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Not Just Films: Puppets and Salmon at 10th Anniversary Wild and Scenic

Nevada City, CA: The streets will come alive with puppets and paper salmon at the 10th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Film festival. Festival organizers have arranged for a live action, giant puppet play to be staged in downtown Nevada City on Commercial Street. Spawning salmon on Broad Street will create a parade mid-day on Saturday --children and adults acting out the life cycle of salmon.

The live theater will be performed by Peaceful Uprising and sponsored by Finding the Good Semester Program of Nevada City. The trial of climate activist Tim DeChristopher was postponed nine times before finally taking place in March 2011. In November 2010, a group of Peaceful Uprising activists, including Tim, decided to stage their own trial. They wrote a brilliant play, and created larger-than-life puppets with the help of artist/activist David Solnit. In the version of this play, the audience is the jury.

Children are encouraged to bring their own salmon to the parade, which will kick off directly after the kid's film session at noon. The kid's film session runs from 9:00 am to noon at the Nevada Theater, with tickets only \$7. Some of the featured films at the children's session are The Shark Riddle, I Wish I Went to Ecuador, and Animal Beatbox.

In conjunction with Peaceful Uprising's play, on Sunday afternoon they will be hosting a free workshop on non-violent protest methods. Looking back on history, the workshop will lead participants to construct and explore a timeline of civil disobedience. Looking at Reverend James Lawson's workshops to lunch-counter sit ins to the Freedom Rides of the 1960 this event is just one of many of the free workshops organized by the Festival staff.

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival was created to honor the spirit of SYRCL's activist work and to celebrate our achievements with the state campaign to achieve Wild & Scenic status for the S. Yuba River. Begun in 2003, with one venue and 22 films, the festival was a sell-out event and even featured legendary actor and activist Peter Coyote and poet Gary Snyder as special guests. The festival has grown steadily each year and venues have been added—it's featuring three days of 117 films spread over 10 venues.

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival showcases environmental and adventure films that illustrate the beauty of the Earth, the challenges threatening our planet, and the power of activism. Often, a theme emerges based on submissions received (ex. The 2009 the theme was food). This year is

the Wild & Scenic Film Festival's 10th Anniversary and the focus is on celebrating a decade of inspiring activism.