



# SAN FRANCISCO GREENFILM FESTIVAL

September 6–13, 2018  
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IT'S  
ELEMENTAL

# BIG NIGHTS



## OPENING NIGHT • INTO THE OKAVANGO

Neil Gelinas · USA · 2018 · 94 min | [SAN FRANCISCO PREMIERE](#) | Castro · Thu, Sept 6, 7:30pm

Botswana's Okavango Delta is one of the last untouched refuges for wildlife on the planet. But its freshwater arteries - which provide water to over one million people - are under dire threat. Follow conservation biologist Steve Boyes and a team of international scientists, photographers, filmmakers, and African guides on an epic four-month journey down the Delta's source rivers in this stunningly photographed tale of passion and conservation.

**Expected Guest:** Director Neil Gelinas

**VIP Reception 5:30pm** | Join us on the Castro Mezzanine to meet Festival filmmakers and special guests to kick-off the 2018 Festival. 21+

Opening Night Sponsor



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## CLOSING NIGHT • THE CONDOR AND THE EAGLE

Sophie Guerra and Clément Guerra · Germany / USA / Ecuador / Canada / Peru · 2018 · 85 min  
[Sneak Preview](#) | Castro · Thu, Sept 13, 7:30pm

Four Indigenous leaders embark on an extraordinary trans-continental adventure from the Canadian plains to deep into the heart of the Amazonian jungle to unite the peoples of North and South America and deepen the meaning of "Climate Justice". Their path through the jungle takes them on an unexpectedly challenging and liberating journey, which will forever change their attachment to the Earth and one another.

**Expected Guests:** Directors Sophie Guerra and Clément Guerra; film's subjects Yudith Nieto, Casey Camp-Horinek, Melina Laboucan-Massimo, Bryan Parras

**Wrap Party 9:30pm** | It's a wrap! Join us on the Castro Mezzanine for our after-celebration with Festival filmmakers & special guests. 21+

## WELCOME TO THE 8<sup>TH</sup> SAN FRANCISCO GREEN FILM FESTIVAL!

Join us on our annual journey to the world's environmental frontlines, with a week of over 50 new films and more than 100 guest speakers, discussions, and special events that spark green ideas and connections.

This year, our Festival moves to the Fall to align with the hub of crucial environmental discussion happening at San Francisco's **Global Climate Action Summit**, involving thousands of leaders and delegates from countries around the world. With the planet heating up, environmental protections at risk, and political forces in flux, there has never been a more urgent moment to come together and share stories and ideas for action. The Summit also sparks new collaborations - look inside for details of our events with COAL + ICE, Exploratorium, and YBCA.

Embracing this global moment of flux, our 2018 Festival theme is **It's Elemental**. We're bringing you films & discussions structured around the four elements — earth, water, fire, and air — and exploring how they are creating multifaceted perspectives on climate issues. We're sharing the world's most urgent stories, and from the Wine Country wildfires (**Wilder Than Wild**) to vanishing islands in the Pacific (**Anote's Ark**) and the melting Arctic tundra (**Genesis 2.0**), we can clearly see all of the elements pushing back at us (**The Human Element**). Yet rather than projecting a grim outlook

for our future, these are powerful tales of inspiration and hope, of people who are rising up to protect their land, forests, water, and air, and to fight for their environmental justice. **People are banding together with the knowledge that change isn't just necessary. It's Elemental.**

As part of the environmental justice movement, the diversity of people both on-screen and behind the camera has been of utmost importance to us since launching in 2011. In each year's edition we strive for gender parity, and remaining true to this at the 2018 Festival, we are proud to announce that 61% of our feature films have a female director at the helm. Celebrate with us at our screening of **Warrior Women!**

Together with our sponsors, partners, members, and volunteers, we can create a truly international event this year, bringing films from 19 countries with many filmmakers coming to present their work in the USA for the first time. This is only possible with our generous supporters who ensure that the Green Film Fest remains a bold and fearless voice for our planet. Thank you!

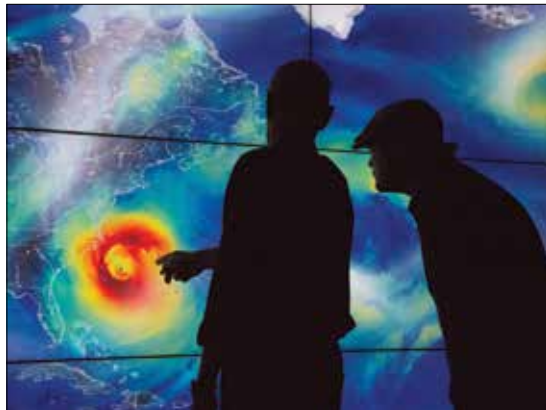
Rachel Caplan, Founder & CEO

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## GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT

San Francisco Green Film Festival 2018 is an official Affiliate Event of the Global Climate Action Summit (Sept 12–14), convening global leaders and international delegates in San Francisco in support of the Paris Climate Agreement. The Summit will include climate action panels, workshops, tours, exhibits and other special eco events. Green Film Fest will present environmental film programs throughout the Summit, reaching the eyes and ears of people and legislators with the influence to enact global change, spur new environmental commitments, and galvanize action.



### GREEN FILM NETWORK AWARDS

The Green Film Network is a global association of 40 leading environmental film festivals that supports the diversity and strength of documentary work around the world. This year, San Francisco Green Film Festival hosts the Green Film Network Awards, the annual international awards for best environmental documentaries of the year. This is the first time that the awards have been hosted in the USA. Nominated by the 40-member festivals and selected by an international jury, the awards include special presentations & screenings at the festival.

**See the 2018 Green Film Network Award winners on the big screen!**

Green Film Network Feature Award  
**GENESIS 2.0** · Castro · Thu, Sept 13, 4:00 pm

Green Film Network Short Award  
**WATER WARRIORS** · Cowell · Sat, Sept 8, 8:00 pm



### REEL SCIENCE CHALLENGE Creating Art from Climate Science

Join us for the Reel Science Challenge, pairing filmmakers with climate scientists to task them with making a movie. Their challenge: Create art from climate science. The creative teams then have a limited time to write, direct, and edit a movie that compellingly tells the story of climate change, before presenting these films at Green Film Fest. Witness the creative chemistry at the Matchmaker Kickoff on Aug 25, where researchers will present their research to teams and audience. Then join us to see the final movies on Sept 12!

**Interested in participating?**  
Visit [greenfilmfest.org/reelscience](http://greenfilmfest.org/reelscience) and join us at these free events:

**MATCHMAKER KICKOFF:** Kanbar Forum  
@ Exploratorium · Sat, Aug 25, 11:00 am

**FILM SCREENINGS:** Koret Auditorium  
@ SF Public Library · Wed, Sept 12, 6:00 pm



### COAL + ICE

Green Film Fest is collaborating this year with COAL + ICE, a documentary photography and video exhibition and festival focusing on climate change and fossil fuels. The work of over 40 photographers from around the world will be featured alongside a myriad of artistic and cultural events, with environmental films programmed by Green Film Fest. Presented by Asia Society, COAL + ICE brings to life the climate connection between the U.S. and China and explores how we are all in this together—both in creating the problem and figuring out solutions. COAL + ICE calls attention to the perils of inaction and seeks to spark a vision of the way forward.

COAL + ICE runs from September 4–23, 2018.

**COAL + ICE**

### BAY AREA NOW 8

This year, Green Film Fest is partnering with Yerba Buena Center for the Arts to feature compelling environmental films during the Global Climate Action Summit. This includes special programs on Sept 13 as part of Bay Area Now 8, the signature triennial exhibition presented by YBCA showcasing the work of diverse and innovative local artists. For the first time, the exhibition includes the works of Bay Area architects and designers working at the leading edge of environmental design, sustainable collaboration, data visualization, and information dissemination.

**BAN8 will be on view September 7, 2018–March 24, 2019.**



# FESTIVAL CALENDAR

**AUG 25 · SAT**

11:00a EXPL Reel Science Challenge:  
Matchmaker Kick-Off

**SEPT 6 · THU**

**OPENING NIGHT**

5:30p CAS Opening Night VIP Reception  
7:30p CAS Opening Night Premiere:  
Into the Okvango

**10 · MON**

6:00p YBCA The Guardians  
7:00p COAL + ICE Decoding the Weather Machine  
with PBS/NOVA  
8:15p YBCA Patrimonio

**14 · FRI**

**Extra day added for Global Climate Action Summit!**

3:00p YBCA The Tortoise and the Tapir  
5:30p YBCA Happening: A Clean Energy  
Revolution  
8:00p YBCA Tawai: A Voice From the Forest

**7 · FRI**

**Presented by COAL + ICE**

10:00a CWL Schools Program:  
Youth v Gov  
2:00p CWL Complicit  
5:00p CWL Wasted! The Story  
of Food Waste  
7:30p CWL The Harvest, with  
Non-Stop Bhangra

**11 · TUE**

5:30p YBCA Nail House  
6:00p SFPL Silas  
8:00p YBCA Point of No Return

**8 · SAT**

**Join us for celebration after the  
Rise for Climate March!**

**Presented by COAL + ICE**

2:00p CWL Pushing Change: Shorts from  
China's Environmental Edge  
4:00p CWL Symphony for Nature, with the  
Steiger Butte Singers & Drummers  
5:30p CWL Wilder Than Wild:  
Fire, Forests, and the Future  
8:00p CWL Warrior Women

**12 · WED**

3:00p YBCA Dusk Chorus—based on  
Fragments of Extinction  
5:15p YBCA Food Coop  
6:00p SFPL Spirit of Discovery, with  
Reel Science Challenge shorts  
8:00p YBCA Youth Unstoppable: The Rise of the  
Global Youth Climate Movement

**9 · SUN**

**Presented by COAL + ICE**

12:00p CWL Dirt Rich  
2:30p CWL Stroop: Journey into the  
Rhino Horn War  
5:30p CWL The Human Element  
8:00p CWL Anote's Ark

**13 · THU**

**CLOSING NIGHT**

1:45p YBCA Wild Relatives  
4:00p CAS Genesis 2.0  
4:00p YBCA Current Revolution  
6:00p YBCA Bay Area Now 8 Special Programs  
7:30p CAS Closing Night Premiere:  
The Condor and The Eagle  
9:30p CAS Closing Night Wrap Party

## BOX OFFICE

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IN PERSON · at venues on day of show

## TICKETS

**Prices include service fees**

<b>15</b>	General Admission
<b>13</b>	Members
<b>14</b>	Senior/Disabled
<b>FREE</b>	Youth & Students (any regular show)
<b>80</b>	6-Film Vouchers
<b>55/50/15</b>	Opening Night VIP Reception+Film with reserved seating (21+)/ Members/Film Only
<b>25/20/15</b>	Closing Night Film+Wrap Party (21+)/ Members/Film only

## PASSES/PACKAGES

**Passholders jump to the front of the ticket line!**

<b>200/180</b>	Full Festival Pass/Members (all screenings & events, including Opening Reception & Closing Party)
<b>90/80</b>	Cowell Theater Pass (Sept 7–9)
<b>45/40</b>	Cowell Day Pass (Sept 8 or 9)
<b>90/80</b>	YBCA Pass (Sept 10–14)
<b>80</b>	6-Tix Voucher Pack (redeemable online, by phone or in person)

**Festival Member discounts available—JOIN at [greenfilmfest.org/membership](http://greenfilmfest.org/membership)**

Individual tickets have the option to be printed at home or held at will call. All passes are held at will call. The venue box office opens 30 minutes before the first show each day. Ticket/passholders must arrive 15 minutes prior to the showtime to guarantee admission. After this time, seats are not guaranteed even with a purchased ticket/pass. If advance online tickets have sold out, 'Rush' tickets may be available before a show on a first-come, first-served basis. Filmmaker and guest

## VENUES

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for parking & transit info**

<b>CAS</b>	<b>CASTRO THEATRE</b> 429 Castro St. at Market St.
<b>CWL</b>	<b>COWELL THEATER AT COAL+ICE</b> Fort Mason Center 2 Marina Boulevard at Buchanan St.
<b>EXPL</b>	<b>KANBAR FORUM</b> Exploratorium · Pier 15 Embarcadero St. at Green St.
<b>SFPL</b>	<b>KORET AUDITORIUM</b> SF Public Library – Main Branch 100 Larkin St. at Grove St.
<b>YBCA</b>	<b>YERBA BUENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS</b> 701 Mission Street at 3rd St.

# FILMS A-G



## ANOTE'S ARK

Matthieu Rytz · Canada · 2018 · 77 min

[San Francisco Premiere · Best Feature Award](#)

Cowell · Sun, Sept 9, 8:00 pm

The remote Pacific Island of Kiribati has almost no environmental footprint yet faces imminent annihilation from sea level rise. President Anote Tong races to find a way to protect his nation's people from one of the biggest existential challenges facing humanity. Nominated for the Grand Jury Prize, World Cinema—Documentary at Sundance 2018.

**Expected Guest:** Director Matthieu Rytz

**With short:** **AFTEREARTH** · Jesse X. Snow · USA · 2017 · 13 min

**Program Sponsors:** Consulate General of Canada in San Francisco; Consulate General of Switzerland in San Francisco



## COMPLICIT

Heather White and Lynn Zhang · China · 2017 · 89 min

Cowell · Fri, Sept 7, 2:00 pm

Yi Yeting, a Chinese migrant factory worker, is struggling to survive occupational leukemia and helping others poisoned by assembling smartphones. He brings his fight against benzene from his hospital room to Silicon Valley and the international stage. Against huge odds, Yi confronts corporate and government interests, while empowering and inspiring the people around him.

**Expected Guest:** Director Heather White



## CURRENT REVOLUTION

Roger Sorkin · USA · 2018 · 40 min

[World Festival Premiere](#) | YBCA · Thu, Sept 13, 4:00 pm

From substations to gas stations, boardrooms to military bases—this film tells the story of America's energy industry on the brink of massive change. Whether it fails, prevails or adapts, the outcome will profoundly affect us all. This is the first in a series of new films about the future of the US energy grid from American Resilience Project, producers of Green Film Fest 2017 award-winner **Tidewater**.

**Expected Guests:** Director Roger Sorkin; Producer Nate Birnbaum

**Program Sponsor:** Honda Oakland



## DECODING THE WEATHER MACHINE WITH PBS/NOVA

COAL+ICE · Mon, Sept 10, 7:00 pm

Disastrous hurricanes. Widespread droughts and wildfires. Withering heat. Extreme rainfall. It is hard not to conclude that something's up with the weather, and many scientists agree. It's the result of the weather machine itself—our climate—changing, becoming hotter and more erratic.

Join producers of NOVA and leading climate scientists to see clips from this 2-hour PBS special and discuss how Earth's climate system is changing.

**Expected Guests:** NOVA writer-producer Doug Hamilton, with climate scientists!



## DIRT RICH

Marcy Cravat · USA · 2018 · 86 min

[San Francisco Premiere · SF Bay Area Filmmaker](#)

Cowell · Sun, Sept 9, 12:00 pm

Marcy Cravat (**Angel Azul**) illustrates how implementing carbon 'draw down' strategies will return our atmosphere to safe levels of carbon while growing soil, our most precious resource. These regenerative agricultural practices, reforestation of abandoned land, protection/restoration of carbon rich wetlands and keystone species are viable solutions for reversing the effects of runaway global warming.

**Expected Guests:** Director Marcy Cravat; subjects from the film

**With shorts:** **COWSERIOUSLY: THE REGENERATION**

**SECRET** · Kiss the Ground · USA · 2018 · 10 min

**BEEBOX** · Cable Hardin · USA · 2018 · 2 min

**Eat Well Series Sponsor:** Kaiser Permanente



## DUSK CHORUS – BASED ON FRAGMENTS OF EXTINCTION

Nika Šaravanja, Alessandro D'Emilia, and David Monacchi · Italy · 2017 · 62 min | [California Premiere](#)

YBCA · Wed, Sept 12, 3:00 pm

Follow David Monacchi - a high-tech explorer and eco-acoustic composer—in his quest through the Amazonian forests of Ecuador to record pure 24-hour continuous 3D soundscapes in the place with the highest biodiversity on the planet. The film offers a unique listening experience of the vanishing sonic heritage of millions of years of evolution.

**Expected Guest:** film's subject & writer David Monacchi



## FOOD COOP

Tom Boothe · France · 2016 · 97 min

[USA Premiere · Inspiring Lives Award](#)

YBCA · Wed, Sept 12, 5:15 pm

The Park Slope Food Coop, a food cooperative in the heart of Brooklyn with 16,000 members, challenges both traditional capitalism and the basis of food production and distribution systems. The film has spawned a movement in France, including the opening of La Louve Coop in Paris last year.

**Expected Guests:** Director & Founder of La Louve Coop, Tom Boothe; Producer Hernan Mazzeo

**With short:** **FLY AWAY** · Isaac King · Canada · 2017 · 3 min

**Eat Well Series Sponsor:** Kaiser Permanente

**Program Sponsors:** French Embassy in the US; Rainbow Grocery



## GENESIS 2.0

Christian Frei and Maxim Arbugaev · Switzerland · 2018 · 112 min | [California Premiere · Green Film](#)

[Network Award](#) | Castro · Thu, Sept 13, 4:00 pm

On the remote New Siberian Islands in the Arctic Ocean, hunters are searching for the tusks of extinct mammoths. Thawing permafrost releases an intact mammoth carcass in addition to the precious ivory, which sets genetic scientists on a controversial quest to clone a living mammoth. Winner of the World Cinema Documentary Special Jury Award for Cinematography at Sundance 2018.

**Expected Guest:** Director Christian Frei

**With short:** **IN BETWEEN**

Rolf Steinmann · Germany · 2015 · 8 min

**Program Sponsor:** Consulate General of Switzerland in San Francisco

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# FILMS G-P



## THE GUARDIANS

Tessa Moran and Ben Crosbie · USA · 2017 · 70 min  
[San Francisco Premiere](#) | YBCA · Mon, Sept 10, 6:00pm

A visually dazzling meditation on the delicate balance between humans and nature, *The Guardians* elegantly interweaves the lives of the iconic Monarch butterfly with an indigenous community in Mexico. Both depend on the same ancient forest for their survival and now face an uncertain future.

**Expected Guests:** Director Tessa Moran and Ben Crosbie

**With short:** CICLO · Esteban Kaufer · Argentina · 2018 · 17 min

**Program Sponsor:** Hotel Carlton



## HAPPENING: A CLEAN ENERGY REVOLUTION

James Redford · USA · 2017 · 50 min  
[Educational Premiere · SF Bay Area Filmmaker](#)  
 YBCA · Fri, Sept 14, 5:30pm

Filmmaker James Redford embarks on a colorful personal journey into the dawn of the clean energy era as it creates jobs, turns profits, and makes communities stronger and healthier across the US. Pioneering clean energy solutions are revealed, from Georgetown, TX to Buffalo, NY to Folsom, CA.

**Expected Guests:** Director James Redford; Producer Jill Tidman

**With short:** BIG BOOOM

Marat Narimanov · Russia · 2016 · 4 min

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## THE HARVEST (IL RACCOLTO)

Andrea Paco Mariani · Italy · 2017 · 73 min  
[USA Premiere](#) | Cowell · Fri, Sept 7, 7:30pm

Italy is renowned the world over for its excellent food. Yet thousands of foreign workers support the country's agri-food production. This bold docu-musical shows the daily exploitation of Sikh field workers, combining documentary with traditional Punjabi choreography to illustrate the exploitation of Indian workers in the Italian fields.

**Expected Guest:** Director Andrea Paco Mariani

**Special performance by Non Stop Bhangra!**



## THE HUMAN ELEMENT

Matthew Testa · USA / Iceland · 2018 · 76 min  
 Cowell · Sun, Sept 9, 5:30pm

Renowned photographer James Balog (*Chasing Ice*) reveals how environmental change is affecting the lives of everyday Americans by framing his journey around the four classical elements—air, earth, fire and water. *The Human Element* tells a compassionate and urgent story while giving inspiration for a more balanced relationship between humanity and nature.

**Expected Guest:** film's subject James Balog

**With short:** THE INVISIBLE BLANKET

Pasha Reshikov · USA · 2017 · 17 min

[Best Short Award](#)

**Program Sponsor:** EarthxFilm



## NAIL HOUSE

Soumyaa Kapil Behrens · USA · 2018 · 79 min  
[Sneak Preview · SF Bay Area Filmmaker](#)  
 YBCA · Tue, Sept 11, 5:30pm

A film about gentrification, poverty, and the politics of San Francisco. *Nail House* tells the story how the fight over a tiny corner of local land became a mirror for grassroots protests around the world, and an illustration of the fight to preserve the spirit of public property.

**Expected Guests:** Director Soumyaa Kapil Behrens; subjects from the film

**With short:** SCRAP · Christian Filippone · USA · 2017 · 6 min



## PATRIMONIO

Lisa F. Jackson and Sarah Teale · USA · 2018 · 83 min  
[San Francisco Premiere](#) | YBCA · Mon, Sept 10, 8:15pm

A multi-billion-dollar American development is poised to engulf a small coastal community in Baja California Sur with a mega hotel/condo complex. But local people are banding together to save their way of life and the delicate ecosystem on which they all depend.

**Expected Guests:** Director Lisa F. Jackson and Sarah Teale; subjects from the film

**With short:** GWALA RISING · Jennifer Shoemaker · USA / Papua New Guinea · 2018 · 13 min



## POINT OF NO RETURN

Noel Dockstader and Quinn Kanaly · USA · 2017 · 94 min  
[SF Bay Area Filmmaker](#) | YBCA · Tue, Sept 11, 8:00pm

*Point of No Return* takes you behind the headlines of the first solar-powered flight around the world—where two courageous pilots take turns battling nature, their own crew, and sometimes logic itself, to achieve the impossible. Not just to make history, but to inspire a revolution.

**Expected Guests:** Directors Noel Dockstader and Quinn Kanaly; film's subject and pilot, Bertrand Piccard

**With short:** WIND SHOULD BE HEARD NOT SEEN  
 Claire Sanford · Canada · 2018 · 13 min

**Program Sponsor:** SFPUC CleanPower SF



## PUSHING CHANGE: SHORTS FROM CHINA'S ENVIRONMENTAL EDGE

Cowell · Sat, Sept 8, 2:00pm

Buddhism uplifts a Chinese reporter tracking environmental crises; an American photographer documents panda habitat conservationists; a bird's arrival in Taiwan showcases dislocation by ecosystem destruction; humans move to follow clean water in North China; and a famous filmmaker looks at China's pollution-plagued cities.

**SEARCHING FOR SACRED MOUNTAIN** · Shi Lihong & Gary Marcuse | **GUANBA: LAND OF THE PANDA TRIBE** · Kyle Obermann | **FAR AWAY FROM HOME** · Liu Yan-ming | **DRINKING THE NORTHWEST WIND** · Sharron Lovell, Tom Wang & Christina Larson | **SMOG JOURNEYS** · Jia Zhangke  
**Expected Guests:** Directors Shi Lihong and Gary Marcuse; film's subject Liu Jianqiang

# FILMS S-W



## SILAS

Anjali Nayar and Hawa Essuman · Canada / South Africa / Kenya · 2017 · 80 min | [San Francisco Premiere](#) · [Free Event](#) SFPL · Tue, Sept 11, 6:00 pm

Liberian activist Silas Siakor is a tireless crusader against illegal logging and corruption. *Silas* depicts a new generation of resistance, warns of the power of politics, features the role of technology in our rapidly-changing world, and highlights the impact one person can make to change the system from the ground up.

*With short:* **ILLEGAL ACTIVISTS - THE BATTLE FOR NORWAY'S FJORDS** · Julia Dahr and Julie Lunde Lillesæter · Norway · 2017 · 11 min

*Program Sponsors:* Consulate General of Canada in San Francisco; GreenStacks at SF Public Library



## SPIRIT OF DISCOVERY

Eliana Alvarez Martinez · USA · 2017 · 60 min  
[San Francisco Premiere](#) · [Free Event](#) SFPL · Wed, Sept 12, 6:00 pm

Walter Munk's brilliant scientific "failures" and pursuit of daring exploration have changed the way we understand our Blue Planet and literally helped save western civilization. His work in oceanography pioneered our modern understanding of tides, ocean circulation, and surf forecasting. Now, at age 96, Walter is on a mission to research the unique flying Devil Rays that bear his name.

*Expected Guests:* Director Eliana Alvarez Martinez

*With shorts from the* **REEL SCIENCE CHALLENGE**

*Program Sponsors:* GreenStacks at SF Public Library

*Reel Science Sponsor:* National Endowment for the Arts

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## STROOP: JOURNEY INTO THE RHINO HORN WAR

Susan Scott · South Africa · 2018 · 120 min  
[USA Premiere](#) · [Green Tenacity Award](#) Cowell · Sun, Sept 9, 2:30 pm

In Africa and Asia, two filmmakers embed themselves on the front-lines of a species genocide when they are given exclusive access to the enforcement aspect of the war for rhino horn. From rangers, pilots and K9 units patrolling national parks to elite police units raiding wildlife trafficking dens... they find themselves in some hair-raising situations.

*Expected Guests:* Director Susan Scott;  
Producer/Journalist Bonné de Bod



## SYMPHONY FOR NATURE

Anne Flatté · USA · 2017 · 27 min  
[California Festival Premiere](#) · [SF Bay Area Filmmaker](#) Cowell · Sat, Sept 8, 4:00 pm

The behind-the-scenes story of how classical musicians joined with indigenous drummers for a stunning performance of *Natural History*, a new composition by Michael Gordon inspired by Oregon's breathtaking Crater Lake. Featuring the Britt Orchestra and the Klamath Tribe drum group Steiger Butte Singers, in a dynamic interaction between this extraordinary musical experience and the spectacular setting.

*Expected Guest:* Director Anne Flatté

*Special performance by Steiger Butte Singers & Drummers!*



## TAWAI: A VOICE FROM THE FOREST

Bruce Parry · UK · 2017 · 97 min  
[USA Premiere](#) | YBCA · Fri, Sept 14, 8:00 pm

"Tawai" is the word the nomadic hunter-gatherers of Borneo use to describe their inner feeling of connection to nature. In this dreamy, philosophical and sociological look at life, explorer Bruce Parry travels the world to learn from peoples living lives very differently to our own.

*Expected Guest:* Director & film's subject Bruce Parry

*With short:* **NOW YOU SEE IT**

Rebecca Manley · UK · 2017 · 3 min

*Program Sponsor:* Argonaut Hotel



## THE TORTOISE AND THE TAPIR (O JABUTI E A ANTA)

Eliza Capai · Brazil · 2016 · 70 min | [USA Premiere](#) YBCA · Fri, Sept 14, 3:00 pm

Haunted by images of empty water reservoirs in the Brazilian southwest, Eliza Capai tries to understand the gigantic constructions being built in the middle of Amazon forest, including the imposing Bel Monte dam. Upstream, she finds a spirited victory against hydro dam projects in neighboring Peru led by Goldman Environmental Prize Winner Ruth Buendía.

*Expected Guest:* Director Eliza Capai



## WARRIOR WOMEN

Elizabeth A. Castle and Christina D. King · USA · 2018 · 67 min | [California Premiere](#) | Cowell · Sat, Sept 8, 8:00 pm

Famed Indigenous activist Madonna Thunder Hawk and her daughter Marcella are highlighted in this uplifting documentary about an indomitable spirit undeterred by age or government apathy. From the rise of the American Indian Movement (AIM) to the Wounded Knee incident of 1973, and most recently the North Dakota Access Pipeline protest, **WARRIOR WOMEN** rekindles the memories and long-standing legacy of the Red Power movement's matriarchs.

*Expected Guest:* Director Elizabeth Castle and Christina King;  
film's subjects Marcella Gilbert

*With short:* **WATER WARRIORS**

Michael Premo · Canada / USA · 2017 · 22 min

[Green Film Network Short Award](#)



## WASTED! THE STORY OF FOOD WASTE

Nari Kye and Anna Chai · USA · 2018 · 85 min  
Cowell · Fri, Sept 7, 5:00 pm

A film to change the way we buy, cook, recycle, and eat food. Chef-heroes Anthony Bourdain (the film's executive producer), Dan Barber, Mario Batali, Massimo Bottura, and Danny Bowien, make the most of every kind of food, transforming what most people consider scraps into incredible dishes that create a more secure food system.

*With short:* **DON'T WASTY!**

Carlos Bernal · Mexico · 2018 · 1 min

*Eat Well Series Sponsor:* Kaiser Permanente

# FILMS W-Z



## WILD RELATIVES

Jumana Manna · Lebanon/Norway/Germany · 2018 · 66 min  
**California Premiere** | YBCA · Thu, Sept 13, 1:45 pm

*Wild Relatives* is a profound meditation on resilience in an era defined by displacement, climate change, and war, documenting the complex pathway of seed distribution between Lebanon's Beqaa Valley and the Global Seed Vault deep inside Norway's Svalbard archipelago. Environmental Award Winner at Sheffield Doc/Fest 2018.

**With short:** DRY ROAST

Lauren Schwartzman and Emily Thomas  
 USA · 2017 · 10 min



## WILDER THAN WILD: FIRE, FORESTS, AND THE FUTURE

Kevin White and Stephen Most · USA · 2018 · 57 min  
**San Francisco Premiere** · SF Bay Area Filmmakers  
 Cowell · Sat, Sept 8, 5:30 pm

Bay Area filmmakers take us on a journey from the Rim Fire of 2013 to the Wine Country wildfires of 2017, revealing how fire suppression and climate change have exposed our forests and wildland-urban landscapes to large, high-severity wildfires, and exploring strategies to mitigate future disasters.

**Expected Guests:** Directors Stephen Most and Kevin White; film's subject Elizabeth Azzuz of the Yurok Tribe; Kelly Martin, Chief of Fire & Aviation Management, Yosemite National Park; subjects from the film

**With short:** CEDAR TREE OF LIFE  
 Odessa Shuquaya · Canada · 2018 · 11 min

**Program Sponsor:** Wells Fargo



## TAKE ACTION

### THE SPIRIT OF THE FESTIVAL DOESN'T HAVE TO END AT THE THEATRE!

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## YOUTH UNSTOPPABLE: THE RISE OF THE GLOBAL CLIMATE YOUTH MOVEMENT

Slater Jewell-Kemker · Canada · 2018 · 86 min  
**California Premiere** | YBCA · Wed, Sept 12, 8:00 pm

Slater was just 15 years old when she started questioning her local politicians about their inability to pass laws to protect the environment. She soon took it upon herself to document their eco efforts and growing movement on camera, traveling around the globe on the front lines of climate change.

**Expected Guest:** Director Slater Jewell-Kemker;  
 Producer Wendy Jewell

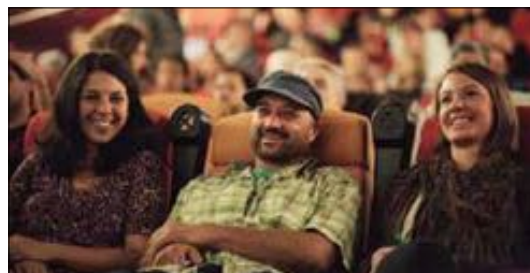
**With Green Film Fest Youth Competition Winners:**

**CAR POLLUTION AND THE AIR YOU BREATHE** · Lukas Mills

**FEED THE FUTURE** · Natalie Wyllie

**THE STORY OF A PLASTIC BOTTLE** · Cambria Bartlett &  
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## YOUTH V GOV

Christi Cooper · USA · work-in-progress  
**Free Schools Program for Grades 5–12**  
 Cowell · Fri, Sept 7, 10:00 am

A special preview screening and youth activist workshop. An intimate look at a group of youth plaintiffs, ages 10–21, as they embark on the groundbreaking—and possibly most important—climate change litigation of the 21st century. The fight to secure their legal right to a healthy atmosphere and a stable climate for not only their generation, but for generations to come.

**Expected Guests:** Director Christi Cooper; film's subjects / youth plaintiffs; Bay Area youth leaders

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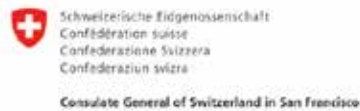
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