

Wildsight Invermere's 11th Annual Fundraiser

WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL

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Columbia Valley Centre
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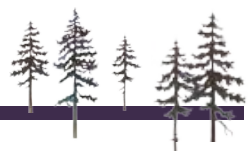
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Artwork by Brianna French

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Evening Program | First Half



Study Aboard (16 min)

Every April, 60 college kids from all over the US attend Living Lands and Waters' unique "Alternative Spring Break" program, where they trade happy hour and beach tans for devoting a week to clean up the Mississippi River's waterways.



To Heal a Forest: The fight for salmon parks (10 min)

First Nations tribes have managed their forests on Vancouver and Nootka islands for thousands of years. As logging encroaches on the last, untouched salmon stream in their traditional territory, leaders of the Nuchatlaht Tribe launch a movement to heal and protect this land and save the salmon.



Gardener to Guardian (13 min)

Amid collapsing biodiversity worldwide, Mary Reynolds is building a movement in Ireland to turn gardeners into guardians of the planet. By returning their own patch of land to nature, they show that individual action can create lasting change and provide hope.



Vanishing Oasis (11 min)

The Great Salt Lake provides refuge for 10 million migratory birds every year. But if the lake continues to shrink, starving birds will line its shores and toxic dust storms will cloud Salt Lake City's skies. Can Utahns prioritize public and environmental health over short term economic gain?



Spear, Spatula, Submarine (13 min)

With an avaricious appetite, rapid reproduction rates, and no native predators, the lionfish invasion is one of the ocean's greatest eco-disasters. But a community of passionate Floridians use creative removal methods to save the waters they love.



Jojo - A Toad Musical (8 min)

JoJo Nyaribo, a young nature lover and passionate wildlife advocate, explores the meaning of biodiversity and stewardship in his own backyard.

Intermission

- Silent auction - get your bids in before 8.15pm
- Grab a drink, snack, mingle with friends and enjoy!
- Visit the Wildsight table and become a member, volunteer or monthly donor! (New members are entered into a special draw)

50/50 Raffle for the Wild
Ticket sales end
at 8.15pm



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Paddle Tribal Waters (9 min)

When the largest dam removal in history begins, a group of Indigenous youth learns to whitewater kayak on the Klamath River, while reconciling a stolen history and showcasing the unbreakable bond with their ancestral lands.



Bright Toh: Unsung Hero (5 min)

Bright Toh, a visual artist from Cameroon, is on a journey to raise awareness about the plight of endangered species. Using his striking art, he aims to educate people about the need to protect animals like pangolins and primates from threats such as poaching and habitat loss.



Bridging Fragments (8 min)

Urbanization and deforestation of tropical rainforests in Costa Rica are fracturing the wildlife corridors that preserve its biodiversity. Luckily, unique solutions are now helping the world's slowest mammal – the sloth – and other local wildlife navigate a disconnected world.



Soundscape (15 min)

Erik Weihenmayer is a global adventure athlete who is fully blind. Undeterred, he ascends a massive rock face in the Sierra Nevada with adaptive climbing pioneer Timmy O'Neill. His lack of sight may pose a challenge but as he taps into other senses, the result is a surprising and soulful experience.



Toxic Art (16 min)

This film shows that "taking the problem and turning it into a solution" can provide positive change. On a mission to clean up Ohio's leaking, abandoned coal mines, art professor John Sabrah teams up with an engineer to develop a process that turns the toxic runoff pollution into paint.



I Am the Nature (5 min)

This poetic documentary honours the philosophy and cultural expression of the Achuar people from the Amazon rainforest in Ecuador. Narrated by Chumpi Washikiat, the movie dives into the insights of a man who has walked between worlds, echoing ideas of unity, empathy and harmony.



What was your favourite film?

Fill out the People's Choice ballot online by 8pm on
Nov 21 for a chance to win a cool prize.

Your feedback is important to us!



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Wildsight Invermere is a leading environmental voice of the Columbia Valley and has been at the forefront of community environmental engagement since 1989. We are a volunteer-led group of diverse people with a common passion for celebrating and conserving the critical natural systems we all rely on. Thank you for supporting local environmental programs through our annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival.

Feeling inspired? Join us!
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