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IRIDESCENT

When it comes to the discovery and documentation of birds, Tim Laman is one of the best in the world. As a photographer, filmmaker, and field biologist, his passion for exploring our natural world is now taking him to Brazil's Pantanal region. (17 min)



MY NEIGHBOUR IS A BEAR

Tucked in the valleys of the Italian Apennines is a fragile population of Marsican brown bears. With just 50–60 individuals remaining, the species is one of the most vulnerable in Europe. Find out how the charming village of Villalago reacts to these charismatic carnivores. (16 min)



HASTA LA ÚLTIMA GOTA

The politics of water affects us all, no matter where we live. In northern Chile, water scarcity and the unfair distribution of this essential resource makes the region the epicenter of the country's water struggles. The film asks: what will it take to change the inequality? (18 min)



FEELING THE APOCALYPSE

From the disappearing wildlife in his hometown of Owen Sound to news stories about the melting of Greenland, psychotherapist Anderson Todd reflects on how the unravelling of our ecosystems has affected him and how, in the end, he copes. (7 min)



ECO-HACK!

Tim Shields is an unconventional field biologist who has watched Mojave Desert tortoise populations plummet since the 1990s. Tired of "taking notes on a catastrophe," Tim turns to direct intervention and creative solutions. "If we don't want a really lonely planet that's just us, and ravens, rats and cockroaches, we've got a whole ton of work to do." (17 min)

INTERMISSION

- ▶▶▶ Get your bids in! Auction closes at 8:15pm
- ▶▶▶ Grab a bevvie, mingle with friends, enjoy!
- ▶▶▶ Stop by the Wildsight booth!



A BAFFIN VACATION

Erik Boomer and Sarah McNair-Landry embark on a bold, multi-sport 45-day expedition in the remote landscape of Baffin Island in search of stunning cliffs to climb and unexplored rivers to kayak. Talk about wild and scenic! (13 min)



SAGEBRUSH GOLD

A lithium mine being built by a Canadian company in Nevada's remote sagebrush desert promises a greener future, but local ranchers, environmentalists, and indigenous tribes share a different side to the story. (23 min)



SYM-BEE-O-SIS

We all know about the importance of bees in our ecosystem. In this film, scientists discover that the alliance between bees and plants depends on an unexpected third partner: microbes! But the chemicals used in agriculture are putting this ancient partnership at risk. (17 min)



SONG OF THE HERMIT

The hermit thrush's song has always been the magical soundtrack of a visit to Big Basin Redwoods State Park, but a cataclysmic fire in 2020 may have impacted the bird's numbers. The passion and dedication of researcher Allison Nelson is helping to understand their preservation. (8 min)



I AM SALMON

Connecting humanity with salmon and the sea through the subtle art of poetry and gyotaku (the traditional Japanese art of fish printing), Duncan Berry shares his experience as a long-time environmentalist and former captain of a salmon troller. (3 min)



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