jim Bair
Anita DuPratt	John Seivert
Annette Wolters	Jonathan Finegold
Barbara McCabe	Jori Phillips
Betsy A Lombard	Juliette Morris Williams
Bishop Randall	Kathy Kasic
Casey Newton	Kevin Byrd
Cydney Larsen Richardson	Kristin Aplin
David Maso	Laurence Fogiel
Deanna Cordova	LeeAnn Brook
Deborah Bridges	Linda Galusha
Denise Lapier	Linda Zupan
Denise Wey	& Terrance Williams
Eileen Sitko	Maile McGrew-Frede
Emil Kostritsa	Marina Caliar
Jack Devlin	Marsha Stone
Jennifer Ruggie	Maru Hoeber



Hirschmans by Stephanie Sobierski

Michael LaMarca
Monica Hughes
Naima Pagano
Nathanael Gray
Richard Swayze
Sharon Norton
Stephanie Sobierski
Terrance Williams
Vanessa Jo Bahr

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BIG FLY BIG FISH Art Exhibit

Throughout the festival, attendees are encouraged to experience the “Big Fly Big Fish” exhibition, which is a collection of art assemblages by artist and angler Kevin Byrd. It's the combination of two life-long pursuits: art-making and fly-fishing. The artworks explore traditional fly tying techniques at an exaggerated scale by using large fish hooks typically found in deep-sea shark fishing. Household items (zip ties, USB cables, speaker wires, etc) are repurposed as raw material, reimagined into artistic lures.

Locations

Nevada City: Abstrakt, Brewbilt Brewhaus, Communal Café, Crush, Heartwood, J.J. Jackson's, Kitkitdizzi, Nevada City Chamber of Commerce, Nevada Theatre, Novak's Menswear, Pizza Joint, Seven Stars Gallery (Fest HQ), Three Forks Bakery & Brewing Co., Treats, and Winnie Superette. **Grass Valley:** Caroline's Coffee Roaster, Del Oro Theatre, and Granucci Gallery at The Center for the Arts.



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Workshops

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**.

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Saturday

10 - 11am The "Dos Rios" Story: Transforming California's Future with Floodplain Restoration – Panel Discussion

Discover why Dos Rios, California's newest state park, is hailed as a "Park of the Future" by state leaders. Once marginal farmland, Dos Rios is now a thriving floodplain ecosystem that reduces flood risks, recharges groundwater, and restores habitats for wildlife and people. Join River Partners President Julie Rentner, River Partners Director of Tribal Engagement Austin Stevenot (Northern Sierra Mewuk), filmmaker Alan Sanchez, and a special guest from the CA Natural Resources Agency to explore how floodplain restoration renews watersheds, heals historic wrongs, and safeguards biodiversity for future generations.

11:30am - 12:30pm Tim Palmer Presents *Seek Higher Ground: The Natural Solution To Our Urgent Flooding Crisis*

This slide show by author, photographer, and WSFF veteran Tim Palmer illuminates the compelling case for changing our response to floods, which are growing worse with climate change. More needs to be done to protect floodplain open space and help people relocate to higher ground. Director Chad Berginnis of the Association of State Floodplain Managers called *Seek Higher Ground* "The most comprehensive and compelling book written on the history and challenges of floodplain management." Tim is the award-winning author of 33 books and the original Wild and Scenic River study of the South Yuba. www.timpalmer.org.

1 - 2pm Financial Activism at Nia Impact Capital: Holding Tesla Accountable

Nia Impact Capital is a leader in company engagement on climate, social, and racial equity. Its shareholder activism is one of the ways that Nia is differentiated from other investment firms, believing that this can help safeguard investments and improve corporate social responsibility. We will look at Nia's financial activism case studies, with a deep dive into Tesla, and learn more about how you can join the movement to invest in the world we all want to have.

2:30 - 3:30pm Health Under Fire: Climate Change's Impact on People and Healthcare

This vital panel features Dr. Tara Benesch, who will discuss the direct health effects of climate change, shedding light on how rising temperatures and environmental shifts impact our well-being. Dr. Glenn Gookin will talk about the vulnerabilities in our healthcare system and its contribution to greenhouse gas emissions. He will share proactive initiatives

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from Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital to improve resiliency and reduce its carbon footprint. Laura Gravelle will explore the mental health effects of climate change on youth and supportive interventions. The panel will offer practical ideas for individuals and organizations to take action, fostering a sense of empowerment in addressing these issues.

4 - 5pm Grounding in Gratitude: A Community Grief Ritual

How do we navigate the emotions of grief, anger or despair as we witness the destruction and injustices of the world? Our culture teaches how to suppress or distract from our painful emotions and yet, as activists, we can support each other in being whole to honor our emotional landscape. In this community-based grief ritual, we begin in gratitude, open our hearts toward the painful truths, and remember that we are not alone.

Sunday

10:30am - 12pm Aging & the Outdoors: Free Screening of *Cycling Without Age* + Panel Discussion

By 2030, 10.8 million Californians will be considered "older adults," making up one quarter of the state's population. *Cycling Without Age* shows how important it is to continue activities as we age. Join us for a discussion with the filmmakers and leaders from state and local aging services to hear more about what we can do collectively to reimagine the aging experience and ensure people of all ages and abilities can access wild and scenic places.

12:30 - 1:30pm Adaptation: In-Progress Film Screening + Panel Discussion

As wildfires, hurricanes, and hail storms become more frequent and severe, how can our communities prepare? Join us for an exclusive sneak peak of *Adaptation*, a new short documentary that explores unique experiments and research by the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS). Post screening, join co-director Palmer Morse, Senior Director for Wildfire at IBHS Steve Hawks, and other panelists for a conversation on future proofing housing in the face of a changing climate in California.

2 - 3pm Be an Activist for Your Health: Cancer Screening for Early Detection and How to Live your Best Life with a Cancer Diagnosis

This panel discussion will offer current diagnosis directions in the leading cancers, shedding light on alarming trends in younger populations. We'll discuss screenings for the top cancers, including colon and breast, as well as what age to begin and how often. Lastly, If you are diagnosed with cancer, we cover some resources that are available to help maintain your optimal self physically, mentally, and spiritually. Moderated by CAP Radio's Vicki Gonzalez

4pm - 5pm Modern Megafires and The Power of Forest Restoration

Join filmmaker Evan Barrientos for a screening of this year's film *Fireforest*, which documents the crucial impacts of forest restoration in halting Colorado's Cameron Peak Fire of 2020. After the film, a panel of local and regional fire experts will share the methods, impacts, and challenges of forest restoration in the face of our modern-day megafires.

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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!



Don't Miss a Visit to the EnviroFair!
Saturday & Sunday FREE
10am - 4pm, N. Pine St, Nevada City

Scavenger Hunt!

Join Earthjustice, the nation's leading environmental law organization, on a Wildlife Victory Trail! Embark on a scavenger hunt throughout the festival venues to discover remarkable species that Earthjustice has protected over the years. We fight for your right to a healthy environment free of charge because we believe the earth needs a good lawyer. **Start your journey at the Earthjustice booth at the EnviroFair**, where you'll receive your Explorer's Field Guide. Track down and collect unique stamps for each species while learning their stories. Complete your collection and claim exclusive Earthjustice merch— perfect for your next outdoor expedition! Fun for environmentalists of all ages.

EnviroFair Organizations

WSFF sponsors, Bear Yuba Land Trust, Buffalo Field Campaign, CA State Parks, California Wolf Foundation, Citizen Climate Lobby, Community Environmental Advocates Foundation, Citizens for Choice, Friends of Bear River, Gold Country Fly Fishers Conservation and Education Committee, Mountain Bounty Farm, Nevada County Arts Council, Sierra Club, Sierra Harvest, Sierra Nevada Alliance, Tahoe National Forest

EnviroFair Music Schedule

Saturday

11 - 11:15am: ASCAB Sierra Capoeira with Contra-Mestre Luke Palhaço
 12 - 1pm: Mignon Geli: native flutes & more
 1:15 - 2:15pm: Gary Bowman & Friends: originals

Sunday

12 - 1pm: Mignon Geli
 1:15 - 2:15pm: Gary Bowman

Get Outside!

Need a break from films? Head outside for a field trip!

Walk the Talk: Investing in Environmental & Social Justice - Learn How to Make an Impact

Nevada City's Tribute Trail

Sunday: Have you ever wondered how to invest in a world we all want to live and thrive in? Are you curious and want to learn more about investing in climate solutions and social justice?

During this interactive walk through the beautiful woods of Nevada City, we will discuss how finances can be solutions for investing in environmental and social justice. Come and join us! Nia Impact Capital is a women-first investing firm promoting diversity and sustainability to create an economy that works for all. Capacity: 30. Please RSVP at the link below. **Sunday, 10:30am - 12pm. Meet in front of Nevada City Winery at 10:15am FREE**



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

Field trip info & to RSVP: [WSFF.Eventive.org/schedule](https://www.wsff.com/Eventive.org/schedule)



Special Film Presentations

Wild Child Family-Friendly Films Don't miss this great morning of films for all ages! Film list on page 49. **Saturday, 9:30am, Del Oro Theatre, Grass Valley \$20**

Dinner & A Movie A special event featuring a 3-course dinner paired with films. **Saturday, 6:30 - 9pm, The Stone House, Nevada City \$125**

Award-Winning Sessions

Watershed and Yuba pass holders have access to the Award-Winner Sessions. All other festival pass holders need a separate ticket to attend these sessions.

The surprise lineups will be announced on the morning of Sunday, February 16, featuring programming of different award-winning films. The Award-Winning Sessions are broken into A and B sessions. **Session A will play in Nevada City on Sunday and Session B will play in Grass Valley. On Monday, Nevada City will host session B and Grass Valley will host session A.**

Sunday Award Winners 6:30pm, Nevada Theatre, and 7pm, The Center for the Arts \$30

Monday "Locals' Night" Award Winners To honor and thank our hometown audience for 23 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, and 6:30, Del Oro Theatre \$20**

Vote for YOUR favorite Film!

Check your text or email after each session you attend to vote for the People's Choice Award.

If screening virtually, look for the prompt to vote after viewing a session.

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Wild & Scenic Youth

Tuesday - Thursday

Four carefully selected, age-appropriate programs are offered, accompanied by film-specific, standards-based 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

These stories will take you on a journey with kids climbing high above the fjords of Norway to animation of creatures like snails and ostriches. The film session familiarizes us with Tule through an animated film narrated by a young Pomo tribal member, then takes us on a journey to the visitors of a Cactus Hotel. This Saturday Morning session is sure to be a fun and educational event for the whole family! **9:30am, Del Oro Theatre, Grass Valley**



Films

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

EnviroFair

Workshop

Saturday Youth Workshop

Intro to Stop Motion Film

Are you interested in filmmaking? Join SYRCL's Education Director, Monique Streit, to learn how to create a mini stop-motion animated film. Chaperones are welcome for free - bring your smartphone if you have one. **\$5 fee and reservation required: [WSFF.Eventive.org/schedule](https://www.wsff.org/eventive.org/schedule) Saturday, 2 - 4pm, Off Center Stage at the Center for the Arts, Grass Valley**

Monique Streit is the Education Director for SYRCL and curates the WSFF School Programs and writes the accompanying curriculum. She has ten years of experience in education, from being a classroom teacher to running environmental education programs. During her graduate program at Southern Oregon University, Monique created a virtual game utilizing stop-motion animation for students to engage with.

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, kindergarten through twelfth graders participate in the Wild & Scenic School Program at the Del Oro Theatre.

Grades K - 2 Films

Aldo's Bug Extravaganza, Three Trees, Yuba Salmon Dance, Metamorphosis, Unseen Peaks, Pufferfish, Make It Myself, MONCH!, Freya

Grades 3 - 5 Films

Yuba Salmon Dance, Above Sinai, Tule, Wild Hope: Coral Comeback, Freya, Hoofs on Skates

Grades 6 - 8 Films

Yuba Salmon Dance, Friends of Frogpool Lane, Sandcastle: Secret Life of Potter Wasps, 2 Legs 2 Easy, Reforesting CA after Wildfire, Healing Giants, Above Sinai

Grades 9 - 12 Films

Obibini, Survival on the Edge, Polar Bear Country, Eyes on the Forest, Both & Neither, Unseen Peaks



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Awards & Jury

Every year our Program Committee watches hundreds of films for consideration. These volunteers evaluate the films and recommend them for the final selection. Then our Head of Programming, Livia Campos de Menezes, curates the film sessions so you can enjoy them in theaters or at home. **Thank you to the 2025 Program Committee for their many hours viewing films:** Aaron Zettler-Mann, Abby Messe, Akhila Bonnie Murphy, Ali Stefancich, Alison Harper, Amy Edwards, Anna Bennett, Annabeth Gausepohl, Anne Marie Holt, Aviva Fiske, Bill & Susan McClure, Brandon Botrick, Brian Coe, Caitlin Martin, Dan McAlister, Daniel Elkin, Devin Cormia, Elizabeth Mendelsohn, Fran Murphy, George Olive, Jamie March, Jesslyn Wilson, Jonathan Rodriguez, Julie Chernesky, Kathy Phillips, Katie Ivy, Kitty Thomas, Kyle McNeil, Leila Madge, Lisa Nash, Luke Walters, Meghan Cook, Michael West, Michael Huth, Michele Tremblay, Monique Streit, Nick Guy, Pat Pilling, Peter Carellini, Rachel Reinyday, Rebecca Walters, Rebekah Capel, Scott Beesley, Stacia Bohnert, Sushila Mertens, Yasha & Carrie Aginsky, Zane Burnett

Special Awards The Festival Director decides on two special awards: the Student Filmmaker Award and the John de Graaf Award for Environmental Filmmaking. In addition, 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 2025 Kid's Jury:** Quinn Rhodenhill, Banyan Rhodenhill, Bo Rinne, Loretta Rinne, Naomi Adams, Scarlet Dotson, Selah Moore, and Isaiah Asher.

People's Choice Award Be sure to vote for your favorite film - whether you are watching in-person or at home! More details on page 25.

The 2025 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, and Honorable Mentions. Many thanks to our talented and prestigious Jury for the long hours they spent selecting the 2025 award-winning films!





Head Juror, Aaron Zettler-Mann grew up playing in the rivers of Humboldt County. 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.



Angela Matano loves film. From a very early age, movies transfixed her. For over twenty years she worked on programming and events at the Los Angeles film non-profit, Vidiots. She is entering her fourth year as the director of the Mendocino Film Festival and loves being able to bring a wide collection of independent films to an appreciative audience.



Houghton Kinsman works between Cape Town and Sacramento. His writing has appeared in *Frieze*, *Art South Africa*, *Contemporary*, and *Dazed and Confused* magazines. He works as Education Manager at the Crocker Art Museum and served previously as the Assistant to the Curator of Education at the Museum of Contemporary Art, North Miami.



Jeff Clark is one of the original founders of the Nevada City Film Festival and has been the captain of the festival's ship since 2001. In that same year, Jeff took ownership of the Magic Theatre (now the Onyx Theatre), which has established itself as one of the premier arthouse theatres in the region. Jeff lives by the quote by writer Henry Miller: "Art teaches nothing, except the significance of life."



Jeff Ross has past experience working many film festivals and started San Francisco IndieFest in 1998. He has also worked for Burning Man since 2006, and is one of the founders of the Film Festival Alliance. In 2025 SF IndieFest will present the 27th SF Independent FF, the 25th SF Documentary Festival, the 21st Another Hole in the Head genre festival, the 8th SF Shorts Fest and the 6th Green FF of San Francisco.



Megan Cotterell is passionate about creating experiences that inspire positive change. She has many years of experience working in environmental roles in the resource sector, before she moved into the community engagement and event world. Her love of the outdoors brought her to Canada, and shortly after, she joined the Banff Centre Mountain Film and Book Festival and World Tour team. She is now the Festival Manager, overseeing logistics and the online film platform.



Michelle Ficara is the Founder and Director of the Lake Tahoe Documentary Film Festival. As a Documentary Filmmaker she has produced numerous non-fiction projects across communities worldwide. Michelle's most recent documentary, *Momentum*, premiered on PBS, while her earlier films have been nominated for an IDA award and won accolades at the Social Justice Film Festival and the DC Environmental Film Festival.

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TURTLE WALKER

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WILDHOPE

2025 Films by Genre



Flight Of The Swans



2 Legs is 2 Easy

Activism

Clean Up Sayu

Mexico

Flight Of The Swans

UK

Obibini

Ghana

Valve Turners

USA

Adventure

2 Legs is 2 Easy

USA

Above Sinai

Egypt

Aldo's Bug Extravaganza

USA

Both & Neither | Ambos y Ninguno

USA, Mexico

CANAFORNIA

Canada, USA

Champions of the Golden Valley

Afghanistan, Germany, USA

Designed by Disaster

USA

Freya

Britain

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

2025 Films by Genre



Half Life

WORLD PREMIERE

USA

Here the Wild Things Are

New Zealand

Hoofs on skates

Lithuania

Jamie

Canada, USA

Mother River

USA

Nature Always Finds A Way

USA

One Inch From Flying

CALIFORNIA PREMIERE

USA



Ride to Slide

USA

River Mamma

USA

The Forgotten Coast

Iceland, USA

The world is ours

Canada

Unseen Peaks

USA

Energy/Climate Change/ Resources

Arctic Ice: Under The Midnight Sun

Greenland, Canada

Cham

USA, India

Chasing Time

USA

Fireforest

USA

It's Time

USA

**Local Climate Solutions: Biodiversity &
Forest Conservation in the Sierra Gorda**

USA





hitoláayca (Going Upriver)

Terminus

USA

The Human Side Of Plastic: Babacar Thiaw

US PREMIERE

Senegal, UK, USA

The Island

Turkey

The Last Observers

Sweden

The Memory of Darkness, Light, and Ice

WORLD PREMIERE

USA

Tides of Tradition

USA

Water Ashes

Hungary

Environmental Justice

Boca Chica

USA

Canyon Chorus

USA

Freetown: Cooling a City

Sierra Leone

hitoláayca (Going Upriver)

WORLD PREMIERE

USA

Make it Myself

USA

Mother, Father, Blood

USA

People of Red Mountain: Life Over Lithium

USA

Signal Fire: Towards Reconciliation

Canada

Wild Hope: Protecting Paradise

Panama

Food/Farming

Against the Herd

United Kingdom

**Nevada County: A Case Study
for Legal Cannabis**

USA

Regen-a-Nation: Farming For Our Future

England

Surf and Turf

WORLD PREMIERE

USA

The Hard Part

WORLD PREMIERE

USA

2025 Films by Genre

To Be a Good Home

WEST COAST PREMIERE

USA

Wild Hope: Mission Impossible

USA

Wild Hope: Mission Impossible (short cut)

USA

Worm Land

WEST COAST PREMIERE

USA

Health

Cycling Without Age

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA PREMIERE

USA

Dancing Warrior

USA

Hidden Spirit

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA PREMIERE

Israel

Metamorphosis

USA

Open Water

Germany, United Kingdom

Land Preservation

Decades in the Making

WORLD PREMIERE

USA

How the Land Remembers Us

CALIFORNIA PREMIERE

USA

Nature for All

USA

Polar Bear Country

WORLD PREMIERE

US, Canada

Preserve our Culture

Canada

Reforestation California after Wildfire

USA

Roots

US PREMIERE

Dominican Republic

Saving Silence

USA

Standing Above the Clouds

Hawaiian Kingdom

The Fire Poppy

USA

Tule

USA



Polar Bear Country



Don't Doubt the Trout



A Radical Thread

Oceans

Attacks!

US PREMIERE

France

Footprints on Katmai

USA

Managed to Extinction

USA

Rhythm of Water

USA, South Africa, New Zealand, Canada

Tahlequah the Whale: A Dance of Grief

USA, Lithuania

The Cigarette Surfboard

USA

Wild Hope: The Great Ocean Cleanup

Jamaica, The Netherlands

Sustainable Living

A Call from the Wild

CALIFORNIA PREMIERE

Norway, Germany

A Radical Thread

WORLD PREMIERE

USA

For You

United Kingdom

Solar Punk Diaries I : Solar Punk Farms

WORLD PREMIERE

USA

Water/River Issues

About Damn Time

WORLD PREMIERE

USA

Between the Lines

US PREMIERE

Chile

Black Water

Democratic Republic of the Congo, USA

Don't Doubt the Trout

USA

Dos Rios: A Story of Renewal

USA

Friends of the Frogpool Lane

USA

Judy's Creek - Discovering the Secret Life of the Streambed

USA

2025 Films by Genre

Return to Spur Lake: Bringing back the food that grows on water

USA

River Cowboys: Keepin' it Wild

USA

Rivers Cannot Defend Themselves

USA

The Grand Salmon

USA

The Spirit Who Swims

Canada

The Wolf Creek Anthem

CALIFORNIA PREMIERE

USA

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USA

Wildlife

Among the wolves

France, Belgium

Cactus Hotel

Germany

Eyes on the Forest

Democratic Republic of the Congo, USA

Flora, Fauna, Funga

USA

Healing Giants, Kenya

USA

Lead It Go

USA

Like the Snail

US PREMIERE

Hungary, Argentina

Mollie's Pack

USA

MONCH!

US PREMIERE

USA

Nozawa Story

US PREMIERE

Japan, USA

Portrait of a Ranger: Connie

Kenya, USA

Pufferfish

Germany

R.E.S.C.U.E.

Kenya

Sandcastle - The Secret Life Of Potter Wasps

Switzerland

Survival on the Edge

India/United Kingdom

The Bird in My Backyard

CALIFORNIA PREMIERE

Canada





The Joy of Parrots

Australia

The Return of Nóouhàh-Toka'na (Swift Fox)

USA

Three Trees

Canada

Turtle Walker

CALIFORNIA PREMIERE

India/USA

Wingspan

USA

Yuba Salmon Dance

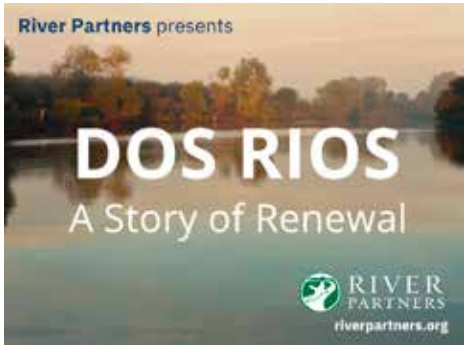
USA



In Memoriam: Chuck Jaffee

For many years, Chuck was an integral part of the festival, namely as the Head Juror. He screened thousands of films for us over the years and wrote insightful preview articles for *The Union* newspaper. His unwavering support, film insights, and spirit were always appreciated. We will deeply miss his quippy email sign-offs and presence in our community.

Thank you, Chuck!



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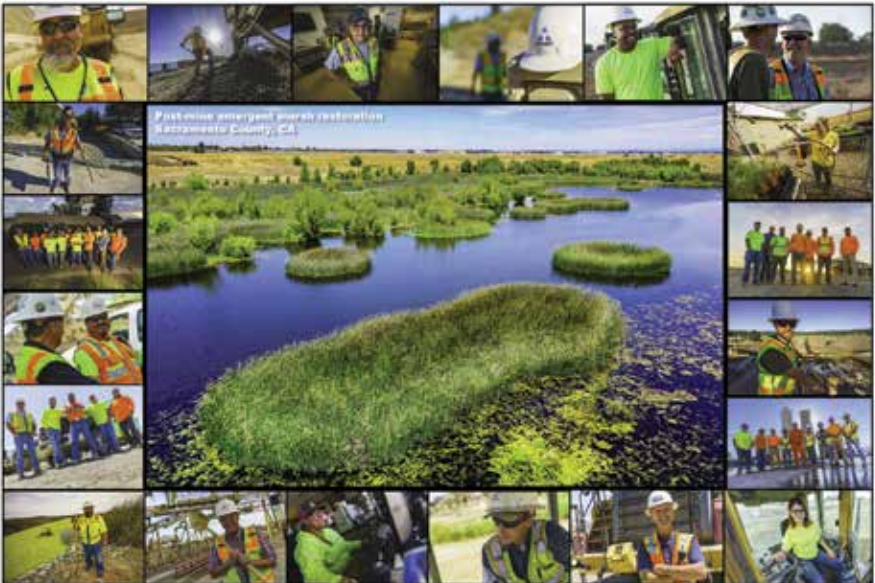


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On Tour, partnering with host organizations to produce over 100 events each year that reach over

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 2024 Tour Hosts:

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American Rivers, Northern Rockies
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Black, Bold, Brilliant w/ Outdoor Afro
Blue Hill Heritage Trust
California Natural Resources Agency
Calaveras Community Television
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CCL Alameda
Citizens Environmental Coalition: Houston
Cleveland Museum of Natural History
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Columbia Falls Academic Foundation
Corvallis Environmental Center
Cul-de-Sac
Dan River Basin Association
DC Environmental Film Festival
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Farmington River Watershed Association
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Ohio River Foundation
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Sierra Club: Idaho chapter
Sierra Nevada Alliance
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Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire
Southern Nevada Conservancy
Spokane Riverkeeper
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Tuck River Cleanup: Western North Carolina Univ.
University of Wisconsin, Madison

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Upper Missisquoi & Trout Rivers
Ventura Land Trust
Vermont Natural Resources Council
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Interested in bringing Wild & Scenic
On Tour to your community?
Contact us at
ontour@wildandscenicfilmfestival.org
for more information!

**THANK YOU
2024 On Tour
Hosts!**



Nevada City & Grass Valley

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Creating a Place for Community in the Beautiful Sierra Foothills



GRASS VALLEY-NEVADA CITY
**CULTURAL
DISTRICT**

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

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 and Wild & Scenic Film Festival work 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. Learn more and support at chirpca.org



NEVADA CITY IS A VIBRANT COMMUNITY KNOWN FOR ITS UNIQUE CHARM, PICTURESQUE DOWNTOWN, ARTISAN SHOPS, DIVERSE DINING OPTIONS, AND THRIVING ARTS SCENE.



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

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival exists to support the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL). Become a member today and join the movement to protect the Yuba River from threats and help us keep the Wild & Scenic Film Festival 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 worldwide 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, the annual River Cleanup, and 80 trained citizen-scientists who carefully monitor water quality.

Become a Member TODAY!

**[yubariver.org/unite/
membership/](http://yubariver.org/unite/membership/)**

Every dollar helps! Adding you to our official membership tally helps us 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 film festival library of over 1,000 titles.

Join at the fest, online or send your membership donation to:
**SYRCL, 313 Railroad Ave, #101,
Nevada City, CA 95959**





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



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Thank you
to our
photographers
featured in this
program:

Kathy Triolo

Haley Wright

Mike Shea

Monica Hughes

Henry Goodman

Mark your calendar!

Join us for the 24th annual
Wild & Scenic Film Festival
February 19 - 23, 2026

Thursday

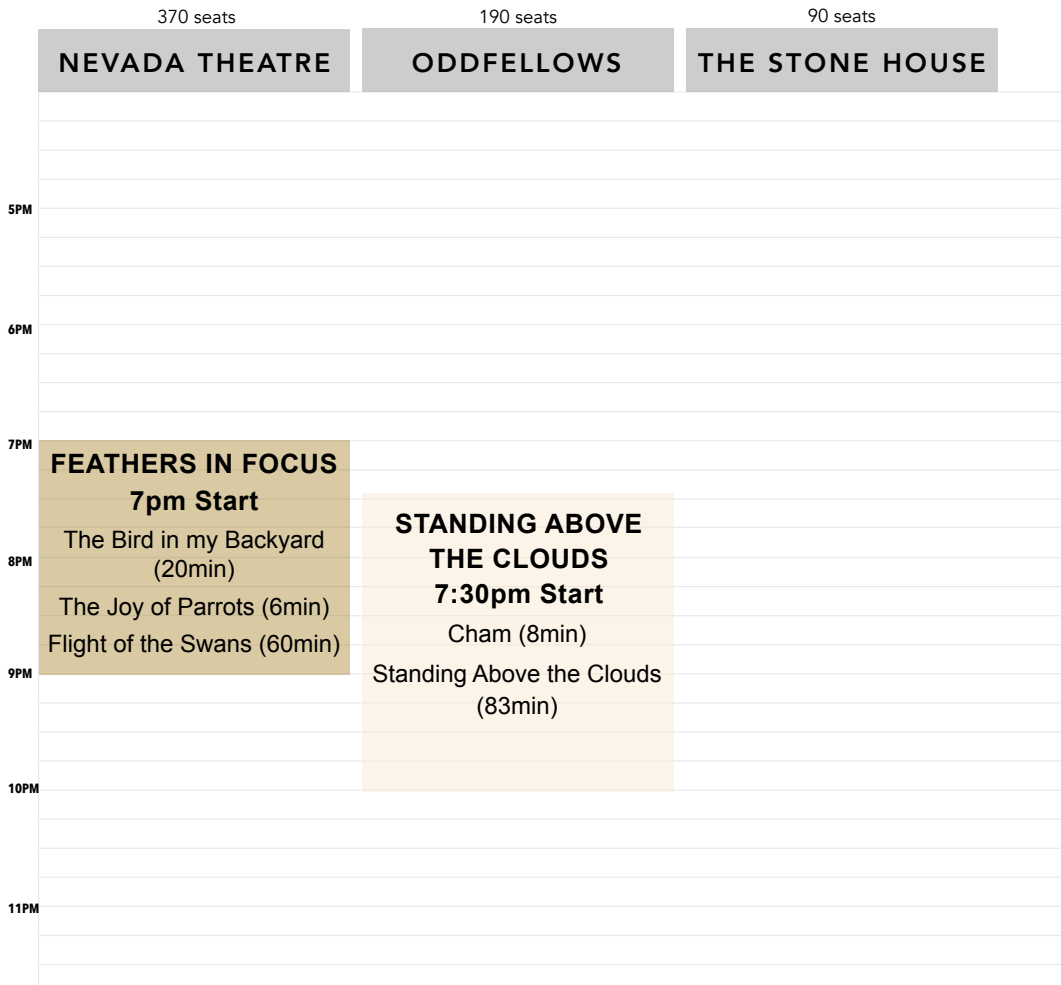
Art Reception & Awards Ceremony Join us for drinks, small bites, and community at our Art Reception and Awards Ceremony. Meet the art judges and celebrate the artists and award winners. **4:30pm - 6:30pm, Center for the Arts, Grass Valley**

Film Premiere Keeping with the theme of Nevada County art, we're thrilled to be presenting the World Premier of the film *A Radical Thread*, about the North San Juan Ridge community and the Ridge Tapestry project. Join us for this local-centric evening of film. **7:30pm, Nevada Theatre, Nevada City**

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

Friday

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

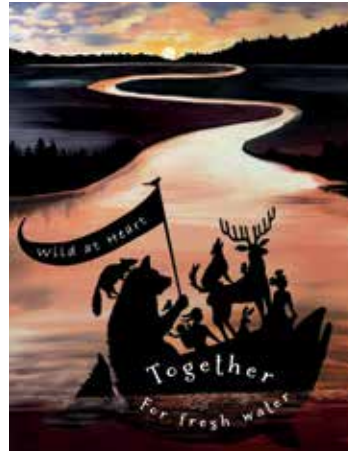


Support the SYRCL Environmental Action

Protect Our Rivers! California, Lead the Way!

California and most of life on the planet relies on fresh water. SYRCL's advocacy action urges our state's leaders to utilize their existing plans and commitments to protect California's freshwater resources for all living things.

TAKE ACTION! YubaAction.org



GRASS VALLEY FILM VENUES

500 seats

SPECIAL EVENTS

Media Lounge

Nevada City Winery

4 - 5pm (Livestream, too!)

Welcome Ceremony

Life-Force Academy

5 - 6:30pm

CENTER FOR THE ARTS CAL SOLAR STAGE

7:30pm Start

The Cigarette
Surfboard
(93min)

5PM

6PM

7PM

8PM

9PM

10PM

11PM

Saturday

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

	370 seats NEVADA THEATRE	190 seats ODDFELLOWS	90 seats THE STONE HOUSE	SPECIAL EVENTS
9AM				
10AM		FARMING TALES 10am Start	WILDLIFE CONSERVATION 10am Start	Coffee Talk: Regenerative Farming & Cannabis Cultivation Practices 8:30 - 9:30am Three Forks Bakery & Brewery
11AM	SOLUTIONS 10:30am Start	It's Time (4min)	Tahlequah the Whale: A Dance of Grief (15min)	EnviroFair 10am - 4pm N. Pine St, Nevada City
12PM	Freetown: Cooling a City (10min)	Nevada County: A Case Study for Legal Cannabis (6min)	Managed to Extinction (16min)	Virtual Reality Lounge 10am - 4pm KVMR
1PM	Black Water (12min)	To Be a Good Home (15min)	Lead It Go (23min)	
	Designed by Disaster (20min)	The Hard Part (60min)	Wingspan (10min)	
	Wild Hope: Mission Impossible (full version, 39min)	Solar Punk Diaries I : SOLAR PUNK FARMS (7min)	Polar Bear Country (16min)	
2PM		WILD AT HEART 2pm Start	LAND LEGACY 1:30pm Start	Media Lounge 12pm - 5pm Nevada City Winery
3PM	A CALL FROM THE WILD 2:30pm Start	Half Life (23min)	Reforestation California after Wildfire (9min)	
4PM	For You (3min)	JAMIE (19min)	The Fire Poppy (11min)	
	Local Climate Solutions: Biodiversity & Forest Conservation in the Sierra Gorda (5min)	Between the Lines (15min)	Dos Rios: A Story of Renewal (17min)	
	A Call from the Wild (81min)	hitoláayca (Going Upriver) (26min)	Decades in the Making (13min)	
5PM			Regen-a-Nation (15min)	
			Against the Herd (14min)	
6PM		FIGHT THE POWER 6pm Start		Happy Hour 5 - 6pm The Stone House
7PM	6:30pm Start	Boca Chica (14min)	DINNER & A MOVIE 6:30pm Start	Dinner & A Movie Doors open at 6pm 6:30pm The Stone House
	Mollie's Pack (93min)	People of Red Mountain: Life Over Lithium (18min)	Flora, Fauna, Funga (17min)	
8PM		VALVE TURNERS (73min)	Worm Land (16min)	
			Wild Hope: Mission Impossible (short cut, 20min)	
9PM			Tides of Tradition (10min)	
			Surf and Turf (11min)	
10PM				
11PM				

Sunday

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

370 seats

190 seats

90 seats

NEVADA THEATRE

ODDFELLOWS

THE STONE HOUSE

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11PM

AMONG THE WOLVES 10:30am Start

Nozawa Story (3min)
Among the wolves (81min)

RESILIENCE & RECONCILIATION

11:30am Start
Nature for All (10min)
The Return of Nōouhāh-Toka'na
(Swift Fox) (16min)
How the Land Remembers Us (20min)
Return to Spur Lake (11min)
Signal Fire: Towards Reconciliation
(34min)

TIMELINES OF TRANSFORMATION 10am Start

Terminus (7min)
Saving Silence (15min)
Arctic Ice: Under The Midnight Sun
(3min)
The Memory of Darkness, Light,
and Ice (56min)

CHASING TIME 2:30pm Start

Water Ashes (4min)
The Last Observers (24min)
THE ISLAND (5min)
Chasing Time (39min)

UNITED IMPACT 3:30pm Start

Here the Wild Things Are (9min)
Don't Doubt the Trout (13min)
WILD HOPE: THE GREAT OCEAN
CLEANUP (15min)
River Cowboys: Keepin' it Wild (11min)
Cycling Without Age (27min)

INSPIRING ACTIVISM 1:30pm Start

Rivers Cannot Defend Themselves (6min)
Judy's Creek (5min)
WILD HOPE: Protecting Paradise (14min)
The Human Side Of Plastic: Babacar
Thiaw (16min)
Portrait of a Ranger: Connie (4min)
R.E.S.C.U.E.(25min)

AWARD WINNERS NIGHT 6:30pm Start

Films TBA

DINNER & A MOVIE 6:30pm Start

Flora, Fauna, Funga (17min)
Worm Land (16min)
Wild Hope: Mission Impossible
(short cut, 20min)
Tides of Tradition (10min)
Surf and Turf (11min)

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

GRASS VALLEY FILM VENUES

500 seats

SPECIAL EVENTS

Coffee Talk:

Get to Know Cindell Dale, an OARS professional river guide
8:30 - 9:30am
Three Forks

EnviroFair

10am - 4pm
N. Pine St, Nevada City

Virtual Reality Lounge

10am - 4pm
KVMR

Media Lounge

12pm - 4pm
Nevada City Winery

Hike

Walk the Talk: Investing in Environmental & Social Justice - Learn How to Make an Impact
Nevada City's Tribute Trail
11:30am - 1pm

Dinner & a Movie

Doors open at 6pm
6:30pm, Stone House

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 WORKSHOPS

Aging & the Outdoors: Free Screening of *Cycling Without Age*, 10:30am - 12pm

Adaptation: In-Progress Film Screening + Panel Discussion
12:30 - 1:30pm

Be an Activist for Your Health: Cancer Screening for Early Detection and How to Live your Best Life with a Cancer Diagnosis
2 - 3pm

Modern Megafires and The Power of Forest Restoration,
4 - 5pm

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EMBRACING THE JOURNEY

10:30am Start

Dancing Warrior (11min)

The world is ours (21min)

Nature Always Finds A Way (12min)

Hidden Spirit (30min)

GREEN MISSIONS

2:30pm Start

Roots (12min)

Footprints on Katmai (22min)

The Grand Salmon (56min)

AWARD WINNERS NIGHT

7pm Start

Films TBA

Monday

Locals' Night Award Winners

Nevada Theatre, 6pm
Del Oro Theatre, 6:30pm

Downtown Nevada City

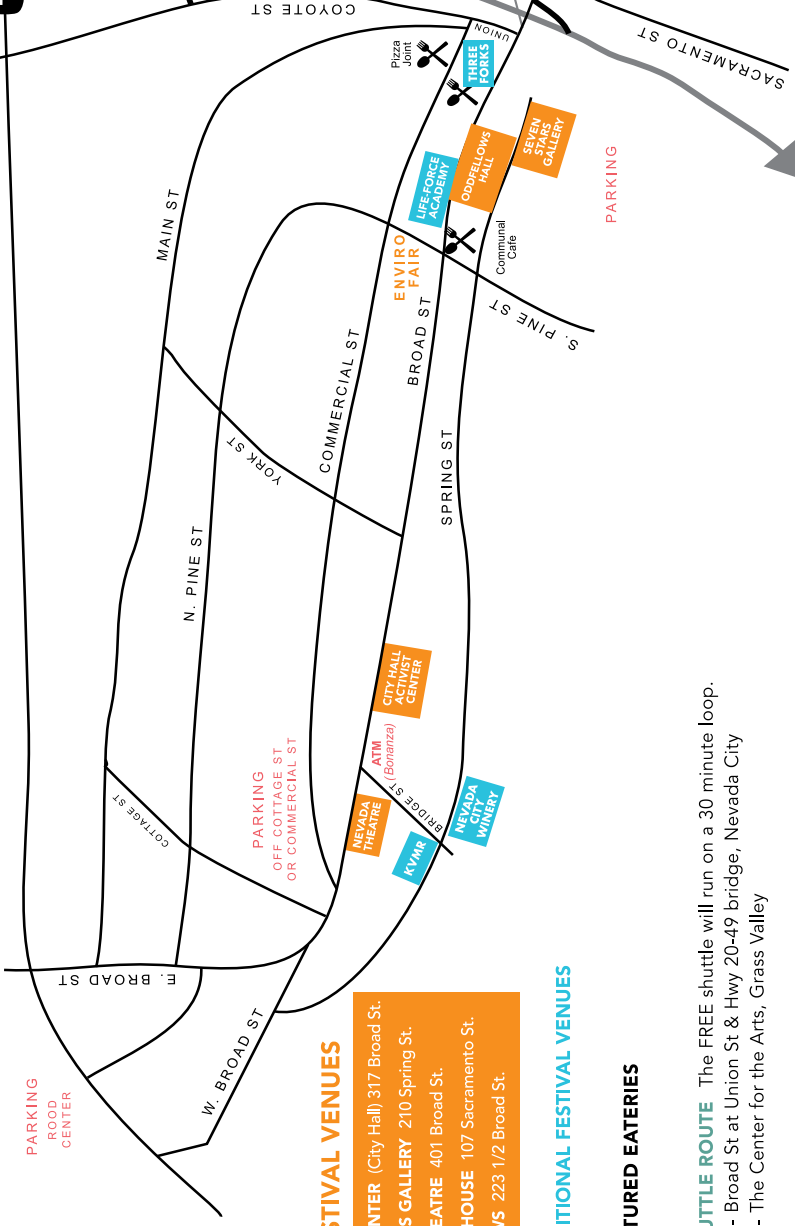


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PARKING
ROAD
CENTER



TO GRASS VALLEY

MAIN FESTIVAL VENUES

- ACTIVIST CENTER (City Hall) 317 Broad St.
- SEVEN STARS GALLERY 210 Spring St.
- NEVADA THEATRE 401 Broad St.
- THE STONE HOUSE 107 Sacramento St.
- ODDFELLOWS 223 1/2 Broad St.

ADDITIONAL FESTIVAL VENUES

FEATURED EATERIES



SHUTTLE ROUTE

- The FREE shuttle will run on a 30 minute loop.
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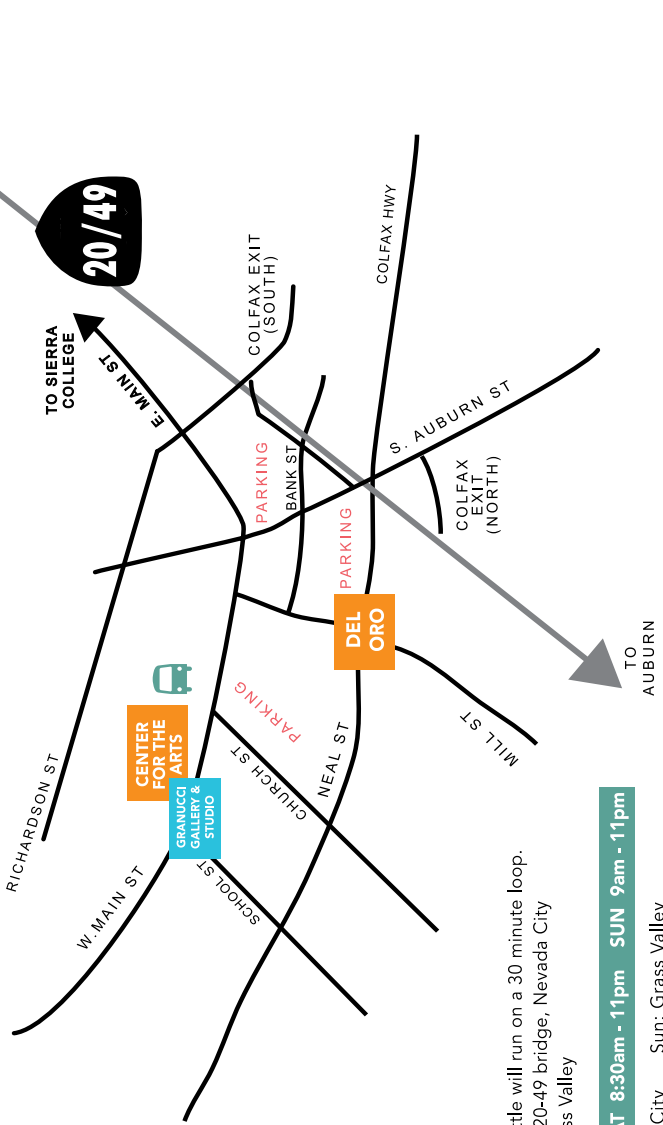
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Downtown Grass Valley

MAIN FESTIVAL VENUES

- DEL ORO THEATRE** 165 Mill St.
- THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS**
Festl HQ & Films, 314 W Main St.
- SIERRA COLLEGE**
250 Sierra College Dr.

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