



Nevada City, CA: The small town lights up with activists, gear-clad adventurers, intellectual celebrities and luminaries from around California for a weekend in January during the Wild and Scenic Film Festival. Called the “new Sundance” the festival is celebrating a decade of inspiring activism in 2012.

Due to this success, Nevada City, the cultural capital of the Sierra, has welcomed guests ranging from Sir Patrick Stewart to Peter Coyote, Daryl Hannah, to Julia Butterfly Hill. Two National Geographic Explorers, Zeb Hogan and Andy Maser, are special guests, as well as Native American activist and poet John Trudell and award-winning journalist Amy Goodman.

Films featuring the likes of Bobby McMullen, a blind competitive mountain biker who biked down the legendary Downieville grade, to the return of the vanished Wampanoag language now spoken again in that Native community, to the winners of the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize are the just a taste of the excellence of Wild and Scenic.

Other events include activist workshops, a children’s parade, town-wide art exhibits, lectures, musical performances, street theater, wine tastings and late night dancing

This festival, produced by the South Yuba River Citizen’s League (SYRCL) is celebrating a full decade of activism and inspiration. SYRCL (pronounced ‘circle’), the largest grassroots, watershed group in the country, brings its passion for empowered environmentalism to the stage and screen with three days of films, speakers, activist workshops and a town-wide celebration of wilderness and beauty.

Festival Dates: Friday, January 13 through Sunday, January 15, 2012

Festival Locations: Downtown Nevada City, Headquarters located at the Veteran’s Building 415 N. Pine St., Film Screenings at the Miners Foundry, Nevada Theatre, Odd Fellows, Nevada City Elementary and Veteran’s Building.

Tickets: Online at www.wildandscenicfilmfestival.org beginning Dec. 1st.

In person at SYRCL office, 216 Main St., beginning Dec. 1. Mon-Thurs, from 12-5pm until January 12th.

Short Synopsis: Celebrate a decade of inspiring activism with SYRCL (South Yuba River Citizens League) this January. Now the largest film festival of its kind, this year’s films combine stellar filmmaking, beautiful cinematography and first-rate storytelling. Wild and Scenic Film Festival informs, inspires and ignites solutions, and creates positive probabilities to restore the earth and human communities.

Each year, the Wild & Scenic® Film Festival draws top filmmakers, celebrities, leading activists, social innovators and well-known world adventurers to the historic downtown of Nevada City, California.

Wild & Scenic Film Festival – Decade of Inspiring Activism

Films: Films to Change Your World

1. Over 117 films have been accepted for the January 13-15, 2012 festival.
2. The program committee spent close to 2,000 hours previewing 345 film submissions.
3. As always, over 100 filmmakers, activists and special guests will be in attendance this year.
4. 28 World and US film premieres.
5. Film genres include: award-winning films about nature, community activism, adventure, conservation, water, energy and climate change, wildlife, environmental justice, agriculture, and Native American and indigenous cultures.
6. Local Filmmakers Showcase

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