



2016 American Conservation Film Festival – NORTH!

at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge

FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST

7:00 – 7:15 pm	<p><i>Osprey – Marine Sentinel</i> Filmmaker: Jacob Steinberg; Runtime: 15 mins.</p> <p>This brief film is a blue-chip natural history one-off featuring unlimited exclusive access to a uniquely located nesting site and the life-long pair that have inhabited it for over ten years. It offers one-of-a-kind perspectives and unprecedented intimacy as it follows the pair throughout their summer breeding season in a small coastal inlet of Eastern North America. Using spectacular cinematography from land, sea, and air, blending dramatic landscapes with intimate animal behavior, this ambitious film aims to present the most compelling portrait ever made of these incredible creatures.</p>
7:20 – 8:54 pm	<p><i>The Messenger: Imagine a World Without Birds</i> Filmmaker: Su Synard Runtime: 1 hr., 34 mins.</p> <p>This wide-ranging and contemplative documentary explores our deep-seated connection to birds and warns that the uncertain fate of songbirds might mirror our own. Moving from the northern reaches of the Boreal Forest to the base of Mount Ararat in Turkey to the streets of New York, The Messenger brings us fact-to-face with a remarkable variety of human-made perils that have devastated thrushes, warblers, orioles, tanagers, grosbeaks and many other airborne music-makers.</p>

SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND

<p>9:00 - 9:45 am</p> <p><i>**These morning films are intended for kids and families; this lineup will be repeated on Sunday morning.</i></p>	<p><i>Flight of the Butterflies</i> Filmmaker: Mike Slee Runtime: 45 mins.</p> <p>Following the year-long annual migration cycle of the butterflies, the award-winning production team filmed hundreds of millions of monarchs in their remote overwintering sanctuaries in Mexico in 2011 and again in 2012 and also along their migratory routes from Canada, across the U.S. and into Mexico.</p> <p>The monarch butterfly is a true marvel of nature. Weighing less than a penny, it makes one of the longest migrations on Earth across a continent to a place it has never known. Follow the monarchs' perilous journey and experience millions of them in the remote mountain peaks of Mexico, with breathtaking cinematography from an award winning team including Oscar® winner Peter Parks. Be captivated by the true and compelling story of an intrepid scientist's 40-year search to find their secret hideaway. Unravel the mysteries and experience the Flight of the Butterflies.</p>
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10:15 – 10:30 am	<p><i>A Snowy Owl Goes to Washington!</i> Filmmaker: Tim Persinko Runtime: 15 mins.</p> <p>In the winter of 2013 – 2014, bird watchers spotted snowy owls in historic numbers across the northeastern United States. While hunting near the White House, one of these majestic creatures was hit by a city bus. This film follows the remarkable efforts to return the owl to the wild and what's been learned from that winter's irruption.</p>
10:45 – 11:25 am	<p><i>Mysteries of the Unseen World</i> Filmmaker: Louis Schwartzberg Runtime: 40 mins.</p> <p>Audiences will be transported to places on the planet they've never been before, to see things that are beyond their normal vision yet are literally right in front of their eyes.</p>
Lunch Break	
1:00 pm – 1:50 pm	<p><i>Winged Seduction: Birds of Paradise</i> Filmmaker: Molly Hermann Runtime: 50 mins.</p> <p>They have the campiest costumes and the craziest mating game in the feathered kingdom. No other birds on earth go about the business of breeding quite like New Guinea's birds of paradise. Here in the sweaty, vine-tinged jungle, the male birds' intricately choreographed hops, shakes, flaps and flutters send the females quivering.</p>
2:00 – 3:00 pm	<p><i>Secrets of the Longleaf Pine</i> Filmmaker: Rhett Turner Runtime: 57 mins.</p> <p>The all but forgotten Longleaf Pine forest once blanketed the coastal plain of the Southeastern United States. Once comprising ninety million sprawling acres, by the 20th century, human pressures had reduced the forest to just three million. Just a tiny fraction of precious old growth remains. These remarkable patches of old growth Longleaf forest display more biodiversity than another ecosystem in the northern hemisphere, rivaled only by the Amazon. "Secrets of the Longleaf Pine" takes you on an unprecedented journey to examine some of the unique plants and animals that can only be found here.</p>
3:15 – 4:15 pm	<p><i>America's First Forest: Carl Schenck & the Asheville Experiment</i> Filmmaker: Paul Bonesteel Runtime: 60 mins.</p> <p>This new film tells the story of how Carl Schenck, a German forester, came to America in 1895 to manage the forests at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina. He not only helped restore the land there, he established the country's first forestry school and helped launch the American conservation movement.</p>

4:30 – 5:30 pm	<p><i>Queen of Trees</i> Filmmaker: Mark Deeble and Victoria Stone Runtime: 60 mins.</p> <p>The remarkable story of an African fig tree and the special relationship it has with the animals who depend on it. The fig tree and fig wasp differ in size a billion times over, but neither could exist without the other. Their extraordinary relationship is a pinnacle of co-evolution, and the basis of a complex web of dependency that supports animals from ants to elephants. Each individual fig is a microcosm - a stage set for birth, sex and death as the tiny players battle against predators and parasites to fulfill their mission. It is one of the most amazing stories in the natural world - a tale of intrigue and drama, set against grand Africa and its wildlife.</p>
Dinner Break	
7:00 – 8:45 pm	<p><i>Unbranded</i> Filmmaker: Phil Baribeau Runtime: 105 mins.</p> <p>Four young Cowboys hatch an outrageous plot to adopt, train, and ride a string of wild mustangs 3,000 miles from Mexico to Canada through the wildest terrain of the American West. The trip became an epic journey of self-discovery, tested friendships, and iconic landscapes that included runaway horses, a sassy donkey, perilous mountain passes, rodeos, sickness, injury, and death. The Audience Award winner at Telluride Mountainfilm and Hot Docs Film Festival, Unbranded is a soaring tale of danger and resilience, an emotionally charged odyssey that shines a bright light on the complex plight of our country's wild horses.</p>

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1:20 – 2:15 pm	<p><i>Racing to Zero</i> Filmmaker: Christopher Beaver Runtime: 55 mins.</p> <p><i>Racing to Zero</i> is a quick-moving, upbeat documentary presenting new solutions to the global problem of waste. By simply substituting the word <i>RESOURCE</i> for the word <i>GARBAGE</i>, a culture can be transformed, and a new wealth of industries can emerge.</p> <p>Three years ago the mayor of San Francisco pledged to achieve zero waste by 2020. <i>Racing to Zero</i> tracks San Francisco's waste stream diversion tactics and presents innovative new solutions to waste. This film documents a surprising, engaging and inspiring race to zero.</p>
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