



## ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL

IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

### SPOTLIGHT: LOCAL FILMS & FILMMAKERS

#### **SEA OF HOPE: AMERICA'S UNDERWATER TREASURES (USA, 2017, 45 min.)**

*Presented by The Reva and David Logan Foundation*

Follow ocean legend Dr. Sylvia Earle, renowned underwater National Geographic photographer Brian Skerry, author and captain Max Kennedy and their crew of teenage aquanauts on a yearlong environmental quest. In celebration of the Centennial of the National Park Service, their goal is to turn the next 100 years into a blue centennial by protecting vital habitats and underwater natural wonders. Through science and photography, they hope to inspire the establishment of blue parks across an unseen American wilderness. Building on the legacy of previous presidents, including actions by President George W. Bush, the yearlong expedition culminates when President Obama reveals that he created the world's largest marine preserve in the northwestern Hawaiian Islands and the first national marine monument in the Atlantic Ocean. To celebrate these historic achievements, National Geographic captured the first-ever footage of a U.S. president diving underwater.

**Director: Robert Nixon in person**

**Wed., March 15, 7 PM Q&A \$10**

**Carnegie Institution for Science**

#### **TIDEWATER (USA, 2017) World Premiere**

*Presented with EARTHx Film & Earth Day Texas*

Sea level rise in the Tidewater region of Virginia and North Carolina encompasses Hampton Roads, a region whose vulnerability most affects our overall national security. Rich in diversity and historical significance, Hampton Roads, with over 1.6 million citizens, 18 government agencies, and Naval Station Norfolk, the largest naval station in the world, is the second most vulnerable community in the U.S. to sea level rise.

**Director: Roger Sorkin in person**

**Mon., March 20, 7 PM FREE with reservations Q&A**

**Naval Heritage Center**

#### **YASUNI MANJ (USA, 2016, 92 min.) DC Premiere**

In the Yasuni Biosphere of Amazonian Ecuador, the world's most bio-diverse forest, the Waorani, an indigenous Amazonian tribe, is battling multiple threats to their

forest Eden: oil spills, illegal logging, illegal over-hunting and bush markets, as well as disease and human rights violations. The filmmaker embarks on a 1,000-mile trip by boat with a team of scientists to support the claim that Yasuni is truly mega-diverse.

**Director: Ryan Patrick Killackey in person**

**Sun., March 19, 7 PM \$10 Q&A**

**E Street Cinema**

**INSTRUMENTS OF CHANGE: LESSONS FROM THE RAINFOREST (USA, 2016, 20 min.)**

*Presented with the Environmental Investigation Agency*

EIA officials traveled to Guatemala with members of Maroon 5 and Guster to learn about the impacts of illegal logging and how some communities are fighting back – even through music.

**Director: Steve Ellington in person**

**Sun, Mar 19, 2 PM FREE with reservations Q&A**

**Carnegie Institution for Science**

**FLY BY LIGHT (USA, 2013, 59 min.)** Leaving the streets of Washington, DC to play in mountain streams and sing under the stars in West Virginia as part of an ambitious peace education program, a group of teenagers confronts the abuse and violence of their past lives. But as they return to DC, each young person faces an unforgiving series of hurdles that challenge their efforts to build a better future.

**Director: Ellie Walton in person**

**Tues, March 21, 7 PM FREE with reservations Q&A**

**THEARC**

**BRICK BY BRICK (USA, 1982, 37 min.)**

Images of monuments contrast with prescient scenes of gentrification and homelessness in late '70s Washington, DC.

**Director: Shirikiana Aina in person**

**Sat., March 25, 12 PM FREE with reservations Q&A**

**National Museum of African American History and Culture**

**A SEABIRD'S STORY (USA, 2016, 2 min.)**

An orphaned seabird gets a second chance after being rescued by scientists.

**MAPPING MIGRATION (USA, 2016, 4 min.)**

Using light level geolocators, researchers examine the journeys of Golden-winged and Cerulean Warblers.

**SURVIVING THE WILD: CATS AND BIRDS (USA, 2016, 8 min.)**

Cats may be cute and cuddly, but their impact outdoors on native wildlife is another story.

**Director: Aditi Desai in person**

**Sat., March 18, 11 AM FREE with reservations.**

**National Wildlife Visitor Center**

