

WEDNESDAY FILM PREVIEW

In order of appearance

Maybe ... *Sam Chou, Chuck Gammage*

A young perspective in a changing world asks the question: Why are we so scared? (Canada, 2007, 2min) www.style5.tv/maybe

Water Front ... *Liz Miller, Curtis Smith*

What if you lived by the largest body of fresh water in the world but could no longer afford to use it? Residents of Highland Park, Michigan, known as the birthplace of the auto-industry, have received water bills as high as \$10,000; they have had their water turned off, their homes foreclosed, and are struggling to keep water, a basic human right, from becoming privatized. The story touches on the very essence of our democratic system and is an unnerving indication of what is in store for residents around the world facing their own water struggles. Multiple awards, including Best of Fest, Hazel Wolf Environmental FF (US, 2008, 22min) www.waterfrontmovie.com, www.foodandwaterwatch.org

Climate Matters ... *Brighter Planet*

In 2007 Brighter Planet held an online video contest to galvanize the creative energy of individuals across the country and spur on Washington to pass meaningful climate legislation. The top ten videos were broadcast to over 50 million homes and shown to the media, members of Congress, and both presidential campaigns at an October 2008 event in Washington. Brighter Planet is dedicated to helping people take charge in the fight against global warming and build a clean-energy future. (US, 2008, 6 min) climatematters.brighterplanet.com, www.brighterplanet.com

The Last Descent ... *Kathryn Scott, Charlie Center, Scott Ligare*

Join a group of world class whitewater kayakers to some of the world's most amazing rivers ... descending them possibly for the last time. The Marsyangdi River of Nepal, the Brahmaputra River in India and the White Nile River in Uganda are all threatened or are in the process of being destroyed by large scale hydroelectric projects. The film closes in California with the Tuolumne River and the growing movement to restore Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite National Park. (US, 2009, 35min) www.thelastdescent.com, www.internationalriver.org

Seed ... *Phil Ebiner*

A seed, a boy, and the passage of time. (US, 2008, 7:19min) seedmovie.webs.com

Homegrown Revolution ... *Jules Dervaes*

In the midst of a densely urban setting in downtown Pasadena, radical change is taking root. For over twenty years, the Dervaes family has transformed their home into an urban homestead. As a family for this new paradigm, they harvest nearly 3 tons of organic food from their 1/10 acre garden while incorporating many back-to-basics practices, as well as solar energy and biodiesel. (US, 2007, 15min) www.freedomgardens.org

Water Loving Doggies II ... *Phil Hassan*

When will those dog days of summer at the Yuba return? (US, 2008, 5min)

LOCAL FEATURE:

Excerpt from Liquid Assets: The Story of Atlanta's Water Infrastructure

WPSU Penn State Public Broadcasting

Liquid Assets is a feature-length documentary that tells the story essential infrastructure systems - drinking water, wastewater and stormwater – that are out of sight, too often out of mind, and in need of urgent attention. This segment focuses on UCR's 1995 clean water suit against the city of Atlanta and the city's overhaul of its sewage infrastructure to reduce pollution in our rivers. (US, 2008, 15 min) www.liquidassets.psu.edu

THURSDAY FILM PREVIEW
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Papiroflexia ... *Joaquin Baldwin*

Spanish for "origami," Papiroflexia is the animated tale of Fred, a skillful paper folder who could shape the world with his hands. Multiple awards. (US, 2007, 2:30min) www.pixelnitrate.com

MINE ... *Sally Rubin, Jen Gilomen*

Through the lens of a friendship in peril, the story of Beverly May and Terry Ratliff reveals the devastating human impact of the world's growing energy consumption against the explosive backdrop of Appalachia's centuries-old struggle over the black rock that fuels our nation and our planet. Banff Mountain Culture Grant Award (US, 2008, 15 min) www.ghostsofappalachia.org

Zoologic ... *Nicole Mitchell*

A fussy zookeeper goes about his daily routine, but he must contend with a very uncooperative little penguin. Student Academy Award (US, 2007, 4:27 min)

A River's Last Breath ... *Trip Jennings*

After a deadly introduction to rafting, China turned its back on multi-use river management and focused on building dams even faster than the US in the 1960s. This film tells the story of that deadly rafting history and Travis Winn's attempt to change the way China thinks about its waterways through his rafting company, Last Descents River Expeditions. (China, 2008, 14 min) www.riversindemand.com

Gimme a Hug ... *Geert Droppers*

At the top of the food chain, sharks have been feared and dramatized in the media for years. Yet, this amazing animal can display one of the most mysterious phenomena in the animal world ... showing a totally different behavior than most people would expect. www.protect-the-sharks.org (Netherlands, 2008, 14 min)

Renewal ... *Marty Ostrow, Terry Kay Rockefeller*

In communities across America, people are rolling up their sleeves in practical and far-reaching ways. Offering a profound message of hope, this film shows people driven by their spiritual and religious convictions, being called to re-examine what it means to be human and how we live on this planet. The film presents individual stories of Americans around the nation in different faith traditions, who are working to become better stewards of the environment. Best of Fest (US, 2007, 35 min) www.renewalproject.net

Litterball ... *Josh Murphy*

A short film that illustrates the power of vision. If we all wore rose-colored glasses, our positive outlook could change the world. Solutions are as easy as changing perspective. (US, 2008, 1min) www.upproductions.com

LOCAL FEATURE:

Chattahoochee: To Fall In Love with a River ... *Bob Selwyn*

Join over 300 paddlers as they discover the Chattahoochee River in north Georgia on a 7-day adventure that begins at Lake Lanier, flows through Atlanta and ends at Franklin. This river is the lifeblood of the metropolitan Atlanta area and is under constant threat. (US, 2008, 10 min)