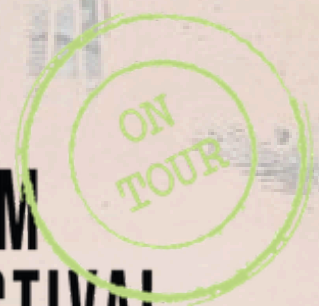


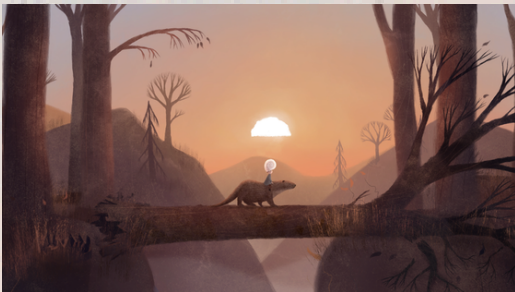


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2026 Water Tales One Sheet



Mû

TRT: 6 MINUTES

As an essential divine water spring has dried up, a child accompanied by an otter-like creature sets out to find a cure for the life-threatening water shortage. MÛ is a 2D animated short film that poetically explores the theme of water scarcity and the importance of water as a life-giving force.



Thailand's Last Sea Nomads

TRT: 6 MINUTES

The Moken, a nomadic sea tribe living in the Andaman Sea off the coast of Thailand and Myanmar, face an uncertain future. Forced ashore by climate change and modern pressures, the Moken now survive by collecting plastic instead of fish.



The Human Side of Plastic: Abby Barrows

TRT: 18 MINUTES

On Deer Isle, Maine, home to one of the world's most productive lobster ports, warming waters and invisible microplastic pollution threaten a centuries-old way of life. As veteran lobsterman Joel Billings and his daughter Hannah reckon with the possible end of their family's tradition, neighbor and microplastics researcher Abby Barrows offers a vision for a more sustainable future through plastic-free aquaculture.



The Golden Trout Project

TRT: 12 MINUTES

"All trout are beautiful, but there is something remarkable about California Golden Trout and their narrow home streams high in the southern Sierra Nevada backcountry.

Our new film is a celebration of these beloved fish and the incredible partnership of anglers, agencies, and conservationists working together to protect this iconic native trout species.



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Native to the Klamath

TRT: 14 MINUTES

"Native to the Klamath" is a story told through the voices of the salmon people. The Klamath River is currently going through one of the largest transformations in history. Native to the Klamath intertwines environmental restoration, reconciliation ecology, social justice, and traditional ecological knowledge. Hear the story of this river renewal through the words of the Klamath River peoples who live by the sacred obligation of stewardship.

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First Act: 57 Mins



Kelp Currency

TRT: 9 MINUTES

Scientists race to measure kelp carbon sequestration, to build a new currency for restoration. Kelp Currency features groundbreaking research from the Seatrees Kelp Carbon Science Project and Scripps Institution of Oceanography to measure the carbon benefits of kelp forests.



WILD HOPE: Reclaiming the Bear River

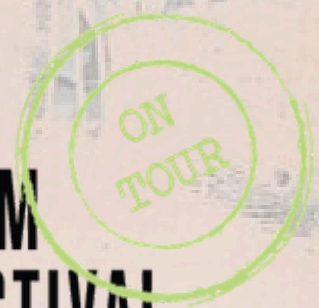
TRT: 17 MINUTES

Over 150 years after suffering the worst massacre in U.S. history, the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation has purchased their ancestral homeland — called Wuda Ogwa, or Bear River — with a vision to return it back to nature.

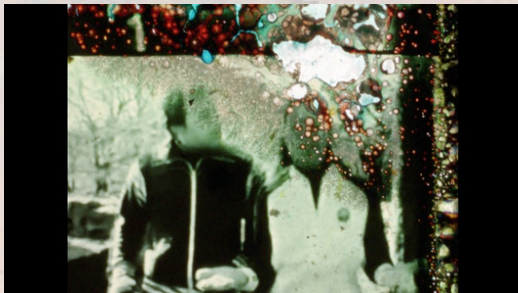


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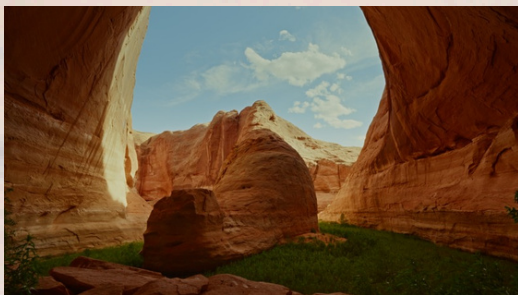
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Good Neighbors Care

TRT: 3 MINUTES

For decades chemical company DuPont and its subsidiary Chemours poisoned North Carolina's drinking water through illegally dumping forever chemicals into the Cape Fear River. On altered 16mm film, corporate promises of community care and pure water dissolve as rivers and bodies merge in a meditation on what it means to exist in an imperfect environment.



What the River Knows

TRT: 34 MINUTES

What The River Knows explores this unique inflection in a centuries-long history. As the West faces the urgent need to redesign water management, we are offered the chance to restore one of the planet's most stunning landscapes.

2nd Act: 63 Minutes

Total Run Time: 120 Min