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In Loving Memory

This past December, our Colorado Environmental Film Festival team suffered a huge loss with the unexpected passing of our festival coordinator Marissa Copan.

In her 36 years, Marissa had an extraordinary impact on science education and community engagement for nature study and conservation. An avid outdoorswoman with a positive, adventurous



spirit, she led STEM and nature conservation programs in the U.S. and internationally.

Early in her career she served as one of the first volunteer board members of the festival, helping establish the foundation and set the stage for the festival to grow into the thriving and engaging community experience it is today. Marissa returned to our team 3 years ago as our festival coordinator, playing an integral role in establishing our new partnership with the Colorado School of Mines. She dedicated her festival time connecting with volunteers and audience members alike, her infectious smile and passion for environmental conservation leaving a lasting impression.

Hey lady - we miss you and we are forever grateful for your light - we will continue to honor your memory in all that we do to inspire environmental action through film!

# COFFENSIONMENTAL 25

## Welcome to CEFF 2025

Welcome to the 19th annual Colorado Environmental Film Festival. We look forward to you joining us on this enlightening, thought-provoking, and inspiring journey. Through storytelling and stunning imagery, our films transport you to locations on the Front Range and far beyond. From the Great Plains in the U.S., to the coral reefs in the Maldives, to the fjords of Norway, to the rain forests of Madagascar, learn about a range of environmental issues and meet fascinating people from diverse cultures taking action across the continents.

The festival highlights over 60 films from filmmakers around the world. We each come to the festival with a passion for a particular topic. Whether it is preserving native plant seeds, healing damaged habitats, protecting endangered wildlife, partnering with businesses on earth-friendly solutions, or using creative ways to reduce carbon emissions, there is a documentary or fictional story that addresses your interests.

There are also opportunities to open your eyes to an issue you may not be familiar with. We encourage you to attend multiple sessions to explore topics that expand your knowledge. Films feature projects where people of all ages and backgrounds come together to influence local policies, inspiring others to replicate similar initiatives in their community. Thus, spreading change across the globe.

Don't forget to spend time before and after the films mingling with other attendees and talking with our Eco-Expo partners. Building community connections and sharing ideas is an important part of CEFF.

Thank you for attending the Colorado Environmental Film Festival. Our volunteers, staff, and board members are dedicated to presenting the best festival to you. Planning began last spring, including the difficult task of narrowing over 250 submitted films down to 63. It's a process that involves many judges and extensive, thoughtful discussions.

We hope you have an enriching experience, while being motivated with optimism and moved to make a difference, beginning with your small part of the planet.



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Mines produces the talent, knowledge and innovations to serve industry and benefit society — all to create a more prosperous future.

#### Graduate programs available online and on campus in

Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage; Earth Resources Development Engineering; Energy Geophysics; Environmental Engineering Science; Humanitarian Engineering and Science, Natural Resources and Energy Policy, and more!



# HOW TO FEST BEFORE THE FESTIVAL

#### **BROWSE THE FILMS**

With over 60 films to watch, check out the <u>Full Schedule</u> and see what sparks your interest!

**By Individual Films**: On the Festival Home site (<u>ceff2025.eventive.org/films</u>), you can browse all the films in the festival alphabetically. Here you can see full descriptions of each film and a link to their trailer (if available). You can also filter films by a number of different tags including feature, short, youth, and topic.

#### <u>Go to Films A-Z >>></u>

**By Screening Day & Time or Online Encore Collection**: Enjoy films in-person or virtually from home! Each film session averages about 2 hours in length and contains 3-6 films, including a mix of both short and feature-length films. Some Online Encore collections include additional materials such as pre-recorded filmmaker Q&A's and more which may extend the total viewing time.

<u>Go to Schedule >>></u>

#### SELECT YOUR PASS OR INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

Purchase a festival pass or individual screening tickets and create your free account. Decide which ticket or pass is right for you and purchase in advance to ensure you can see all the films you want to watch! Need help deciding? Want the best value? An All-Access Pass costs less than \$1 per film available and gives access to all the films both duiring the festival and the Online Encore! Interested in one or a few specific film collections? The Five Film Collection Pack might work for you. Or simply purchase individual tickets for any film collection. Many events and programs are free to attend.

Purchase tickets and festival passes >>>

#### How to Fest

# HOW TO FEST DURING THE FEST - IN PERSON

#### **LOCATION & PARKING**

**Green Center @ Colorado School of Mines Campus** (924 16th Street, Golden, CO 80401) Street and Lot parking (<u>Blue and Yellow</u>) is available near the Green Center. Parking is FREE after 5pm M-F and all day on the weekends. Otherwise it is \$2/hour with a max of \$10. The entrance to the Green Center is on the West side of the building and the Box Office is inside the Lobby in front of Bunker Auditorium.

\*Note: All three theaters are located inside the Green Center on the 1st floor.

#### FILM SCREENINGS

Tickets are required for all film screenings. Tickets may be reserved (passholders) or purchased in advance or at the door. Events may sell out.

#### FOOD & DRINK

The festival offers a variety of beverages, light snacks throughout the weekend in the Eco-Expo in the Green Center Lobby. Looking for a meal? Check out the Golden Mill - the festival food headquarters - during one of the meal breaks between screenings. Show your ticket for a great discount at Golden Mill!

#### **GREENING THE FEST - HOW YOU CAN HELP**

- Rideshare, walk, ride your bike or take public transportation
- Bring your reusable beverage containers or get a new CEFF one!
- Recycle lanyards and programs
- Visit the Eco-Expo for great ideas from local businesses
- Did you know? CEFF t-shirts are carbon neutral and printed with water-based ink
- View the program and film guide online





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# HOW TO FEST ONLINE ENCORE FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 2

#### WATCH ON YOUR COMPUTER/TABLET/PHONE

Using a Safari or Chrome browser, login to your Eventive account on the Online Encore Home and click on My Tickets (under top left drop down MENU). Click WATCH NOW.

#### WATCH ON YOUR TV - CAST, AIRPLAY, EVENTIVE APP

You can use your smartphone or laptop to cast (Google Chromecast) or Airplay (Apple) the films to your TV. Using a Safari or Chrome browser, login to your Eventive account on the Fest Home and click on My Tickets (under top left drop down MENU). Click WATCH NOW. Cast or Airplay to your TV. Or use the Eventive TV App (For Apple TV or Roku). The Eventive app works with Roku TV device or Apple TV devices.

#### CONNECT TO COMPUTER VIA HDMI

Using a Safari or Chrome browser, login to your Eventive account on the Fest Home and click on My Tickets (under top left drop down MENU). Connect your computer to your TV with an HDMI cable and change the input of your TV to HDMI. Click WATCH NOW.

#### **ONLINE ENCORE SCREENING RESTRICTIONS**

Geographic Restrictions dictated by filmmakers and distributors may limit the ability to unlock some sessions. Please check for all restrictions before purchasing or reserving a ticket to ensure you will be able to watch where you are located.

#### WATCH WINDOWS

This refers to the amount of time you have to complete watching a film collection once you press WATCH NOW. You may pause and restart the collection. You will have 7 days to finish watching your Online Encore collection once you start.

#### STILL NEED HELP?

Check out our How to Fest page and FAQ's or visit our partner platform help pages for more details.

• Eventive Help

# HIGHLIGHTS

#### **OPENING NIGHT**

FRIDAY, 2/21 @ 6:00 PM

#### GREEN CENTER LOBBY & BUNKER AUDITORIUM

Come celebrate opening night at the Green Center and walk the green carpet!

- 6:00-7:00pm: Celebrate reconnecting with our CEFF community with drinks and light snacks (for purchase) and explore the Eco-Expo.
- 7:00-9:30pm: Enjoy a night of great new environmental films and engaging conversation.

**Featured Film:** *Bring Them Home* with special postfilm conversation with Executive Producer Melissa Grumhaus.

#### **CLOSING NIGHT** SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 3:30 PM BUNKER AUDITORIUM

Join us for our final screening with featured film Half-Life of Memory: America's Forgotten Atomic Bomb Factory and post-film panel discussion featuring:

- Judy Padilla, a former Rocky Flats worker, cancer survivor, and advocate.
- Jon Lipsky, a retired FBI agent, former police officer, and whistleblower.
- Chet Tchozewski, a lead organizer in the Rocky Flats activist campaign and Rocky Flats Truth Force member.
- Elena Klaver is a musician, activist, and environmental advocate dedicated to social justice and anti-nuclear movements.



# HIGHLIGHTS



#### FILMMAKER CONVERSATIONS

LIVE AT THE FEST + ONLINE ENCORE

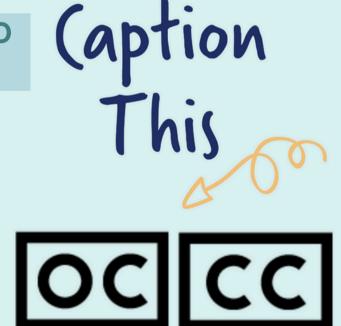
Enjoy live chats both during the festival and pre-recorded **Filmmaker Conversations** online with the directors and stars behind some of this year's most intriguing films and learn more about the background story and passion behind these important films!

# 100% OF FILMS CAPTIONED

FOR ONLINE ENCORE

CEFF is excited to provide captioned films that are accessible and convenient for all, regardless of age, size, disability, or ability. Check out the following screenings at the fest offering open captions/full English Subtitles and live CART:

- Saturday 1:00pm (Bunker)
- Saturday 3:30pm (Bunker)



All films in the Online Encore offer closed captions (CC), open captions (OC), complete English subtitles, or are instrumental only/ no dialogue films. Enjoy!

\*Special thanks to Hearing Loss Association of America - Colorado Chapters for their support!

# HIGHLIGHTS **ECO-EXPO COMMUNITY SHOWCASE**

#### **GREEN CENTER LOBBY**

Friday 6:00pm-7:00pm | Saturday 9:30am-7:30pm | Sunday 9:30am-4:00pm FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ALL WEEKEND

Discover new approaches to enact positive environmental change through involvement, action, and economic and personal choices!













































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# **HIGHLIGHTS** APRIL ONLINE AUCTION SNEAK PEEK

#### SUPPORT CEFF AND BID OFTEN FOR OUR EARTH MONTH ONLINE AUCTION AUCTION WILL RUN ONLINE IN APRIL - WATCH THE NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFO IN MARCH!



#### **UNIQUE PRODUCTS**

- FRONT RANGE BIRDING BINOCULARS
- LOCAL ART PRINTS
- FAIR TRADE PERSONAL CARE BASKET
- CLIMATE ACTION BOOK

#### FUN EXPERIENCES & TRAVEL

- SIX DAY AFRICAN SAFARI
- WEEKEND GETAWAY TO BANFF NATIONAL PARK
- GOLDEN RIVER SPORTS GIFT CARD



Green Bag Lunch & Learn

#### SATURDAY (12:15-12:45PM) CEFF Theater

Bring your lunch and learn about the evolving reuse, refill, and waste reduction systems in Colorado!

#### SUNDAY (12:15-12:45PM) CEFF Theater + SW Corner of Green Center

Chat with the owners of a wide selection of Electric Vehicles about their real-life experiences! And check out the EV Showcase outside all day (9:30-3:30pm).

# HIGHLIGHTS FOOD AND DRINK

**GOLDEN MILL** OPEN ALL WEEKEND 1012 FORD STREET, GOLDEN

A community gathering place since its early days as the town's mill and feed store, enjoy our innovative food hall in downtown Golden while fully embracing Colorado's laid-back, welcoming nature with our creekside and rooftop patios and live local music and events. Show your CEFF ticket for a great discount! See the <u>Menu</u> here.

#### **ROOTS & REELS SOIREE**

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FEED

SATUDAY, 2/22 (5:00 - 7:15 PM) FRIEDHOFF HALL

Join us for this exclusive event to mingle with the 2025 CEFF filmmakers, connect with fellow passionate festival-goers, and savor a fabulous plant-based food catered by <u>The Easy Vegan</u>. During the evening, we'll also reveal the winners of CEFF's 2025 Award-Winning Films. Don't miss this memorable night!





#### **OPEN BAR & SNACKS**

FRIDAY, 2/21 (6:00 - 7:00 PM) SATURDAY, 2/22 (12:00 - 5:00 PM) SUNDAY, 2/23 (9:00 AM - 3:30 PM)

**GREEN CENTER LOBBY** 

Hungry? Enjoy drinks and snacks for purchase in the Green Center lobby and support local Compass Montessori and their trip to Bhutan this spring!

# THANK YOU SPONSORS



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# Schedule at a Glance

#### **FRIDAY** 2/21

**CEFF 4 Classrooms** Bunker Auditorium (10:00am-12:00pm) Filmmaker Industry Happy Hour Private Event (2:30pm-4:30pm)

#### **Opening Night**

**Bunker Auditorium** 7:00pm-9:30pm

Earth Looks for Insurance (3 min) Local Climate Solutions: Biodiversity & Forest Conservation in the Sierra Gorda (3 min) Agents of Change (3 min) Tule (5 min) Bring Them Home with post film conversation with Executive Producer Melissa Grumhaus (86 min)

#### SATURDAY 2/22

Film Screening Bunker Auditorium 10:00am-12:00pm	<b>Film Screening</b> Lookout Mountain Theater 10:00am-12:00pm	
Drylands Agroecology Research (13 min)	For You (OC) Our Movement Starts Here	
Eating the Future (49 min)	Film Screening	
Growing Culture - Seed Farming in the Front Range of Colorado (8 min)	Lookout Mountain Theater	
Kanenon:we - Original Seeds (27 min)	1:00pm-3:00pm	
		Film Screening
Film Screening	Last Stand: Saving the Elwha	CEFF Theater
Bunker Auditorium	River's Legacy Forests (23 min)	1:00pm-3:00pm
1:00pm-3:00pm	Safe Haven: The Rainbow-Jordan	
	Wilderness (31 min)	Forgotten Pacific (73 min)
A Call from the Wild (82 min with	Takayna - The heart of lutruwita /	Palau, An Ocean Inheritance
English Subtitles)	Tasmania (45 min)	(20 min)
Coral Gardeners (21 min with OC)		
Film Screening	Film Screening	Film Screening
Bunker Auditorium	Lookout Mountain Theater	CEFF Theater
3:30pm-5:30pm	3:30pm-5:30pm	3:30pm-5:30pm
Burning to Heal (14 min with OC)	Mû (7 min)	Lions of the Skeleton Coast (52 min)

Glacier - The Children of Ice (49 min with English Subtitles) Terminus (8 min with OC) Way the Wind Blows (18 min with OC)

Roots & Reels Party + Award Presentation (Friedhof Hall) 5:00-7:15pm

Our Blue World (90 min)

Sweet Karma Bitters (4 min)

The Birds & The Beans (12 min)

Uncovering Animal Minds (27 min)

#### **SATURDAY** 2/22 continued

<b>Film Screening</b> Bunker Auditorium <i>7:15pm-9:15pm</i> Mauri Moana (10 min) The Snake and The Whale (90 min)	Film Screening Lookout Mountain The <i>7:15pm-9:15pm</i> Moving Line (30 min) Responsible (52 min) To Know a Place (12 mi	ater	Film Screening CEFF Theater 7:15pm-9:15pm Amazing Beeches (4 min) Green SuperHeroes 2030 (80 min) Love Letter to a Tree (10 min)	
SUNDAY 2/23				
Film Screening (free)		Film Screening (free)		
Bunker Auditorium 10:00am-12:00pm		Lookout Mountain Theater 10:00am-12:00pm		
Here The Wild Things Are (9 min) Madagascar or the Great Carnival of Chameleons (52 min) No One is an Island (10 min) The Straight Poop (5 min) Welcome Home (21 min)		Against the Herd (24 min) Bird Walk (26 min) Hawai'i Invasives: Mistakes Were Made (4 min) My Lens, My Land (24 min) The Careist (10 min)		
Film Screening		Film S	Screening	
Bunker Auditorium		Lookout Mountain Theater		
1:00pm-3:00pm		1:00pm-3:00pm		
A Journey to Zero-Carbon (27 min)		Waya, Sa	ving Our Red Grandfather (30 min)	
Freetown's Ultracool Roofs (10 min)		R.E.S.C.U.E (25 min)		
In Pursuit of Passive (17 min)		Return of the Grizzly (37 min)		
Les Matérialistes (12 min)		The Char	The Charming Leopard Sharks (10 min)	
Small is Beautiful (26 min)				

#### **Closing Night**

Bunker Auditorium 3:30pm-5:30pm

Lead it Go (23 min) The Little-Known Tale of the Thirsty Chips (15 min with OC) Half-Life of Memory: America's Forgotten Atomic Bomb Factory with post film panel (55 min)

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### Eco-Expo

Green Center Lobby

Friday	6:00-7:00pm
Saturday	9:30am-7:30pm
Sunday	9:30am-3:30pm

#### Lunch & Learn Saturday 2/22 (12:15-12:45)

Learn about the evolving reuse, refill, and waste reduction systems in Colorado!

#### Electric Vehicle Showcase Sunday 2/23 (9:30-3:30 outside)

Lunch & Learn Sunday 2/23 (12:15-12:45) Chat with EV owners & explore the vehicles!

### CEFF 2025 Online Encore Available 2/24-3/2

ON-DEMAND FILM COLLECTIONS @ https://watch.eventive.org/ceff2025

#### Collection #1 Run time: 86 minutes

For You (OC) Our Movement Starts Here (CC)

#### Collection #2 Run time: 141 minutes

Last Stand: Saving the Elwha River's Legacy Forests (CC) Safe Haven: The Rainbow-Jordan Wilderness (CC) Takayna - The heart of lutruwita / Tasmania (CC) 2025 Filmmaker Conversation (CC)

#### Collection #3 Run time: 140 minutes

Burning to Heal (OC) Glacier - The Children of Ice (English Subtitles) Terminus (OC) Way the Wind Blows (OC) 2025 Filmmaker Conversation (CC)

#### Collection #4 Run time: 140 minutes

Lions of the Skeleton Coast (CC) Sweet Karma Bitters (No dialogue, instrumental only) The Birds & The Beans (CC) Uncovering Animal Minds (CC) 2025 Filmmaker Conversation

#### Collection #5 Run time: 197 minutes

R.E.S.C.U.E (English Subtitles) (CC) Return of the Grizzly (CC) The Charming Leopard Sharks (CC) Waya, Saving Our Red Grandfather (CC) 2025 Filmmaker Conversations (CC)

#### **CEFF 4 Families**

A collection of short and feature films appropriate for families with children under 18. See full film list online at https://watch.eventive.org/ceff2025.

#### A Call From the Wild Run time: 82 minutes

A Call From the Wild (English Subtitles) \*Available to stream in Colorado only

#### Eating the Future Run time: 82 minutes

Eating the Future (CC) 2025 Filmmaker Conversation with Eating the Future

#### Our Blue WorldRun time: 126 minutes

Our Blue World: A Water Odyssey (CC) 2025 Filmmaker Conversation with Our Blue World (CC)

#### Responsible Run time: 68 minutes

Responsible (OC) 2025 Filmmaker Conversation (CC) \*Available to stream in US and Canada only

#### The Snake and the Whale Run time: 90 minutes

The Snake and the Whale (CC) 2025 Filmmaker Conversation (CC) \*Available to stream in US and Canada only

#### Collection Shorts #1 Run time: 123 minutes

Coral Gardeners (OC) Lead it Go (CC) Local Climate Solutions: Biodiversity & Forest Conservation in the Sierra Gorda (English Subtitles) Mauri Moana (CC) The Little-Known Tale of the Thirsty Chips (OC) The Careist (OC) Tule (CC) 2025 Filmmaker Conversation (CC)

#### Collection Shorts #2 Run time: 95 minutes

A Tortoise Called Pumpkin Spice (CC) Against the Herd (CC) Agents of Change (CC) Amazing Beeches (CC) CU Student Film (CC) Here The Wild Things Are (CC) The Heat Divide: Climate Inequity in our Cities (CC) The Straight Poop (CC) To Know a Place (CC) Welcome Home (CC)

#### Collection Shorts #3 Run time: 115 minutes

A Journey to Zero-Carbon (OC) Drylands Agroecology Research CC) Freetown: Cooling a City (OC) Growing Culture - Seed Farming in the Front Range of Colorado (CC) In Pursuit of Passive (CC) Les Matérialistes (CC) 2025 Filmmaker Conversations (CC)

#### Collection Shorts #4 Run time: 87 minutes

Kanenon:we - Original Seeds (CC) Love Letter to a Tree (CC) My Lens, My Land (English Subtitles) Small is Beautiful (CC) \*Available to stream in Colorado only

#### Double Feature #1 Run time: 119 minutes

Palau, An Ocean Inheritance (CC) The Forgotten Pacific (CC) 2025 Filmmaker Conversation (CC) \*Not available to stream S. CA, WA, Canada

#### Double Feature #2 Run time: 62 minutes

The Great Carnival of Chameleons (CC) No One is an Island (CC) \*Available to stream in the US only

#### **Best of the Fest**

A collection of 2025 award winners.

OC = Open Captioned Film CC = Closed Captioned Film ST= Subtitled Foreign Language Film ND = No Dialog (only instrumental music)



#### Awards

#### **ABOUT OUR AWARDS**

The Film Judging Team screens the films, evaluates them, and then recommends the films for the final 2025 official selection. The Programming Managers curate the final program. This team also helps create the "Short List" of films judged to be eligible for our five Festival Awards. Thank you to the 2025 Film Judging Team, who logged hundreds of hours reviewing films to select the 2025 official films.



Winning films were selected in the following categories and can be viewed in the Best of the Fest Film Collection:

- Best of Fest
- Best Feature Film
  - Best Short Film
- Best Youth Film
- Spirit of Activism



See all the winning films starting Sunday 2/23



These spectacular bronze trophies are produced by local artist Rik Sargent. Rik specializes in unique, limited edition, and one-of-a-kind artworks! His interest in the design of open space and the design of sculpture formed a unique talent for creating sculpture that relates to it's environment. Great sculpture can be attractive anywhere, but placed in the correct environment it becomes complete. Successful public art must combine these two elements equally; first a graceful sculptural form and second, a reason and harmony to the environment in which it is placed.

#### FILM GUIDE A-Z \*PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FILMS ARE NOT RATED AND MAY HAVE MATURE CONTENT.



#### A CALL FROM THE WILD SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 1:00 PM (BUNKER)

A magnificent, intimate, and personal tribute to endangered nature in Norway, where filmmaker Asgeir Helgestad has photographed all his life.

Directed by: Asgeir Helgestad 82 minutes (English Subtitles) Colorado Premiere

#### A JOURNEY TO ZERO-CARBON SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 1:00 PM (BUNKER)

Come learn the why and how behind John Avenson's Westminster, CO home becoming a "zero-carbon home" by incorporating super insulation, super air-tightness, amazing windows, all-electric heating, and water heating, and solar PV, plus a battery to power it all!

Directed by: Paul Kriescher 27 minutes (Open Captions)





#### A TORTOISE CALLED PUMPKIN SPICE

FRIDAY, 2/21 @ 10:00 AM (BUNKER)

A Tortoise Called Pumpkin Spice captures the moving story of a successful wildlife rescue of a gopher tortoise, an important keystone species in the American Southeast.

Directed by: Laura Albritton 11 minutes Colorado Premiere

#### AGAINST THE HERD SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 10:00 AM (LOOKOUT MTN)

Almost a century of overgrazing has destroyed much of America's public lands, but in Northern Nevada, Cottonwood Ranch has discovered that cattle can actually be the key to restoring our rangelands. Now the Smith family must convince legislators that cows aren't always eco-villains, or they're sure to lose their land.

Directed by: Jaxon Derow 24 minutes Colorado Premiere





#### AMAZING BEECHES SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 7:00 PM (CEFF THEATER)

Beech trees are quite amazing, but sadly, their very existence is at risk, as you'll discover in this 3minute film. They may not be around much longer, so appreciate them while you can.

Directed by: Sam Hay Kauffmann 4 minutes World Premiere

#### BIRD WALK SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 10:00 AM (LOOKOUT MTN)

Birders discover an avian oasis at an abandoned golf course, and, together with local residents, mount a campaign to preserve the 131-acre site as a public park.

Directed by: Cintia Cabib 26 minutes (Open Captions) Colorado Premiere \*Not available for streaming during Online Encore





#### BRING THEM HOME FRIDAY, 2/21 @ 7:00 PM (BUNKER)

Bring Them Home/Aiskótáhkapiyaaya tells the story of a small group of Blackfoot people and their mission to establish the first wild buffalo herd on their ancestral territory since the species' nearextinction a century ago, an act that would restore the land, re-enliven traditional culture, and bring much needed healing to their community.

Directed by: Ivan MacDonald, Ivy MacDonald, Daniel Glick 86 minutes \*Not available for streaming during Online Encore

#### BURNING TO HEAL SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 3:30 PM (BUNKER)

Follow the local Prescribed Burn Association as they lead a community-prescribed burn returning fire to the landscape with all of the benefits it brings, while also aiming to understand and work through the challenges surrounding fire.

Directed by: Michael Sherman 14 minutes (Open Captions) Colorado Premiere





#### CORAL GARDENERS SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 1:00 PM (BUNKER)

Filmmaker Jon Bowermaster documents a novel restoration experiment in the Maldives to regrow coral reefs, which offer protection, food, and income to a local population threatened by climate change.

Directed by: Jon Bowermaster 21 minutes (Open Captions) Colorado Premiere

#### DRYLANDS AGROECOLOGY RESEARCH SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 10:00 AM (BUNKER)

On Colorado's arid Front Range, this fun, uplifting documentary explores Drylands Agroecology Research (DAR) and DAR's innovative farming techniques that regenerates land, empowers communities, restores nature, and grows amazing food - produced by the filmmakers behind the viral NatureRx® series.

Directed by: Justin C Bogardus 13 minutes Colorado Premiere



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#### EARTH LOOKS FOR INSURANCE

FRIDAY, 2/21 @ 10:00 AM (BUNKER) FRIDAY, 2/21 @ 7:00 PM (BUNKER)

> Starring characters from multiple insurance commercials, this parody follows Earth as she attempts to acquire insurance coverage against climate change.

Directed by: Max Hill, Khloe Dumlao, Kiara Vergara 2 minutes Colorado Premiere

#### EATING THE FUTURE SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 10:00 AM (BUNKER)

Terrified of a future of climate apocalypse, an ecoinvestigator embarks on a journey into the food systems that shape our planet to look for hope.

Directed by: Katy Jenkyns 49 minutes United States Premiere \*Not available for streaming during Online Encore





#### **ECHOS OF THE SOUND:** THE STORY OF HUGO AND THE SOUTHERN RESIDENTS

FRIDAY, 2/21 @ 10:00 AM (BUNKER)

Two Girls Take on the World, a sister filmmaking team, presents *Echos of the Sound*, a documentary exploring the capture of baby orca Hugo, his captivity, and evolving efforts to protect the Southern Resident orcas and marine ecosystems from extinction.

Directed by: Emma Stafki, Annie Stafki 30 minutes Colorado Premiere

#### FERAL FELINES: DECONSTRUCTING MAUI'S FERAL CAT CRISIS

FRIDAY, 2/21 @ 10:00 AM (BUNKER)

This documentary delves into the impact of feral cat populations on native Hawaiian birds and the environment on Maui.

Directed by: Julian Somilleda, Gala Tassi, Hazel Lee 8 minutes Colorado Premiere



#### FOR YOU SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 10:00 AM (LOOKOUT MTN)

*For You* is a love letter from a father to his 2-yearold son, a message of hope for a better future to build together.

Directed by: Luca Paulli 4 minutes (English Subtitles) Colorado Premiere



#### FREETOWN: COOLING A CITY

SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 1:00 PM (BUNKER)

In Freetown, Sierra Leone, Africa's first Chief Heat Officer, Eugenia Kargbo, partners with MEER to tackle rising temperatures using innovative mirror technology to reflect sunlight and cool homes.

Directed by: Surabhi Tandon 10 minutes (Open Captions) Colorado Premiere



#### GREEN PRINT FRIDAY, 2/21 @ 10:00 AM (BUNKER)

A teenage girl is faced with the challenge of picking up party supplies, and the choices provided have some strong opinions for her.

Directed by: Aajalani Patacsil 7 minutes World Premiere

#### **GREEN SUPERHEROES 2030**

SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 7:00 PM (CEFF THEATER)

Join an extraordinary team of 10 young environmentalists, aged 5 to 17, hailing from diverse corners of the globe, as they embark on a daring quest to rescue our planet. Armed with their boundless creativity and scientific curiosity, they devise groundbreaking environmental initiatives. Their powers make the planet greener.

Directed by: Los Angeles Barea 80 minutes Colorado Premiere \*Not available for streaming during Online Encore





#### **GROWING CULTURE -**SEED FARMING IN THE FRONT RANGE OF COLORADO FRIDAY, 2/21 @ 10:00 AM (BUNKER)

SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 10:00 AM (BUNKER)

*Growing Culture* journeys through Colorado's Front Range, where passionate seed savers work to protect biodiversity and preserve the seeds that hold the stories of their land and heritage.

Directed by: Drew Schettler 8 minutes

#### HALF-LIFE OF MEMORY: AMERICA'S FORGOTTEN ATOMIC BOMB FACTORY SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 3:30 PM (BUNKER)

In the suburbs of Denver, the U.S. secretly manufactured thousands of atomic weapons, leaving behind a toxic legacy that will persist for generations.

Directed by: Jeff Gipe 55 minutes \*Not available for streaming during Online Encore



#### HAWAI'I INVASIVES: MISTAKES WERE MADE



SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 10:00 AM (LOOKOUT MTN)

In this animated film, an 'l'iwi bird shares real-life examples of invasive species, including axis deer, Miconia, and mongoose, being introduced to Hawai'i, resulting in detrimental effects on the local ecosystems.

Directed by: Calvin Araki, Kahuliau Apuakehau, Eliaz Pe Benito 4 minutes Colorado Premiere

#### HERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 10:00 AM (BUNKER)

A playful yet poignant exploration of a global competition to discover urban wildlife, questioning if snapshots can help save the planet.

Directed by: Kelly Gilbride 9 minutes United States Premiere





#### IN PURSUIT OF PASSIVE SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 1:00 PM (BUNKER)

This film documents the first net-zero, passive house built in the Greater Tetons-Yellowstone region while explaining the Passive House building approach for more sustainable buildings and exploring the many associated climate and energy performance benefits for addressing the climate crisis.

Directed by: Mark Fisher, Eric Daft 17 minutes

#### KANENON:WE -ORIGINAL SEEDS

SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 10:00 AM (BUNKER)

Indigenous women reclaim their ancient role as seed keepers, regenerating, protecting, and rematriating sacred and endangered heirloom seeds for the future generations.

Directed by: Katsitsionni D Fox 27 minutes United States Premiere



#### LAST STAND: SAVING THE ELWHA RIVER'S LEGACY FORESTS

SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 1:00 PM (LOOKOUT MTN)

In the face of greed and exploitation, the film shows the power of grassroots activism to effect positive change, and, through the use of stunning imagery and impassioned storytelling, the film highlights the importance of the Olympic Peninsula's interconnected ecosystem and our duty to protect and preserve the natural wonders that sustain us all.

Directed by: Dan Herz 23 minutes Colorado Premiere

#### **LEAD IT GO** SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 3:30 PM (BUNKER)

Lead it Go follows hunter and conservationist Chris Parish's mission to prevent lead poisoning in wildlife through a partnership with The Peregrine Fund. Told through a hunting experience with friend Ben Masters, the film aims to showcase hunters taking the lead on an important issue, thus continuing the hunter's tradition of conservation.

Directed by: Phillip Baribeau 23 minutes





#### LES MATÉRIALISTES SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 1:00 PM (BUNKER)

Combining documentary and science fiction with foresight, co-creation, and animation design, *Les Matérialistes* is a practical utopia that is both ambitious and tangible. It transports us to 2050 to better understand what is necessary and possible to undertake collectively to achieve a transition to a truly circular economy.

Directed by: Jonathan Lapalme, Meggan Collins 12 minutes Colorado Premiere

#### LIONS OF THE SKELETON COAST SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 3:30 PM (CEFF THEATER)

An astonishing true story about three orphaned Desert Lion cubs navigating Namibia's deadly Skeleton Coast, revealing never-before-seen behaviour.

Directed by: Will and Lianne Steenkamp 52 minutes



#### LOCAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS: BIODIVERSITY & FOREST CONSERVATION IN THE SIERRA GORDA

FRIDAY, 2/21 @ 7:00 PM (BUNKER)

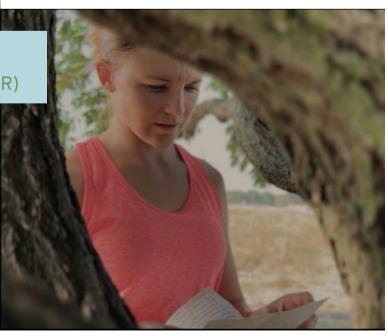
Over 35 years ago Grupo Ecológico Sierra Gorda (GESG) was founded, led by the singular vision of one woman and her family and their mission to preserve, protect, and regenerate the unique biodiversity of the Sierra Gorda.

Directed by: Rob Holmes 3 minutes (English Subtitles) World Premiere

#### LOVE LETTER TO A TREE SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 7:00 PM (CEFF THEATER)

Based on a true story and nature-inspired poetry, Love Letter to a Tree follows IRA, a young woman whose hectic life is transformed when she discovers a hidden letter in an old tree. As she uncovers the thoughts of MAJA, who once found solace beneath the same tree, IRA embarks on a journey of self-discovery, forging a deep connection to nature that offers wisdom, strength, and peace amidst life's chaos.

Directed by: Simona Theoharova 10 minutes World Premiere





#### MADAGASCAR OR THE GREAT CARNIVAL OF CHAMELEONS

SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 10:00 AM (BUNKER)

Chameleon's paradise, Madagascar is home to the largest concentration and the greatest diversity of chameleons in the world, an incredible variety of colors, sizes and aspects! Why Madagascar, and especially how did they adapt so well in what seems to have been for them a kind of Garden of Eden where they developed better than anywhere else?

Directed by: Paul Terrel 52 minutes United States Premiere

#### MAURI MOANA SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 7:00 PM (BUNKER)

An ecological crisis is silently unfolding on the serene shores of Aotea - Great Barrier Island, in New Zealand's Hauraki Gulf. Beneath the water, Caulerpa brachypus, an invasive algae species, rapidly spreads like a creeping shadow. This toxic invader disrupts the delicate balance of the island's marine ecosystem, endangering not only marine life but also the ancestral fishing practices that have sustained the island's community for generations.

Directed by: Nathaniel Howe 10 minutes United States Premiere



#### MONARCHS IN MOTION FRIDAY, 2/21 @ 10:00 AM (BUNKER)

*Monarchs in Motion* is a documentary exploring the life cycle, migration, and conservation of monarch butterflies. It highlights their unique 2500-mile journey, the threats they face, and the efforts of scientists and communities to protect them.

Directed by: Mason Mirabile 14 minutes Colorado Premiere



#### **MOVING LINE**

SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 7:00 PM (LOOKOUT MTN)

Three amateur skiers set out to ski across Colorado for the first time. They sought a historic route through the snow; they found their inspiration for making art.

Directed by: Cameron Wyatt 30 minutes \*Not available for streaming during Online Encore





#### SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 3:30 PM (LOOKOUT MTN)

As an essential divine water spring has dried up, a child accompanied by an otter-like creature sets out to find a cure for the life-threatening water shortage.

Directed by: Malin Neumann 7 minutes (No dialogue) Colorado Premiere \*Not available for streaming during Online Encore

#### **MY LENS, MY LAND**

SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 10:00 AM (LOOKOUT MTN)

Daze, a Tibetan nomad, transformed his life with a camera. Documenting traditions and threats to the homeland, his philosophical films become a call to action, a lifeline for plateau creatures.

Directed by: Ke Chen 24 minutes (English Subtitles) Colorado Premiere





#### NO ONE IS AN ISLAND SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 10:00 AM (BUNKER)

Environmental Artist James McKay has an animated conversation with scientists studying if it's possible for everyone to live a good life without damaging the environment.

Directed by: David Bunting 10 minutes United States Premiere

#### OUR BLUE WORLD: A WATER ODYSSEY SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 3:30 PM (LOOKOUT MTN)

*Our Blue World*, narrated by Liam Neeson, features extraordinary individuals rediscovering ancient water wisdom, demonstrating how it can inform a modern consciousness to help us navigate toward a better future.

Directed by: Ruán Magan 90 minutes Colorado Premiere





#### OUR MOVEMENT STARTS HERE

SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 10:00 AM (LOOKOUT MTN)

The story of a rural community in the American South that inspired an international environmental justice movement by fighting the state of North Carolina's toxic landfill.

Directed by: John Rash, Melanie Dang Ho 82 minutes Colorado Premiere

#### PALAU, AN OCEAN INHERITANCE SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 1:00 PM (CEFF THEATER)

Palau, An Ocean Inheritance immerses viewers in Palau's incredible islands, where cultural heritage, ancient legends, and marine biodiversity converge, culminating in a powerful call for ocean justice rooted in Indigenous knowledge and communityled stewardship.

Directed by: Skylar Chen, Rayne Sullivan 20 minutes Colorado Premiere





#### **R.E.S.C.U.E** SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 1:00 PM (LOOKOUT MTN)

A heartwarming documentary about resilience, hope, and triumph in the fight to protect a species and empower women. A behind-the-scenes look at the groundbreaking work of the Reteti Elephant Sanctuary in Northern Kenya and an inspiring example of community-led conservation.

Directed by: Keenan Ferguson & Martha McGuinness 25 minutes (English Subtitles) Colorado Premiere

#### RESPONSIBLE

SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 7:00 AM (LOOKOUT MTN)

Exploring the intricate interplay between capitalism and environmental stewardship, this film sheds light on the imperative for businesses to prioritise eco-conscious practices that safeguard both humanity and the Earth. Join us on a thoughtprovoking journey as we challenge the notion that profit should never supersede the well-being of people and the planet.

Directed by: Tristan Lochon, Julien Demond 52 minutes (Open Captions)





#### **RETURN OF THE GRIZZLY** SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 1:00 PM (LOOKOUT MTN)

*Return of the Grizzly*, about the uncertain journeys of "explorer bears" trying to spread their precious gene pools across hazardous migratory routes in a rapidly changing ecosystem.

Directed by: Maaike Middleton 37 minutes Colorado Premiere

#### SAFE HAVEN: THE RAINBOW-JORDAN WILDERNESS

SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 1:00 PM (LOOKOUT MTN)

Despite decades of clearcut logging, British Columbia is still home to some magnificent ancient forests, whose rich, intricate webs of life have evolved, untouched, since the last ice age. Safe Haven takes audiences on a journey back in time, deep into the Rainbow-Jordan Wilderness, with the people working to preserve its rare ecosystems and 2,000 year-old trees.



Directed by: Damien T. Gillis 31 minutes - United States Premiere



#### SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 1:00 PM (BUNKER)

*Small is Beautiful* explores the challenges facing a small rural community waging a fierce battle against a massive development project threatening to engulf a crucial wildlife habitat and a community's way of life. California's relentless urbanization takes center stage in this compelling documentary.

Directed by: Carolyn M. Scott 26 minutes Colorado Premiere

#### **SWEET KARMA BITTERS** SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 3:30 PM (CEFF THEATER)

A man tosses a bottle to the ground only to have the broken bottle pursue him to do the right thing.

Directed by: David Saah 4 minutes (No Dialogue) World Premiere







#### TAKAYNA - THE HEART OF LUTRUWITA / TASMANIA

SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 1:00 PM (LOOKOUT MTN)

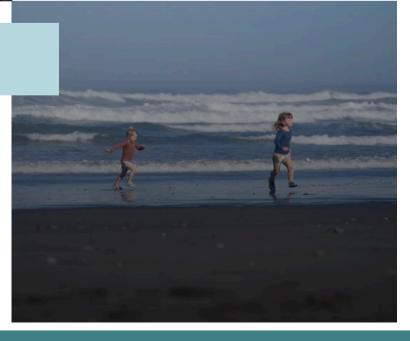
Through the immense power of personal stories, viewers will be taken on a journey through the vast and diverse wild and threatened landscapes of Australia's largest temperate rainforests located on the north west of Lutruwita / Tasmania, the area known as takayna. On this journey they will meet a host of inspiring individuals, each of whom is doing their utmost to protect this place.

Directed by: Matthew Newton 45 minutes United States Premiere

#### **TERMINUS** SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 3:30 PM (BUNKER)

This is a memorial for an ancient glacier that will fade out of existence in this generation. Emerson and Cedar, a five- and three-year-old pair of brothers who live on a sailboat, share what they have learned about this vanishing glacier in Olympic National Park. This short film is ancillary to the main effort, which is to ensure the glacier lives on in the heart of the next generation while fostering a deep connection to nature.

Directed by: Jeremy Hunter Rubingh 8 minutes (Open Captions)





#### THE BIRDS & THE BEANS SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 3:30 PM (CEFF THEATER)

Located in the mountainous rainforest of The Dominican Republic, Reserva Zorzal turned to organic and sustainable cacao production to fund a protected area designed to help preserve the wintering habitat of one of North America's rarest birds - the Bicknell's thrush.

Directed by: Pete Warren 12 minutes Colorado Premiere

#### THE CAREIST SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 10:00 AM (LOOKOUT MTN)

Between the Ohio and Mississippi riverbanks sit the United States' 15th International Wetland of Importance. Yet, the wetlands today are mere remnants of their original borders. Max Hutchison is a naturalist, ecologist, zoologist, and lifelong voice for preserving the wetlands he also calls home. *The Careist* is an ode to Max, a way of life, and a natural area long overlooked and daring to disappear forever.

Directed by: Matthew Boyd Williams 10 minutes (Open Captions)





#### THE CHARMING LEOPARD SHARKS

SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 1:00 PM (LOOKOUT MTN)

For the last four years, I have been researching and tirelessly searching for leopard sharks to make this documentary. This year my persistence paid off when I finally filmed those charming leopard sharks at Phuket's Shark Point. I have traveled around the southern part of Thailand to spread awareness and educate about the situation of the leopard shark population in order to help and conserve leopard sharks and other marine life in Thailand.

Directed by: Dr. Alongkot Chukaew 10 minutes World Premiere

#### **THE FORGOTTEN PACIFIC** SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 1:00 PM (CEFF THEATER)

*The Forgotten Pacific* travels to five Pacific islands to discover how communities are weaving indigenous knowledge into the modern-day fight to adapt, rebuild and save their islands from climate change.

Directed by: Elizabeth Koroivulaono 73 minutes Colorado Premiere





#### THE GLACIER -CHILDREN OF ICE SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 3:30 PM (BUNKER)

This program tells a unique and beautiful story about glaciers. Due to climate change, about 220,000 glaciers are currently disappearing. What secrets lie within the world of glaciers?

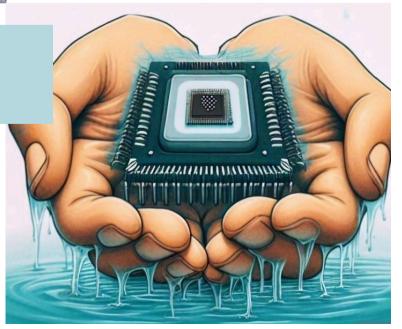
Directed by: Hyung-woon Kim, Jung-hun Ko, Jeong-hun Park 49 minutes (English Subtitles) World Premiere

#### THE LITTLE-KNOWN TALE OF THE THIRSTY CHIPS

SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 3:30 PM (BUNKER)

Three young female scientists created this documentary with the sole purpose of education, creating awareness, and starting a well-informed conversation about the water usage in the semiconductor industry. It is the winning pitch of the Lets Talk About Water (LTAW) Grant 2023 and is funded by the Consortium of Universities for Advancement of Hydrologic Sciences Inc. (CUAHSI).

Directed by: Doyin Adigun, Ayobami Oluwadunsin Oladapo 15 minutes (Open Captions) World Premiere





### THE SNAKE AND THE WHALE SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 7:00 PM (BUNKER)

The Snake and the Whale exposes the federal government and special interests threatening Pacific Northwest fish and wildlife. This investigative documentary uncovers antiquated dams on the Lower Snake River driving fish and killer whale extinctions. By revealing the propaganda maintaining the status quo, please join us in unveiling the Truth.

Directed by: John Carlos Frey 90 minutes World Premiere

### THE STRAIGHT POOP FRIDAY, 2/21 @ 10:00 AM (BUNKER) SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 10:00 AM (BUNKER)

Our animated short film, The Straight Poop, is an entertaining way of addressing the dangers of climate change that educates in a non-threatening, comical way and presents some surprising information that should inspire and motivate viewers.

Directed by: Sue Orloff 5 minutes Colorado Premiere





## **TO KNOW A PLACE**

FRIDAY, 2/21 @ 10:00 AM (BUNKER) SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 7:00 PM (LOOKOUT MTN)

> David Inouye has returned to the same high alpine meadows for the past fifty-two years to study wildflowers and hummingbirds. This film follows David, his son, and his granddaughter, through a season of summer research. An intimate look at the connection between place and identity, this film is a meditation on time and the intergenerational experience of change.

Directed by: Brendan Young 12 minutes

## Film Guide A-Z

## TRASH FRIDAY, 2/21 @ 10:00 AM (BUNKER)

Out of laziness, a character does not sort his waste. His action will have serious consequences on the worlds that live in the trash.

Directed by: 9 young people aged 11 to 14 5 minutes (No Dialogue) United States Premiere



## TULE FRIDAY, 2/21 @ 7:00 PM (BUNKER)

A modern day Pomo girl is empowered through poetic reflection on conversations with her Native community about the culturally vital, but now suffering, Tule plant at Clear Lake.

Directed by: Jocelyn Estrella Garcia 5 minutes Colorado Premiere

## UNCOVERING ANIMAL MINDS

SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 3:30 PM (CEFF THEATER

Scientists who study honeybees, chickens, and wolves offer insights into the minds of other animals and grapple with the profound implications for animal welfare.

Directed by: Josie Harris 27 minutes World Premiere



## Film Guide A-Z



## WAY THE WIND BLOWS SATURDAY, 2/22 @ 3:30 PM (BUNKER)

*Way the Wind Blows* is a short documentary that shows the journey of one family's recovery from Colorado's historic urban wildfire, the Marshall Fire.

Directed by: Megan Sweeney 18 minutes (Open Captions)



*Welcome Home* celebrates the incredible story of wolf reintroduction to Colorado. When the people of Colorado voted to return wolves to the state, they set in motion a unique conservation success story.

Directed by: Alan Lacy 21 minutes





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SUNDAY, 2/23 @ 1:00 PM (LOOKOUT MTN)

Explore and understand the Red Wolf's cultural significance to the Cherokee people and why conservationists hope indigenous knowledge will help save it from extinction.

Directed by: Jennifer Loren 30 minutes Colorado Premiere GOLDEN'S COMMUNITY GATHERING PLACE SINCE 1864

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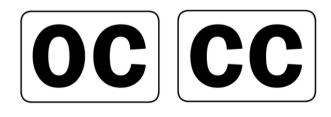
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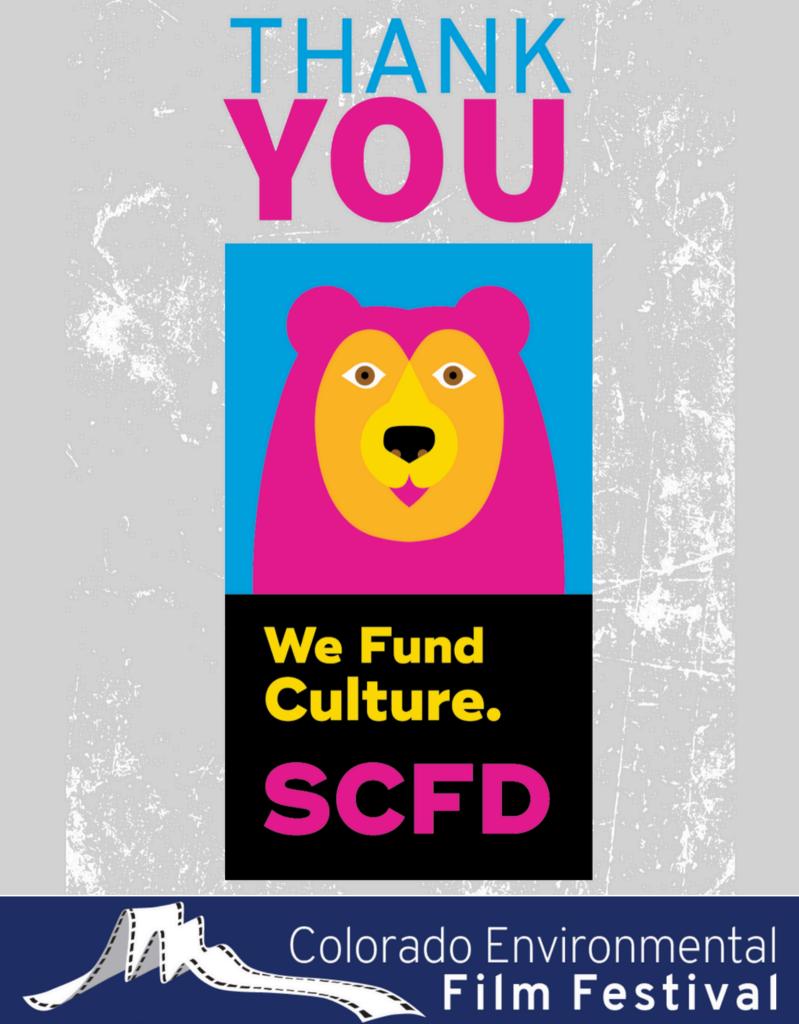




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