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Harpeth Conservancy Hosts Wild & Scenic Film Festival

A CELEBRATION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT, ACTIVISM, AND COMMUNITY

Brentwood, TN, February 7, 2024 – The Wild & Scenic Film Festival, presented by John Bouchard & Sons Co is coming to Nashville on February 22, 2024. Hosted in partnership with Christ Presbyterian Academy and sponsored by CAT Financial, the Wild & Scenic Film Festival celebrates the beauty and wonder of our natural world and inspires audiences to take action to protect it.

This educational fundraiser for Harpeth Conservancy will ensure that it is able to continue its mission to restore and protect clean water and healthy ecosystems for rivers in Tennessee by employing scientific expertise and collaborative relationships to develop, promote, and support broad community stewardship and action. The organization works with community leaders, businesses, local, state, and federal decision-makers, as well as its members, to foster solutions that reduce pollution and maintain healthy areas.

This on-tour festival shows the urgency of the environmental crises facing our planet today while bridging the gap of how individuals can contribute to collective action, particularly at the local level. The upcoming event will showcase internationally recognized films as well as an award-winning, student-produced film by Christ Presbyterian Academy featuring Harpeth Conservancy.

“We’re excited to bring this film festival to Nashville for the sixth year. With Christ Presbyterian Academy’s partnership, we’ll experience incredible documentary films in their beautiful theater, the Soli Deo Center” says Marie Campbell, Harpeth Conservancy’s Community Engagement Manager.

Tickets and event information is available at:
<https://harpethconservancy.org/events/wild-and-scenic-film-festival/>

Over the last 25 years, Harpeth Conservancy has become Tennessee's statewide leader in clean water protection and river conservation, working tirelessly to restore and protect clean water and healthy ecosystems for rivers in the state. These rivers serve as a reminder of home and history, offering not only scenic beauty and recreational opportunities but also serving as a crucial source of drinking water that shapes our well-being.

THE FILMS

Angel of Alabama – Brenda Hampton, a seasoned investigator, uncovers decades of pollution within her hometown. Angel of Alabama is a call to action for the fight against "forever chemicals", which are becoming one of the biggest pollution crises in world history.

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The Beautiful Undammed – Ten years after the largest dam removal in history—on the Elwha River in Washington State—scientists are chronicling an inspiring story of ecological rebirth. Recovering salmon populations are transferring critical nutrients from the ocean into the forests along the Elwha’s banks, enriching the entire ecosystem.

A River Reborn – A story of the challenges within Pennsylvania's coal industry, the discharge of heavy metals that turned waterways orange, and a remarkable effort to bring a watershed back to life.

Hasta la última Gota – The film follows the fight of those working to change a national charter that has privatized Chile’s vast natural water supply. Following an uprising in 2019 that drew millions of protestors across the country, and against the background of a 15-year drought that has left over half of the country in an official water emergency, a popularly elected body has been tasked with rewriting the constitution from scratch.

ABOUT THE FILM FESTIVAL

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival was started by California watershed advocacy group, the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL) in 2003. The festival’s namesake is in celebration of SYRCL’s landmark victory to receive “Wild & Scenic” status for 39 miles of the South Yuba River in 1999. The 5-day event features over 150 award-winning films and welcomes over 100 guest speakers, celebrities, and activists who bring a human face to the environmental movement. The home festival kicks-off the international tour to communities around the globe, allowing SYRCL to share their success as an environmental group with other organizations. The festival is building a network of grassroots organizations connected by a common goal of using film to inspire activism.

ABOUT HARPETH CONSERVANCY

Founded in 1999, Harpeth Conservancy is a science-based non-profit conservation organization. Harpeth Conservancy’s mission is to restore and protect clean water and healthy ecosystems for rivers in Tennessee by employing scientific expertise and collaborative relationships to develop, promote, and support broad community stewardship and action. Harpeth Conservancy’s success is driven by working with landowners, businesses, community, local, state, and federal decision-makers and members to foster solutions that reduce pollution and maintain healthy areas.

Supported by a broad network of volunteers, donors, and professional staff, Harpeth Conservancy has expertise in a range of disciplines including water quality science, environmental and conservation law and policy, sustainable land use planning, agricultural best management practices, volunteer and community engagement, and others.

To learn more about Harpeth Conservancy, its mission, and its upcoming events, please visit its website at www.harpethconservancy.org.

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