

THE FIFTH ANNUAL

WATER DOCS

AN Ecologos FILM FESTIVAL



A graphic of a clapperboard tilted at an angle, with the word 'ACTION!' written across it in a font that looks like water splashes. The background is a solid blue color.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

MARCH 22 – 26 | DANIELS SPECTRUM

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ABOUT WATER DOCS

Degradation of the environment is fundamentally an issue of our spirit as a people, if you understand by spirit, a capacity available to all of us to face up to reality. The literature of every culture – modern and ancient – emphasizes a connection between water and spirit. Take Kuan Tzu in the 7th century BCE, for example. He insisted “The Sage who would change the world starts with water”. This inspired our Water Docs mission: To evoke a spirit of reverence for water; to inform about threats that imperil water; to inspire citizen action to protect water. Water ripples deeply in each of us. To stir that rippling is to awaken action.

Documentary film, the storytelling of our time, is a fine way to stir deeply. That’s why we do this festival. Let it stir you. Use it as a springboard to join a movement of spirit anchored in care for water.

Stan Gibson
Executive Director & Co-founder
Water Docs Film Festival

VENUES

Daniels Spectrum
Ada Slaight Hall
585 Dundas Street East
Toronto, ON M5A 2B7

University of Toronto
Health Sciences Building
Room HS-610, 6th Floor Theatre
155 College Street
Toronto, ON M5T 1P8

TICKET INFO

	ADVANCE	DOOR
FULL FESTIVAL PASS*	\$50	\$60
GENERAL (ADULT)	\$12.50	\$15
STUDENT / SENIOR**	\$11	\$13

* A Festival Pass is not a ticket and does not guarantee a seat if the event is sold out. Please show your pass at the box office up to one hour prior to the event in exchange for a ticket.

** Students / Seniors with proper ID are admitted FREE to all screenings starting before 5:00 pm.

PURCHASING TICKETS:

To order online: You'll find a link next to each film description at waterdocs.ca

Purchase tickets for any screening: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/557968>

SPECIAL FREE EVENTS:

Monday, March 21st is a FREE screening of *After the Last River* at the University of Toronto, Health Sciences Building, Room HS-610, 155 College Street.

Friday, March 25th is Regent Park Family Day – all events are FREE all day long!

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

Liquid Borders: Photos by Dave Sandford @ Water Docs – A photographic exhibit of Lake Erie's waters.

The Water Shed by Théâtre Porte Parole – An interactive installation offering a space and a moment to commune with water.

Pedal Power by Hawwits & Ecologos – An interactive kinesthetic installation to discover how much physical energy it takes to bring a glass of water from Lake Ontario to Daniels Spectrum.

* A Water Docs @ School Action Project student film will open every screening event.

PARTNERS



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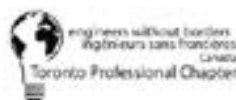
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Collimore

WATER DOCS 2016 SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	FILM	DURATION
SPECIAL PRE-FESTIVAL SCREENING & DISCUSSION			
Monday March 21*	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Nature Rx Parts 1 & 2	3 min
Water: For All Our Relations	6:00 - 9:00 PM	After The Last River	91 min
WORLD WATER DAY OPENING NIGHT			
Tuesday March 22	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Liquid Mountains: Photos by Dave Sandford @ Water Docs	
Water: Are We Fracked?	7:00 - 9:30 PM	Keepers of the Water	12.5 min
	7:00 - 9:30 PM	Fractured Land	80 min
	9:30 - 11:00 PM	Celebrating World Water Day @ Water Docs	
PLANET IN FOCUS @ WATER DOCS			
Wednesday March 23	7:00 - 9:30 PM	Our Deepest Waters: Exploring Marine National Monuments in the Remote Reaches of the Pacific	20 min
Water: Oceans & Reefs	7:00 - 9:30 PM	Angel Azul	72 min
FREE MATINÉE FOR SENIORS & STUDENTS			
Thursday March 24	2:00 - 4:00 PM	Song of Padma	12.5 min
Water: Beyond Borders	2:00 - 4:00 PM	Liquid Borders	38 min
	2:00 - 4:00 PM	H2O	20 min
Water Songs	7:00 - 7:30 PM	Common Thread Community Chorus	30 min
Water: The Beauty of Rivers	7:30 - 10:00 PM	Boat People	9.5 min
	7:30 - 10:00 PM	Nomad	7.5 min
	7:30 - 10:00 PM	On A River In Ireland	60 min

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REGENT PARK FAMILY DAY @ WATER DOCS FREE ACTIVITIES AND SCREENINGS ALL DAY			
Friday March 25	1:00 - 3:00 PM	The Fight for Bala	9 min
Water: Worth Fighting For	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Reborn	7.5 min
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	The Water Front	53 min
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	TROUBLED WATER	31 min
Water: Eat My Shorts!	3:30 - 5:15 PM	State of Short Films about Water	96 min
Water: All Dried Up	7:00 - 9:30 PM	A Day In The Water Life	4.5 min
	7:00 - 9:30 PM	PUMPED DRY: The Global Crisis of Vanishing Ground Water	63.5 min
	7:00 - 9:30 PM	When the Well Runs Dry	31.5 min
FREE MATINÉE FOR SENIORS & STUDENTS 2016 AWARD WINNERS CLOSING NIGHT			
Saturday March 26	2:00 - 4:30 PM	Want some water, deer?	2 min
Water: And The Winners Are...	2:00 - 4:30 PM	bruce	5 min
	2:00 - 4:30 PM	Puffin Patrol	50 min
	2:00 - 4:30 PM	Canoes for Peru	18 min
	2:00 - 4:30 PM	Undrinkable: The Flint Water Emergency	26.5 min
Water: Mine! Mine! Mine!	7:00 - 9:30 PM	Man	3.5 min
	7:00 - 9:30 PM	The Water Rooms #2 - Where Is Water?	7 min
	7:00 - 9:30 PM	Daughter of the Lake	87 min



NATURE RX PARTS 1 & 2

(2015, 3 min, USA)

Justin Bogardus

Nature Rx is an award-winning comedy series about a struggle affecting many of us today. It offers a hearty dose of laughs and the outdoors - two timeless prescriptions for whatever ails you.



AFTER THE LAST RIVER

(2015, 91 min, Canada)

Victoria Lean, Jade Blair

After The Last River is a point of view documentary that follows Attawapiskat's journey from obscurity into the international spotlight during the protests of Idle No More, connecting personal stories from the First Nation to the entwined mining industry agendas and government policies.

Guest Speakers: Hon. Glen Murray, MPP, Victoria Lean



KEEPERS OF THE WATER

(2013, 12.5 min, Canada)

Elizabeth Zetlin

A lyrical docu-poem about women and water, narrated by Anishinabe poet and storyteller Lenore Keeshig, and featuring Shirley John, an Ojibway elder from Saugeen First Nation.

Guest Speakers: Shirley John, Elizabeth Zetlin



FRACTURED LAND

(2015, 80 min, Canada)

Fiona Rayher, Damien Gillis

In Fractured Land, we follow Caleb Behn, a young Dene lawyer who may become one of this generation's great leaders, if he can discover how to reconcile the fractures within himself, his community and the world around him, blending modern tools of the law with ancient wisdom.

Guest Speakers: Caleb Behn, Fiona Rayher



OUR DEEPEST WATERS: EXPLORING MARINE NATIONAL MONUMENTS IN THE REMOTE REACHES OF THE PACIFIC

(2014, 20 min, USA)

Stephani Gordon

Experience the visual wonder and scientific insights of the incredible Pacific ecosystems- ranging from the world's smallest atoll to the deepest trench on earth.



ANGEL AZUL

(2014, 72 min, USA)

Marcy Cravat

Through the hauntingly beautiful line of an eco-sculptor's underwater life-like statues we witness the birth of an artificial coral reef, learn how we are inextricably connected to the ocean and are left to consider how our choices today will determine what we leave to future generations.

Guest Speakers: Marcy Cravat



SONG OF PADMA

(2012, 12.5 min, Bangladesh)

Ahsif Khan

A short film without dialogue or sound effects, depicting the fate of the Padma River, once one of the largest rivers in Bangladesh and now shrunken from climate change, diversion and neglect.



LIQUID BORDERS

(2015, 38 min, India)

Barnali Ray Shukla

This film is born from the need to explore the existing geographical and political boundaries of India, juxtaposed with human, emotional and spiritual bridges. In a sometimes dark and hopeless world, we need stories reminding us of the constructive options that are ever present.

Guest Speakers: Barnali Ray Shukla



H2O

(2015, 20 min, Barbados)

Clish Gittens

H2O is a creative informative work of visual art, shot on location in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean. The scope of the project through "Water cooperation" is an attempt to highlight and introduce awareness to the impact of water sources and their management.

Guest Speakers: Clish Gittens



BOAT PEOPLE

(2015, 9.5 min, USA)

Nick Johnston

This film is an exploration of life on the sea through the stories of boat people in Napa Valley and Balinas.



NOMAD

(2015, 7.5 min, UK)

Jean-Benoit Malzac

Nomad is a modern tale that takes you onboard the London canal. Discover the lifestyle of those who choose to belong to this floating community.



ON A RIVER IN IRELAND

(2013, 60 min, Ireland)

John Murray

The Shannon is Ireland's greatest geographical landmark and the longest river. For a year, wildlife cameraman Colin Stafford-Johnson lives on the river on a quest to film the natural history of the Shannon as it has never been seen or heard or experienced before.

Guest Speakers: John Murray



THE FIGHT FOR BALA

(2015, 9 min, Canada)

Jonah Bryson, Rob Stewart

An examination of one community's determination to fight against a development they say will irreparably ruin the natural landscape, destroy the tourism industry and wreck livelihoods.

Guest Speakers: Jonah Bryson, Rob Stewart



REBORN

(2015, 7.5 min, Brazil)

Leandro Cordeiro

A group of young farmers in Brazil create a "spring protection project", making a simple action in the hope of environmental preservation and awareness for the future.



THE WATER FRONT

(2007, 53 min, Canada)

Elizabeth Miller

The story of an American city (Highland Park, Michigan in 2007) in crisis but it is not just about water. The story touches on the very essence of the democratic system and is an unnerving indication of what is in store for residents around the world facing their own water struggles.



TROUBLED WATER

(2013, 31 min, Nepal)

Govinda Nepal

The Himalayan Mountains supply Nepal with an abundance of fresh water, yet Kathmandu Valley is facing a severe water shortage. In this film, local people and experts who live in this area try to tackle this growing problem.

Guest Speakers: Govinda Nepal



A DAY IN THE WATER LIFE

(2011, 4.5 min, Canada)

Christopher McEnroe

How much water do we actually use? To explore the concept of Virtual Water we follow Dave, a regular guy working in a typical office, for one day.



PUMPED DRY: THE GLOBAL CRISIS OF VANISHING GROUND WATER

(2015, 63.5 min, USA)

Steve Eifers, Ian James

In places around the world, supplies of groundwater are rapidly vanishing. As aquifers decline and wells begin to go dry, people are being forced to confront a growing crisis.



WHEN THE WELL RUNS DRY

(2015, 31.5 min, USA)

Steve Lerner, Reuben Aaronson

This 31 minute documentary film tenderly portrays the vital connection that rural Kansans have with water, our most precious resource.

Guest Speakers: Steve Lerner



WANT SOME WATER, DEER?

(2015, 2 min, Canada)

José Miguel Pérez Aparicio

A factory pops up in the middle of the forest and starts producing water bottles that destroy everything they find on their way to the river. A curious deer will follow them.



BRUCE

(2014, 5 min, UK)

Francesco Bori

This short film is an exploration of the Bruce National Park in Ontario, Canada and its settlers through time.



PUFFIN PATROL

(2015, 50 min, Canada)

Charlotte Engel, Scott Dobson

Puffin Patrol is a colourful exploration of the annual life cycle of the Atlantic Puffin. From Newfoundland's rocky shores to puffin islands in Maine and Wales, we discover what these little birds can teach us about the dangers facing our natural world.

Guest Speakers: Charlotte Engel, Scott Dobson



CANOES FOR PERU

(2015, 18 min, Canada)

Kieran Hodges, Joe Pavelka

Documentary of an epic project bringing canoeing to the Amazon. The trials and tribulations of getting canoes there and then canoeing the Alta Madre de Dios River in the Peruvian Amazon.

Guest Speakers: Kieran Hodges



UNDRINKABLE: THE FLINT WATER EMERGENCY

(2015, 26.5 min, USA)

The DTV Class of 2015, Randy Scott

Undrinkable is the story of how Flint found itself in the worst crisis of the city in decades. Families in Flint have been suffering for months without clean water. Undrinkable follows the timeline of where it all started, to where the situation is currently.

Guest Speakers: Lucas Magno, Grant Polmanteer, Trace Clinton



MAN

(2012, 3.5 min, UK)

Steve Cutts

An animation, created in Flash and After Effects, looking at man's relationship with the natural world.



THE WATER ROOMS #2 - WHERE IS WATER?

(2015, 7 min, Italy)

UNESCO WWAP, Steve Cutts

Where and how much freshwater is there in the world? What is human impact on water and how "real" is virtual water? A film by UNESCO WWAP.



DAUGHTER OF THE LAKE

(2015, 67 min, Peru)

Ernesto "Tito" Cabellos

Nelida, an Andean woman able to communicate with water spirits, uses her powers to prevent a gold mining corporation from destroying the body of water she considers her mother.

Guest Speakers: Ernesto "Tito" Cabellos