SAN FRANCISCO GREEN FILM FESTIVAL
September 6–13, 2018
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IT'S ELEMENTAL
WELCOME TO THE 8TH 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 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

PS. Follow us @greenfilmfest and check out #itselemental for the latest Festival updates!
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 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.

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

Festival Member discounts available—JOIN at greenfilmfest.org/membership

PASS/PACKAGES
Passholders jump to the front of the ticket line!
200/180 Full Festival Pass/Members
(All screenings & events, including Opening Reception & Closing Party)
90/80 Cowell Theater Pass (Sept 7 – 9)
45/40 Cowell Day Pass (Sept 8 or 9)
90/80 YBCA Pass (Sept 10 – 14)
80 6-Tix Voucher Pack (redeemable online, by phone or in person)

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

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FESTIVAL CALENDAR

AUG 25 · SAT
11:00 a EXPL Reel Science Challenge: Matchmaker Kick-Off

SEPT 6 · THU
OPENING NIGHT
5:30 p CAS Opening Night VIP Reception
5:30 p CAS Opening Night Premiere: Into the Okavango

7 · FRI
Presented by COAL + ICE
10:00 a CWL Schools Program: Youth v Gov
2:00 p CWL Complicit
5:00 p CWL Wasted The Story of Food Waste
7:30 p CWL The Harvest, with Non-Stop Bhangra

8 · SAT
join us for celebration after the Rise for Climate March!
Presented by COAL + ICE
2:00 p CWL Pushing Change: Shorts from China’s Environmental Edge
4:00 p CWL Symphony for Nature, with the Steiger Butte Singers & Drummers
5:30 p CWL Wilder Than Wild: Fire, Forests, and the Future
8:00 p CWL Warrior Women

9 · SUN
Presented by COAL + ICE
12:00 p CWL Dirt Rich
2:30 p CWL Strobe: Journey into the Rhino Horn War
5:30 p CWL The Human Element
8:00 p CWL Anote’s Ark

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

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

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

13 · THU
CLOSING NIGHT
1:45 p YBCA Wild Relatives
4:00 p YBCA Bay Area Now 8 Special Programs
7:30 p CAS Closing Night Premiere: The Condor and The Eagle
9:30 p CAS Closing Night Wrap Party

14 · FRI
Extra day added for Global Climate Action Summit!
3:00 p YBCA The Tortoise and the Tapir
5:30 p YBCA Happening: A Clean Energy Revolution
8:00 p YBCA Tawai: A Voice From the Forest

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FILMS A–G

ANOTE’S ARK
Mattiee Rütz· Canada· 2018· 77 min
San Francisco Premiere· Best Feature Award
Cowell· Sun, Sept 9, 12:00 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 Mattiee Rütz
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 Binbaum
Program Sponsor: Honda Oakland

DIRT RICH
Marcy Crvat· USA· 2018· 86 min
San Francisco Premiere· SF Bay Area Filmmaker
Cowell· Sun, Sept 9, 12:00 pm
Marcy Crvat (Angel Azul) illustrates how implementing carbon ‘drawdown’ 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 Crvat; subjects from the film
With shorts: COWSEROUSLY: THE REGENERATION
SECRET· Kiss the Ground· USA· 2018· 10 min
BEBOX· Cable Hardin· USA· 2018· 2 min
Eat Well Series Sponsor: Kaiser Permanente

DUSK CHORUS – BASED ON FRAGMENTS OF EXTINCTION
Nilka 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 Sponsor: 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 Thawing permafrost releases an intact mammoth carcass in
Expected Guest: Director Christian Frei
With short: IN BETWEEN
Rolf Steinmann· Germany· 2015· 8 min
Program Sponsor: Consulate General of Switzerland in San Francisco

WILD RELATIVES
Susan Scott· South Africa· 2018· 120 min
USA Premiere· Green Tenacity Award
With short: NAIL HOUSE
Expected Guest: Susan Scott
Directors Stephen Most and Kevin White; Nari Kye and Anna Chai; USA· 2018· 85 min
San Francisco Premiere; Green Tenacity Award
YBCA· Fri, Sept 14, 5:30 pm
With short: SMOG JOURNEYS
WARRIOR WOMEN
Jumana Manna· Lebanon / Norway / Germany· 2018· 66 min
California Premiere | YBCA· Wed, Sept 12, 8:00 pm
From the rise of the American Indian Movement (AIM) to protests around the world, and an illustration of the fight to change isn’t just necessary, it’s elemental. Visit our environmental pledge, or explore our film archive.

WASTED! THE STORY OF FOOD
David Hoffenberg· USA· 2013· 78 min
With Green Film Fest Youth Competition Winners:
Directors Tessa Moran and Ben Crosbie
YBCA· Fri, Sept 14, 11:30 am
With short: THE STORY OF A PLASTIC BOTTLE

WINTER OF THE MAMMOTH
Genius Films· USA· 2018· 86 min
The Guardians
Expected Guests: Director Tessa Moran and Ben Crosbie

YOUTH UNSTOPPABLE: THE STORY OF CAR POLLUTION AND THE AIR YOU BREATHE
Jia Zhangke· China· 2018· 60 min
SFGFF Sneak Preview· SF Bay Area Filmmakers
With short: THE RISE OF THE GLOBAL CLIMATE
Point of No Return
Expected Guest: Director Jia Zhangke
With short: CARBON SUNSET

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**THE GUARDIANS**

Tessa Moran and Ben Croswie · USA · 2017 · 70 min
San Francisco Premiere | YBCA · Mon, Sept 10, 6:00 pm

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 Croswie

With short: CICLO · Esteban Kaufet · Argentina · 2018 · 17 min

*Program Sponsor: Hotel Carlton*

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**HAPPENING: A CLEAN ENERGY REVOLUTION**

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

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, 7:30 pm

Italy is renowned the world over for its excellent food. Yet thousands of foreign workers support the country’s agro-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!**

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**NAIL HOUSE**

Soumyaa Kapil Behrens · USA · 2018 · 79 min

*Sneak Preview · SF Bay Area Filmmaker*

YBCA · Tue, Sept 11, 5:30 pm

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 against 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

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**PATRIMONIO**

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

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

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**POINT OF NO RETURN**

Noel Dockstader and Quinn Kanaly · USA · 2017 · 94 min

SF Bay Area Filmmaker | YBCA · Tue, Sept 11, 8:00 pm

**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 SHOULDBE HEARD NOT SEEN

Claire Sanford · Canada · 2018 · 13 min

*Program Sponsor: SFPUC CleanPower SF*

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**THE HUMAN ELEMENT**

Matthew Teska · USA/Iceland · 2018 · 76 min

Cowell · Sun, Sept 9, 5:30 pm

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 Roshkova · USA · 2017 · 17 min

*Best Short Award*

*Program Sponsor: EarthxFilm*

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**PUSHING CHANGE: SHORTS FROM CHINA’S ENVIRONMENTAL EDGE**

Cowell · Sat, Sept 8, 2:00 pm

Buddhism uplifts a Chinese reporter tracking environmental crises; an American photographer documents panda habitat conservationists; a bird’s arrival in Taiwan showcases displacement 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 Jianjiang

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**FILMS G–P**

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FILMS S–W

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 Borbón de Bod

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, Masimo 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

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 Marcela 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 Marcela Gilbert

With short: WATER WARRIORS
Michael Premo · Canada/USA · 2017 · 22 min
Green Film Network Short Award

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 hydral dam projects in neighboring Peru led by Goldman Environmental Prize Winner Ruth Buendia.

Expected Guest: Director Eliza Capai

Free screening: DELIRIUM
Henry Jaglom · USA · 2016 · 97 min
Cowell · Fri, Sept 14, 7:00 pm

A film that takes us on a journey from the Rim Fire of 2013 to the Wine Country wildfires of 2017, revealing how fire made 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

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 Brit 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!
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