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COLUMBIAN
THEATER



Join us for a weekend of incredible films and lively discussions about nature and conservation.

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FILM BLOCK A
7:00-9:00 PM

Festival Opening
Film Screenings

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FILM BLOCK B
1:00-3:00 PM

Film Screenings

FILM BLOCK C
7:00-9:00 PM

Film Screenings

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2:00-4:00 PM

Final Film Screenings
Festival Close

Presented By



Wild Coast Film Fest

10-12 Nov. 2023

Celebrating nature and our role in it.

FILM BLOCK A



01

March of the Newts

runtime 4:09

Follow one of the forest's funkier creatures into a gangly gathering of amphibious affection... and learn how you can help protect these sensitive animals from an emerging disease.



02

Izembek

runtime 13:35

Alaska's Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and State Game Refuge lie along the Bering Sea coast of the Alaska Peninsula. They protect a coastal lagoon that holds the largest beds of eelgrass on earth, a magnet to migratory birds, making it one of the most important waterfowl staging and wintering sites in the U.S.



03

Colors of Change

runtime 13:35

Experience Greenland through the eyes of Artist Zaria Forman, NASA scientist, John Sonntag and Inuit Elder Angaangaq Angakkorsuaq "Uncle." Zaria travels to Greenland for inspiration for her next body of work, and to visit the fjord where she spread her mother's ashes.

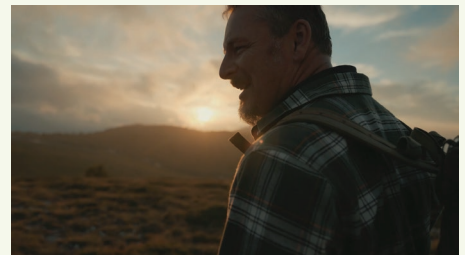


04

Path of the Bear

runtime 22:09

In a world from ancient times, wild brown bears have coexisted with humans for 6000 years in the mountains of Italy, two hours from Rome. Bear expert Chris Morgan travels from the Colosseum to the wilderness meeting conservationists and locals on the frontline with one of the world's rarest bears.



05

Florida Caviar

runtime 16:00

Meet the three generations of women growing sturgeon to provide caviar to Florida, and beyond. This family farm grows not only fish, but also raises cattle and timber. This unique farm is located north of Orlando Florida and is working to figure out what it takes to maintain a family farm for the long term.

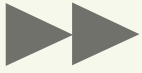


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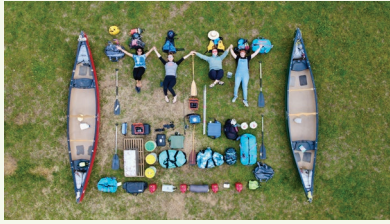
Nigerians Fight to Protect the World's Most Trafficked Mammal

runtime 9:43

Pangolins are believed to be the most trafficked mammals in the world. As the four Asian species of pangolins have dwindled, poachers are increasingly turning to the African species to supply the trade. Meet the bold Nigerians fighting to protect this gentle and vulnerable creature.



FILM BLOCK A CONT'D



07

A River Called Home

runtime 26:37

"A River Called Home" follows the journey of four women who launch at the headwaters of the James River in Virginia and paddle to the Chesapeake Bay. The team faces challenges along the way, including whitewater rapids and a river with a history of pollution.



08

Shaba: A Film About the Ratiti Elephant Sanctuary

runtime 11:53

An extraordinary story about something that has never been done before. Reteti is Africa's first indigenous community owned elephant sanctuary. The keepers rescue and rehabilitate orphaned elephant calves with the aim to release them back into the wild.



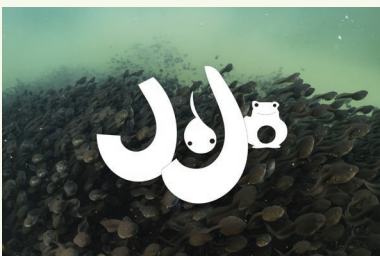
FILM BLOCK B

01

JOJO: A Toad Musical

runtime 8:56

"JOJO" celebrates a musical portrait of JoJo Nyaribo, a young nature enthusiast and wildlife advocate, as he explores the world of the Western Toad and its numerous threats.



02

Ploverville

runtime 20:26

After an 83-year absence, two tiny endangered birds arrive in a small Midwest community. People unite to protect them, facing heartbreak and overcoming challenges, only to discover their own lives changing in the process.



03

Wildfire Preparedness: Community Outward

runtime 4:21

Oregon has 60 million acres of land and 30 million acres of forest. We cannot cut our way to a fire-free future or reduce fire risk over vast landscapes. We can focus our limited time, energy, and money on ensuring our homes and communities are ready when fire comes.



04

Kings of the North

runtime 31:15

The Search for the Last Ice Bears. A story about one man and his best friend on the hunt for one of the greatest northern stories.



05

The Wild Reborn

runtime 6:10

The last hope for Mexican Grey wolves in the United States lies in the hands of conservationists. Once roaming widely across Mexico and the Southern United States, the Mexican Grey was wiped out in the 70s. Selective breeding of the seven left in captivity means today there are 114 wolves back in the wild. One Health Productions heads to South Salem in New York to meet those responsible for saving this species.



06

A Disappearing Forest

runtime 9:09

Purple sea urchins are devouring California's kelp forests, but scientists and divers are working together to put the ecosystem back in balance.

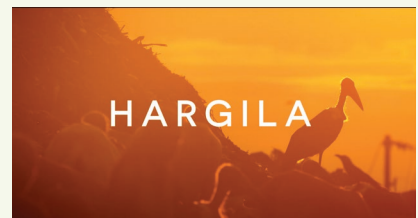


07

Sym-bee-o-sis

runtime 17:29

In sym-bee-o-sis, scientists discover that the alliance between bees and plants depends on an unexpected third partner: microbes! But the chemicals we use in agriculture are putting this ancient partnership at risk.



08

Hargila

runtime 28:07

A wildlife photographer travels to India intent on documenting the rarest stork on earth but soon discovers a conservation hero and her inspiring efforts to rally a community to save it.



FILM BLOCK C



01 Cormie: The Pickpocket Cormorant

runtime 10:18
Cormie, a double-crested cormorant, loves money. She loves chasing money, catching money, and if you're not careful, stealing money. Part mockumentary, part true-life tale, "Cormie," reveals the heart of a place working hard to save wildlife in the small coastal town of Astoria, Oregon.

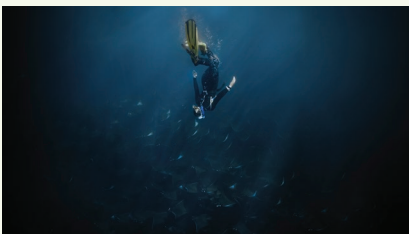
02 JOY

runtime 22:20
How would you feel if you were a mother of two families? If you would have to combine the maternity of your two children, with the protection of some of the last mountain gorillas still living in freedom on our planet? This is the story of Joy.



03 Diving For Rays: A Queer Conservation Story

runtime 22:00
Nicole Morris has aspired to be a marine conservationist since she was young. The ocean became her place of healing, especially when she realized she was queer. She shares what can be lost as LGBTQ+ communities struggle to feel welcome, and what can be gained when they finally are.



04 Finding Salmon

runtime 2:00
Follow 11-year-old, Keyona, into a wondrous world of trees, water, and friendly fish... and find the spirit of Salmon Watch, a program that connects Oregon youth to their backyard river ecosystems. Produced by Freshwaters Illustrated in Partnership with the World Salmon Council

05 Hellbent

runtime 19:05
In a small rural town in Pennsylvania, the refuge of a rare salamander and the only source of clean drinking water for 700 people is threatened by the installation of a fracking waste injection well, prompting community members to band together and mount an epic fight for the rights of their people and nature.



06 Feathers in Flight: The Bird Genoscape Project

runtime 19:05
Biologist Mary Whitfield has spent two decades studying one of North America's rarest birds: the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher. Populations have dwindled. Mary has joined a cutting-edge effort to gather data on birds' genomes from individual feathers, allowing researchers to connect breeding and wintering populations of the same species and provide critical information to save the flycatcher.

07 Paving Tundra

runtime 28:32
In 2013, Alaska proposed building a 225-mile industrial access road to ease construction of an open-copper pit mine near the village of Ambler. This would be the largest road construction project in Alaska since the Dalton Highway in 1974. We traveled 350 miles along the road corridor into the Brooks Range to ask what may be lost if the tundra is paved to Ambler.

FILM BLOCK D

01 Where Life Begins

runtime 9:37
Along the Arctic Coast, at the northmost point on American soil, we explore the inseparable bond between mother and child, the sacred and fragile moments after birth and the importance of protecting the place "Where Life Begins".



02 The Tide is Coming Home: Hoquiam Middlefork Tidal Restoration Project

runtime 10:23
This film provides a first hand look at the planning and construction that took place in the summer of 2021 to restore rare sitka spruce tidal habitat on the Middle Fork Hoquiam River at a site developed over a century ago as a railroad log dump by the Polson Brothers Logging Company.



03 Remembering Sudan

runtime 11:00
After Sudan's death in 2018, only two northern white rhinos remain, both females. Through Zacharia's story, Vitale explores efforts to protect these rhinos as well as the groundbreaking scientific developments aimed at bringing the species back.

FILM BLOCK D
CONT'D

FEATURE EVENT

04



Path of the Panther

runtime 1 hour 26 minutes

Drawn in by the haunting specter of the Florida panther, a wildlife photographer, veterinarians, ranchers, conservationists, and indigenous people find themselves on the front lines of an accelerating battle between forces of renewal and destruction that have pushed the Everglades to the brink of ecological collapse. In a struggle resonating across the globe, the panther's habitat has become an island. Its lush territory transformed into subdivisions. A paradise vanishing into thin air. Perched on the edge of extinction, the panther is an emblem of our once connected world. A vision of what could be again. Or else, a harbinger, of what could befall our planet, if the 'Path of the Panther' becomes a dead end.

ABOUT THE POP-UPS!

SAT. 3:30 - 4:30, Buoy Beer Food Hub

TALKING PLANTS

Enjoy a beer, or other beverages of choice, as we chat with experts about the joys and benefits of native plants. Learn how to transform your yards and about exciting new habitat restoration projects happening right in our neck of the coast!

SUN. Pre-Showings, Location TBD

MEET THE STORYTELLERS

Join us for a "coffee talk," as we get a chance to meet several filmmakers and stars of the festival. We'll hold a lively panel discussion, complete with audience Q+A, to talk about how to bring compelling conservation stories to life.