

2nd Annual Patagonia Wild & Scenic Film Festival – April 19, 2008 Films -- Brief Descriptions -- Trailers

Wonderful Wildlife Feature (Matinee 3:00 & Evening Program 8:35)

The Edge of Eden: Living with Grizzlies – 89min.

Jury Award - Wild & Scenic Film Festival

Jeff & Sue Turner

Grizzly bears are considered by many to be the most dangerous animal in the world. But there is one man, Canadian Charlie Russell, who thinks differently. He believes that grizzlies are misunderstood animals and that our fear of them is not only unnecessary but driving them to extinction. His beliefs have taken him to Russia, where he has raised orphaned grizzly bear cubs for the past ten years in the wilderness of the Southern Kamchatka Peninsula. Multiple awards. (Canada, 2006, 89min) www.cloudline.org

Children's Program Matinee begins at 2 PM:

Antarctica ... the End? – 10min.

Children's Award - Wild & Scenic Film

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Sam Lowe-Anker

Seen through the eyes and voice of a 13-year-old boy, Antarctica looks at how climate change and human impact is affecting the frozen continent. Best Youth Environmental Film, Telluride MountainFilm, 2006 (USA, 2006, 10min) www.savethewhales.org, www.savethealbatross.org, www.stopglobalwarming.org

Trailer: http://www.urth.tv/content/view/26280/449/

Carpa Diem - 2min.

Sergio Cannella

Before sleeping, a child in her apartment is lovingly watching a fish in the aquarium. In the meantime her younger brother is being mindless of the open tap the water flowing out of the washbasin ... a waste that could turn into a tragedy. Many awards,including: Best Short, Vatavaran FF; Best Spot, Festival International Du Film Sur L'Énergie de Lausanne. (Italy, 2006, 2min) www.sergiocannella.it

Feed the Worms - 6min.

Philip Hassan

Local students at Scotten School answer the question, "how can you help the environment?" (USA, 2007, 6min)

Hawaii Reef Etiquette - 8min.

Ziggy Livnat

With the spirit of Aloha, learn how to enjoy, respect, and preserve the Hawaiian reefs. This PSA encourages action and shows viewers that one can make a difference. Best PSA, International Wildlife Film Festival. (USA, 2005, 8min) www.forthesea.com Trailer: http://www.urth.tv/content/view/26281/449/

Not Just Mine: Kids and Plovers on the Beach – 12min.

Joe Golling

Lucas is a procrastinating schoolboy trying to make the grade. He learns about the predicament of the small shorebird, the Western Snowy Plover, and finds the enthusiasm within himself to help make a positive change for the bird and for the beach they both share. (USA, 2007, 12min) www.westernsnowyplover.com Trailer: http://www.urth.tv/content/view/21887/449/

Rita - 6min.

Young Filmmaker Award - Wild & Scenic Film

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Alison Teal Blehert-Koehn

This film is a true story about Alison, a seven-year-old girl who has been dragged around the world by her

adventure travel guide/photographer/yoga-teaching parents and longs to be a kid and stay in one place long enough to have friends and go to school with children her own age. Unexpectedly, during one of the family's expeditions high in the Himalaya of Nepal, she befriends a seven-year-old Sherpa girl named Rita. Alison sneaks out to join Rita and they embark on a wild and touching adventure over an 18,000 ft. pass near the base of Mt. Everest—a journey that plops them right in Alison's dream world. Kids Choice, Telluride Mountainfilm, Best Family Short, Boulder Adventure FF, Nominated for MTV Movie Award. (USA, 2006, 6min) www.alisonteal.com

Trailer: http://www.urth.tv/content/view/21891/449/

Evening Program – Conserving our Precious Resources: Begins at 6 PM Pulp, Poo & Perfection – 16min.

Angel Marin

This short documentary investigates two issues threatening water quality and public health in Chile: Pichilemu's sewage pipeline and forestry industry pollution. Told through the perspective of local surfers, fishermen, and lovers of the ocean, this film features mythical waves, surfing, inspired activists, fishermen, environmental problems and sharky corporate executives woven into a classic South American tale of environmental action and ecological solutions. Best Environmental Surf Film, Preios Anuales Demolicion, Chile. (Chile, 2007, 16min) www.greensurfingstory.blogspot.com, www.greensurfing.blogspot.com,

Trailer: http://www.urth.tv/content/view/23539/449/

For The Price of a Cup of Coffee - 15min.

Hypatia Porter

Follow the life cycle of a paper cup and the environmental repercussions of a society reliant on convenience. Filmed in the San Francisco Bay Area with interviews from local activists and experts. Maybe you'll remember now to bring your own cup to the cafe! Best Documentary Epidemic Student Film Festival, Best Environmental Documentary, Cabbagetown Short Film Festival, Toronto. (USA, 2007, 15min) www.sfenvironment.org

Trailer: http://www.urth.tv/content/view/25054/449/

Oil and Water Project – 34min.

People's Choice Award - Wild & Scenic Film

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Seth Warren

Two kayakers embark on an endless summer-style 35,000 km road trip from Alaska to Argentina in a retrooutfitted Japanese fire truck without a single drop of petroleum. They converted their regular diesel engine to run on everything from pig lard to palm pulp and they traveled for 9 months in pursuit of the best whitewater in the Americas. The pair coordinated with schools, local governments, farmers, agricultural research centers and media to conduct demonstrations advocating for the use of alternative energy all along the way. Best Environmental Film, Taos MountainFilm, Everest Award Recipient for Advocacy. (USA, 2007, 34min) www.oilandwaterproject.org

Trailer: http://www.urth.tv/content/view/26285/449/



Rivers and Streams

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act In Partnership with the Shasta – Trinity National Forest

Against The Current - 19min.

Kathy Kasic

Growing towns and cities, sustained drought, the quest for national energy independence, and climate change are all putting new pressures on dwindling water supplies. In the face of such water demand, fish

and wildlife are often left out. And there is one simple fact: fish need water. Told through the wisdom of four people, two ranchers, a biologist, and an environmental lawyer, this film brings together unexpected partners restoring a river. Silver Telly, Bronze Telly (USA, 2007, 19 min) www.metamorphfilms.com Trailer: http://www.urth.tv/content/view/24380/449/

Fish and Cow - 17min.

Rick Smith

The Big Hole Valley lies in the southwest corner of Montana. High, cold, and remote, it is home to one of the last surviving populations of a unique and sensitive species of fish, the fluvial Arctic grayling. This film is a story about a group of dedicated ranchers and biologists finding common ground, not only to try and save this fish, but also to try and preserve the ecological health of the Big Hole Valley itself. Newcomer Finalist Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival (USA, 2007, 17min) www.urth.tv/content/view/23534/449/

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