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A free community screening of Nashville PBS' *Down the Duck with John Guider* is coming to Columbia's Mulehouse on June 12.

COLUMBIA, TENN. — A special community screening of the Nashville PBS' documentary *Down the Duck with John Guider* will take place on Thursday, June 12, at 6:00 p.m. at The Mulehouse, in downtown Columbia. Tickets are free by visiting:

<https://weblink.donorperfect.com/dtd-columbia>

Co-hosted by Friends of the Duck and Harpeth Conservancy, the event aims to bring together community members, conservation advocates, outdoor enthusiasts, and supporters of the Duck River for an evening centered around storytelling, environmental awareness, and connection. Food trucks will be on-site ahead of the screening, creating a casual community atmosphere for attendees to gather and enjoy the evening together.

The documentary, a film by Archaea Productions, follows acclaimed photographer, conservationist, and adventurer John Guider, as he canoes 270 miles of Tennessee's Duck River, documenting its ecological significance, natural beauty, and the communities connected to it along the way.

Recognized as the most biodiverse river in North America, the Duck River provides drinking water to communities across Middle Tennessee while supporting hundreds of species of fish, mussels, birds, and wildlife.

"This film captures the wonder of the Duck River and the communities it sustains at a critical time when planning is underway to ensure long-term sustainability," said Grace Stranch, CEO of Harpeth Conservancy.

As conversations continue across the watershed about the river's future, the film offers both a celebration of the Duck River's extraordinary significance and an invitation for communities to engage more deeply in its protection. This will be the first in-person showing of the film in the Duck River Watershed.

"This documentary offers a powerful reminder of how deeply connected we are to the Duck River," said Sarah B. Gilliam, a member of Friends of the Duck River and who is featured in the film. "The screening is an opportunity for the community to come together, celebrate this incredible resource, and continue conversations about protecting it for future generations."

The celebrations will continue with additional screenings throughout the Duck River Watershed this summer.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and guests are encouraged to arrive early to enjoy food trucks and conversation before the film begins.

Members of the media are warmly invited to attend the film screening. Coverage of this unique celebration is welcome, but we kindly ask that all press RSVP in advance and coordinate any interview requests ahead of the event. Press sheets and post-event photos will be made available.

Opportunities for interviews are available upon request. To arrange attendance or schedule interviews, please contact Jess Martin at jess@harpethriver.org.

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About Harpeth Conservancy

Founded in 1999, Harpeth Conservancy is a science-based non-profit conservation organization. Its 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.

About Friends of the Duck

Founded by a coalition of concerned landowners, residents, and conservation advocates, Friends of the Duck is dedicated to protecting the Duck River, local wildlife, and the natural resources that sustain the river's communities through advocacy and responsible stewardship.

About Nashville PBS

Nashville PBS enriches Middle Tennessee by connecting our community to the wider world through the power of public media. Supported by local donors and members, we offer diverse programming on digital platforms like the free PBS app and PBS KIDS app, as well as over-the-air via four broadcast channels. Reaching nearly 2.4 million viewers, we provide free access to news and emergency services, along with an array of educational, environmental, and cultural content that reflects and celebrates the diversity of our unique region. Through community engagement events and hands-on learning experiences, we foster dialogue and prepare children for success, making a lasting impact on those we serve.

About Archaea Productions

Archaea is a Nashville-based film and television production company led by brothers Josh and Andy Duensing, whose work spans documentary and narrative storytelling across the globe. Founded on the belief that the most powerful stories exist at the boundaries — between genres, between cultures, between the seen and unseen — Archaea guides projects from early development through post-production, chasing authentic human stories wherever they live.