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22 FILMS

APRIL 22-26

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Antarctica **AVAILABLE FRI 6PM - SUN 6PM ONLY**

Feature Film, Family Fare, TV App Friendly

FILMMAKER: Dr. Fredi Devas

Narrated by Benedict Cumberbatch - It is a land of mystery and yet what happens here affects every single one of us. With never-before seen footage, *Antarctica* brings audiences to the farthest reaches of this wild and majestic continent. It is the coldest, driest and windiest place on Earth with the roughest oceans and yet, weird and wonderful creatures thrive here in astounding abundance. (45 MIN)

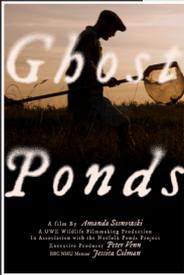


Deep in the Heart - A Texas Wildlife Story

(Special Preview) Feature Film **See it in-person April 30!**

FILMMAKER: Ben Masters

Deep in the Heart is a visually stunning celebration of Texas' diverse landscapes and remarkable wildlife found nowhere else. **Narrated by Matthew McConaughey**, the film aims to conserve our remaining wild places, to show the connectivity of water and wildlife, and to recognize Texas' conservation importance on a continental scale. (103 MIN)



Ghost Ponds

Short Film, Student Film FILMMAKER: Amanda Sosnowski

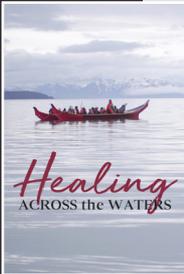
In the farmland of England, a search-and-rescue mission is underway. A team is excavating land haunted by ghosts... but these are not ordinary ghosts. While farming is burying England's wetlands at an exponential rate, a grassroots movement seeks to reverse biodiversity loss by recovering a lost feature of the landscape - ghost ponds. (12 MIN)



Hargila

Short Film FILMMAKER: Gerrit Vyn

A wildlife photographer travels to India intent on documenting the rarest stork on earth but soon discovers an inspiring conservation hero rallying a local community to save it. (23 MIN)



Healing Across the Waters

Short Film FILMMAKER: Sarah Gulick **See it in-person April 24!**

After their villages are crushed by a glacier, determined Alaska Natives return to their ancestral homeland, now a national park. Beautiful visuals accompany a tapestry of voices from the Huna Tlingit and the National Park Service revealing a decades long journey of loss and healing. (32 MIN)

Hidden Wild

Short Film, Family Fare FILMMAKERS: Neil Losan & Nate Dappan

Behind the homes and freeways of suburban Palm Beach County, an incredible network of swamps, scrub, and waterways lies waiting to be discovered. Join science educator Alex Freeze as she takes three South Florida students on an expedition to discover the wilderness hidden in their own backyards. (26 MIN)

Inhabitants: An Indigenous Perspective on Restoring our World

Feature Film FILMMAKERS: Costa Boutsikaris & Anna Palmer

For millennia, Native Americans successfully stewarded and shaped their landscapes, but centuries of colonization have disrupted their ability to maintain traditional land management practices. From deserts, coastlines, forests, mountains, and prairies, Native communities are restoring their ancient relationships with the land. As the climate crisis escalates, these time-tested practices of North America's original inhabitants are becoming increasingly essential in a rapidly changing world. (76 MIN)

Student Film Award Winner

It's Bean Too Hot

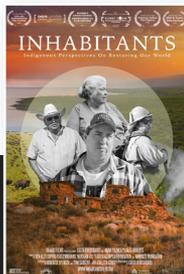
Short Film, Student Film FILMMAKER: Hedvika Michnova

Can you imagine our world without coffee? It's a very real possibility. It's Bean Too Hot tells the story of the coffee heroes – small farmers in Costa Rica and Tanzania who are fighting climate change every day to save their livelihoods and your daily cup of coffee. (25 MIN)

My Garden of a Thousand Bees

Feature Film FILMMAKER: David Allen

A veteran wildlife cameraman seeking refuge from the pandemic films the wild bees that live in his city garden in Bristol, England with mind-blowing results. He sees over 60 species of bees and, more importantly, develops a close relationship with an individual bee he follows through its entire life. (53 MIN)





Regenerating a Forest with Goats

Short Film FILMMAKER: Jordan Osmond [See it in-person April 24!](#)

A community-led initiative in a bush fire-prone town in Dja Dja Wurrung country in Victoria, Australia is successfully using goats and hand tools rather than herbicides, machinery, and burn-offs to mitigate fire risk. Goathand Cooperatives' work reduces fire risk, keeps the forest thriving, and is bringing the community together. (12 MIN)



Short Film Award Winner

Saving Juliette

Short Film FILMMAKER: Evey Wilson Wetherbee

The high cancer rates became town folklore in Juliette, Georgia. Neighbors saw homes demolished, wells filled with concrete, and padlocks on the property gates. This film follows residents as they galvanize their community, question their political leanings, and work to hold their representatives accountable in a fight for clean water. (39 MIN)



Saving the Florida Wildlife Corridor

Short Film FILMMAKERS: National Geographic Impact Media Lab

Through the voices of farmers, fishermen, ranchers and conservationists, *Saving the Florida Wildlife Corridor* offers a glimpse into one of America's most unique and complex conservation opportunities, and highlights the need to collaborate to ensure its survival. (30 MIN)



Green Fire Award Winner

The Ants and the Grasshopper

Feature Film FILMMAKERS: Raj Patel & Zak Piper

Anita Chitaya has a gift; she can help bring abundant food from dead soil, she can make men fight for gender equality, and she can end child hunger in her village. Now, to save her home from extreme weather, she faces her greatest challenge: persuading Americans that climate change is real. (74 MIN)



The Arctic: Our Last Great Wilderness

AVAILABLE FRI 6PM - SUN 6PM ONLY

Feature Film, Family Fare FILMMAKER: Florian Schulz

[See it in-person April 30!](#)

Imagine a vast, wild, and magical place in the far north of Alaska where one of earth's greatest natural spectacles unfolds. Discover

a land that has evolved intact and untamed since the beginning of time, a world few have truly seen until now. Join National Geographic photographer Florian Schulz to experience this special place worth protecting. (45 MIN)

The Caretakers

Short Film, Family Fare, Student Film FILMMAKER: Tom Hanner [See it in-person April 30!](#)

A journey into the weird, wonderful and truly astonishing lives of the small yet mighty creatures who keep the world turning – beetles. They have been successful for millions of years, yet they're in serious trouble; what does the future hold for these incredibly important animals, and for us if they disappear? (21 MIN)

The Conservation Game

Feature Film, US Accessible Only FILMMAKER: Michael Webber [See it in-person April 30!](#)

Retired Ohio police officer, Tim Harrison, stumbles upon a bombshell discovery when he suspects that the world's most famous celebrity conservationists may be secretly connected to the big cat trade. (110 MIN)

The Last Horns of Africa

Feature Film FILMMAKER: Garth de Bruno Austin

With unprecedented access, this film delivers a gripping and intimate look at the current rhino poaching war raging across Africa. We follow the journeys of two conservation heroes who put their lives on the line to protect the rhino in their care; all the while a top-secret, covert operation endeavors to bring down South Africa's most notorious rhino poaching syndicates. (98 MIN)

The Power of Poop

Short Film, Family Fare

FILMMAKER: David Murdock [See it in-person April 30!](#)

For scientists working in Gorongosa National Park in Mozambique, studying animals can be an exciting and rewarding challenge. But if they truly want to understand the ecology of the park, they need to really get their hands dirty...collecting and analyzing poop. (6 MIN)

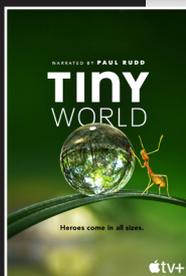




The Witness is a Whale

Feature Film FILMMAKERS: Nick Dean, Cheryl Dean

Through never-before-seen archival footage, hidden documents, and personal records, *The Witness Is a Whale* reveals the secret, illegal slaughter of hundreds of thousands of whales by the Soviet Union and Japan. The film also recounts the post-whaling recovery of whales and highlights their importance to the health of our oceans. (52 MIN)



Tiny World: Outback

Short Film, Family Fare FILMMAKER: Tom Hugh-Jones

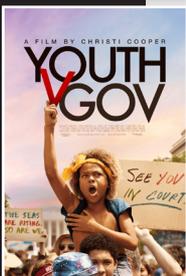
Narrated by Paul Rudd - *Tiny World* focuses on the smaller side of life and makes little animals the stars of the show. The series reveals the often overlooked and down-trodden members of the animal kingdom as tiny heroes and showcases the incredible 'super-powers' they have evolved in order to triumph against huge odds. (31 MIN)



We the Power

Short Film FILMMAKER: David Garrett Byars

Imagine upending the traditional energy system and giving the power of clean electricity production back to your neighbors. *We the Power* follows friends, families and visionaries as they break down legislative barriers and take power back from big energy companies to put it in the hands of locals and strengthen their towns. The film chronicles local cooperatives from deep in Germany's Black Forest to the streets of ancient Girona in Spain and the urban rooftops of London, England, as they pave the way for a renewable energy revolution and build healthier, financially stable communities. (38 MIN)



Green Spark Award Winner Youth v Gov

Feature Film, US Accessible Only FILMMAKER: Christi Cooper

Youth v Gov is the story of 21 young Americans suing the U.S. government, armed with a wealth of evidence to prove that it has willfully acted over six decades to create the climate crisis. If they are successful, they will not only make history; they will change the future. (107 MIN)

WATCH PARTY

3 FILMS

APRIL 24

ALMA BEA • SHEPHERDSTOWN



BIG SCREEN

5 FILMS

APRIL 30

WEINBERG • FREDERICK



Shepherdstown Watch Party

Join us April 24 at 7pm at the Alma Bea Restaurant in Shepherdstown for a live watch party of THREE official selections from our 2022 Festival.

Doors open at 7pm to give you plenty of time to buy drinks and get snacks with films starting at 7:30. Admission is FREE but donations are very much welcome and appreciated! Cash bar.

Featuring three festival films: *Regenerating a Forest with Goats*, *The Caretakers*, and *Healing Across the Waters*. Plus, special guests: **Sarah Gulick**, filmmaker *Healing Across the Waters* and **Jamie Byron**, Ecological Land Manager, who utilizes goats and other minimal-impact regenerative methods to restore local ecosystems to their greatest potential. **FREE**, but please **RSVP** at conservationfilmfest.org.

Frederick Big Screen Series

Join us April 30 at the Weinberg Center for the Arts in Frederick, Maryland for a live screening of FIVE official selections from our 2022 Festival — in person and on the BIG SCREEN!

In addition to five fantastic films, we are pleased to offer some festive happenings in the beautiful Weinberg lobby. Taste locally roasted coffee, enjoy snacks, sample vodka, bring the kids for a Bug Petting Zoo, visit tables with local conservation groups, participate in Q and A's, and mingle with some festival filmmakers. We hope you'll join us to put the FESTIVE in this mini-festival!

All three films in our family-friendly Block 1 will be screened with OPEN CAPTIONING.

For tickets and more information: conservationfilmfest.org.

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