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Film Program | First Half















Here the Wild Things Are (9 min)

New Zealanders join a global race to uncover the hidden wildlife thriving in city streets, parks, and backyards. A playful celebration of citizen science, the film reminds us that protecting nature begins right outside our door.

R.E.S.C.U.E. (25 min)

Samburu women living near the Reteti Elephant Sanctuary in Northern Kenya find empowerment and hope as they take the lead in saving orphaned elephants. It is an inspiring example of what's possible in the realm of community-led conservation.

One Inch from Flying (3 min)

A young climber seeks balance — literally and figuratively — as he navigates highlines in Washington's North Cascades. Amid the tension of rigging lines and the beauty of alpine heights, he confronts the pressures of modern life and finds peace in each step.

Solar Punk Diaries (7 min)

At their farm and climate hub in Guerneville, California, Nick and Spencer embody the joy of regeneration in action. Their work brings to life the spirit of Solarpunk — an optimistic movement imagining an ecologically just and equitable future.

The Human Side Of Plastic: Babacar Thiaw (16 min)

Babacar Thiaw, a Senegalese surfer and entrepreneur, is leading a movement to confront his country's plastic pollution crisis. Rooted in a lifelong bond with the ocean and inspired by his father's teachings, Babacar's story is a reminder that protecting the future starts with the choices we make today.

Aldo's Bug Extravaganza (6 min)

5-year-old Aldo and his dad embark on a backyard safari, capturing tiny wonders with big laughs. His wide-eyed explorations not only capture the audience's imagination but also subtly echo the timeless wisdom of Aldo Leopold.

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!

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KELP! (32 min)

An epic adventure unfolds along Britain's rugged coastline as Caylon La Mantia and her youthful team set sail on the good ship Gleaner to discover the power of kelp to regenerate our coasts, empower communities and even replace plastic.



Freya (4 min)

Feel inspired by nine-year-old Freya, who shares how she uses climbing as a practice to lean into discomfort and fear to help her navigate her neurodiversity. The strength she gains through both are applicable and inspirational to us all.



Polar Bear Country (16 min)

In Churchill, Manitoba, a town where polar bears outnumber humans, residents have forged a unique coexistence with these apex predators. Polar Bear Country offers an intimate look at a place where human-wildlife harmony is not just possible but essential!



Local Climate Solutions: Biodiversity & Forest Conservation in the Sierra Gorda (6 min)

Over 35 years ago, Grupo Ecológico Sierra Gorda was founded and led by the singular vision of one woman and her family to preserve, protect and regenerate the unique biodiversity of the Sierra Gorda. Their community-led model, backed by science and research, has led to measurable habitat regeneration.



What was your favourite film?

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