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# WELCOME

The *Shift Your World Film Festival* is the first-ever online film event hosted by The Shift Network. This seminal event is rooted in the understanding that the most powerful world-changing movies are ones that leave us as better, wiser, and more engaged humans. They engender insights and awareness that touch deep into our souls, calling us to remember who we are and why we are here.

The year 2020 was a time of dramatic loss on many levels, but 2021 gives us the opportunity for regeneration and rebirth. That's why the theme for this brand-new event is *regeneration*, leveraging this unique cultural moment to redesign our future with an upheveled vision of human potential.

The most powerful stories awaken our curiosity and imagination. They show us the possibility of a thriving future. Through film, we can truly envision a brighter, more meaningful tomorrow.

Our synchronized viewing experience kicks off with *The Portal*, a new film from Australia directed by Jacqui Fifer that will allow you to realize new potential for yourself and our world. You won't want to miss *The Reunited States*, a heart-opening documentary dedicated to healing polarization, executive produced by Van Jones. Another highlight is *Artifishal*, an eye-opening documentary that asks the question, "How do we save our last wild spaces and wild species for the next generations?"

We're offering director discussions and expert panels throughout the festival so you can get a behind-the-scenes glimpse into both the movie themes and the "making-of." We are particularly excited to share the "Dreaming Awake" discussion with you, where experts in the fields of Virtual Reality and Interactive Gaming reveal the future of transformational media and technology.

And because you have upgraded to a VIP festival experience, you're eligible to be one of 500 people invited to enjoy a special sneak-peek screening of one of this year's most anticipated releases, *End of The Line: The Women of Standing Rock...* as well as many other perks like the VIP lounge, two bonus courses from The Shift Network, and a two week extended watch window for all the films\* (May 9-23, 2021).

So pull up a comfy chair, take a few deep breaths, and prepare to experience movie magic!

*The views and opinions expressed in the Shift Your World Film Festival films, panels, and presentations do not necessarily reflect those of The Shift Network Inc.*

*\*Excludes special event presentations*



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### ABOUT THE FILM FESTIVAL

The *Shift Your World Film Festival* takes place entirely online over the span of 4 days. Here are some tips, suggestions, and reminders about our first-ever film festival.

#### **How the Film Festival Works**

During the live festival, May 6–9, the films are at set times, just like an in-person festival (remember those?). You'll be watching along with thousands of people from across the globe.

After the films, you'll have the opportunity to stay for panels and discussions with filmmakers and experts to go deeper into what you've watched. You're invited to engage with other festival-goers in the live chat at this time — no need to do anything special; the chat box will be right next to the streaming video you're watching.

#### **Film Festival Voting**

During the live festival, you're invited to vote for the Audience Choice Award. Voting opens Thursday, May 6 at 5:00pm Pacific and closes Sunday, May 9 at 9:00pm Pacific. On the Festival page, you can vote live for the films you've seen.

Casting your vote is easy — one star means you didn't like it at all, and five stars means you thought it was excellent. We suggest casting your vote right after the film, while it's still fresh in your mind! While you can only vote one time, you can change your vote if you wish.

#### **Film Festival Awards**

On the last day of the festival, both audience and jury votes will be tabulated and announced the following week.

Another fun way to engage is to watch the feature films and guess which ones will be selected as the winners from the jury. The jury's evaluation criteria ranges from craft and creativity to a film's likelihood to effect positive change.

On the evening of Sunday, May 9, tune in to watch the Culture Shift Legacy Awards (feature & short). You'll also be invited to stay and watch the films being honored: *Baraka* (feature) and *The Story of Stuff* (short).

The Audience Choice and Jury Award winners will be announced on Monday, May 10 via email and on the website.





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### **How to Enjoy Your VIP Perks**

Your VIP perks unlock May 5 — check your email for full details on how to access all your perks.

### **Accessing the VIP Lounge**

For a weekend treat, you'll want to drop into our immersive virtual lounge, hosted by our platform partner OHYAY, where you can meet the festival producers and mingle with fellow film buffs. Receptions will be Saturday and Sunday at 4:00pm Pacific.

This is a "Zoom" experience unlike any other. Imagine video conference calls set inside a luxurious green room or poolside overlooking the Hollywood Hills. Each room has a different vibe so be sure to visit them all! For optimal experience, use a Chrome browser and activate your camera and microphone.

### ***End of the Line: The Women of Standing Rock***

Limited to the first 500 VIPs to register for their ticket, you're invited to join us for a special sneak preview of this film festival darling on Saturday, May 15 at 1:00pm Pacific. Immediately after the screening, you'll enjoy a conversation with the filmmakers taking you behind the scenes of the film. *End of the Line: The Women of Standing Rock* is a highly anticipated new documentary by award-winning director Shannon Kring, that tells the incredible story of a group of Indigenous women willing to risk their lives to stop the Dakota Access oil pipeline construction that desecrated their ancient burial and prayer sites and threatens their very existence.

### **Extended Access to Films**

We encourage you to tune-in live during the festival as much as possible, but as a VIP, you've unlocked a 2-week extended window to watch all the films from May 9–23, 2021. (Excludes special event presentations, including *The Portal* and *End of the Line: The Women of Standing Rock*.)

### **Shift Network Courses**

Your VIP ticket also includes 2 full courses from The Shift Network. *The Heart of Activism* with Mayor Heidi Harmon and *Metamorphosis through Story Magic* with Yeye Luisah Teish. These courses were hand-selected to foster deeper learning into our 2021 theme of regensis. To access your courses, visit our Premium Access page ([TheShiftNetwork.com/access](https://TheShiftNetwork.com/access)), enter the email address you used to purchase your VIP ticket, and click the "Sign In" button.

### **"Shift Your World Insider's Club" Membership**

You're already in! As a member of the Shift Your World Insider's Club, you'll be the first to know about ongoing film events, next year's festival, and special discounts on next year's event. We'll deliver news, updates, and special opportunities right to your inbox, so stay tuned!



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## JURY



### **Barnet Bain, Jury Chairperson**

Barnet Bain built his career working from literary material and collaborating with award-winning artists, notably *Milton's Secret* (Director, Writer), *The Lost & Found Family* (Director), Oscar-winner *What Dreams May Come* (Producer), Emmy nominee *Homeless to Harvard: The Liz Murray Story* (Executive Producer), *The Celestine Prophecy* (Writer, Producer), *The Jesus Film* (Writer), and *Quantum Project* (Producer). He is the author of *The Book of Doing and Being: Rediscovering Creativity in Life, Love and Work*, and *The Third Story*.



### **Theresa Corazon Laurico**

Theresa Corazon Laurico is an award-winning social entrepreneur, creator, leader, speaker, and producer of the movie *The Miracle Morning*. Her annual SocialLIGHT Conference focused on "Business As a Force of Good" and the triple bottom line "People. Planet. Prosperity." SocialLIGHT has impacted thousands and has been featured in *Forbes*. Theresa is a seasoned media producer with over 10 years of television experience, a Broadcast Journalism degree from Ryerson University, and an Executive Media Leadership MPP from Schulich School of Business.



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### **Lynnaea Lombard, PhD**

Lynnaea Lombard is co-creator and board chair of NewStories, a non-profit dedicated to offering transformational resources for a regenerative culture, helping individuals, groups, and communities to change the story. For over 35 years, Lynnaea has been a pioneer in the fields of spiritual psychology and conscious evolution. As Lynnaea turns ever more toward the wounds of our collective psyche, she's committed to bringing the successful archetypal patterns that govern individual transformation to the processes of cultural healing.



### **Ben Yalom**

Ben Yalom founded and was the artistic director of foolsFURY Theater Company, an innovative ensemble based in San Francisco. He directed many foolsFURY productions including the world premiere of Sheila Callaghan's *Port Out, Starboard Home*. Ben has taught at Stanford University, California College of the Arts, and Lee Strasberg Institute (NYU/Tisch). He designed a new theater program at the UN International School in New York. Ben's writing has appeared in magazines nationwide. In 2020, he edited his mother, Marilyn Yalom's, final book, *Innocent Witnesses: Childhood Memories of World War II*.





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### FESTIVAL PRODUCERS



#### **Téana David**

A committed environmental and social justice activist, producer, and writer, Téana David served as the director of Deepak HomeBase in New York City where she curated a year-round event series. Currently the co-director of Circle of Wisdom, she conducts video interviews with wisdom-keepers from different cultures for the next generations. She has written for television, theater, livestreams, and PSAs. Recent producing credits include *Artists United for Amazonia* and *No Vote Left Behind*, livestream events that have been viewed by over 33 million people.



#### **Kit Thomas**

Kit Thomas has received numerous awards including an Oscar nomination for his film *Burning Down Tomorrow*, which was commissioned by Sting to raise awareness about the global rainforest crisis. He co-produced and directed the multiple Emmy Award-winning TV special, *Spaceship Earth: Our Global Environment*, and developed and co-produced the award-winning Earth Communications Office PSA campaign that was seen by over 2 billion people. At Disney Studios, he created 25 titles for their educational media division. He's the founder of Circle of Wisdom, a non-profit initiative that interviews wisdom-keepers as a free internet resource for the next generations.



#### **Jason Wishnow**

Jason Wishnow is co-creator of the Peabody Award winning TEDTalks video series (watched billions of times, even in outer space), founder of the very first handheld/mobile film festival (way back in the year 2000), called The Aggressively Boring Film Festival (named after the technical limitations of its time), and an award-winning director/producer.



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## ADVISORS



### **Gbenga Akinagbe**

Gbenga Akinagbe is an actor, writer, and activist, best known for his roles as Chris Partlow on the HBO series *The Wire* and as Larry Brown on the HBO series *The Deuce*. An active leader in racial justice movements, his many theatre credits include Aaron Sorkin's *To Kill A Mockingbird* on Broadway. Film credits include *All the Devil's Men*, *DC Noir*, *Egg*, *Home*, *Crown Heights*, *Independence Day 2*. TV credits include *The Following*, *24: Live Another Day*, *The Good Wife*. Gbenga is founder of Liberated People, a lifestyle brand uniting global citizens through the common struggle for personal and political liberation.



### **Corinne Bourdeau**

Corinne Bourdeau is a speaker and the founder and visionary behind 360 Degree Communications. Corinne has cultivated not just a film marketing career, but a lifestyle. Personifying an inherent bond with independent films, Corinne has always striven to harvest a similar connection between films and their audiences. She brings three decades of film experience and a degree in depth psychology to the podium. Corinne is both a mentor and advocate for fellow women entrepreneurs.





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### **Beverly Camhe**

Beverly Camhe has enjoyed a 4-decade career as a writer and producer for film, television, and Broadway productions. As an independent producer, Camhe produced *Junior*, *The Package*, and *The Believers*. She helped build *The Celestine Prophecy* into a global phenomenon that included two *New York Times* bestselling books and a feature film. She produced *Tiny Tears*, calling attention to the AIDS crisis in Thailand orphanages, and mentored students in New Orleans for their own documentary, *Wade in the Water*.



### **Heather Hollander**

Heather Hollander's early professional career in critical care pharmaceuticals was radically redirected by the sudden onset of a mysterious neurological disease, catalyzing her to explore how we truly heal. In 2011, she co-founded Lightworks Creative, a boutique video and film production company. She served in associate producer roles on the documentaries *Spark*, *Be Brave*, *Power of the Heart*, and *The Revolution Generation*, and helped vision and co-produce *DREAM*, *Superhuman*, and *The Portal*.



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### THURSDAY, MAY 6

- 5:00pm Opening introduction by Stephen Dinan, The Shift Network's Founder and CEO and Welcome from Joy Donnell, Shift Your World's emcee and Vice President of Media at The Shift Network
- 5:05pm Special Festival Welcome from Jason Silva
- 5:10pm *The Portal* (special event feature film screening)
- 6:35pm "Through the Looking Glass" — Enjoy an in-depth discussion that touches on creativity, technology, the power of love, and what's next for humankind, with three of the creators behind *The Portal*. (Audience chat open)



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#### FRIDAY, MAY 7

- 1:00pm      *The Twelve* (feature film screening)
- 2:20pm      “Seeing the Unseen” — Listen to a revealing Q & A with the makers of the film, *The Twelve*, exploring their unique journey of discovery and creation. (Audience chat open)
- 5:00pm      *The Reunited States* (feature film screening)
- 6:25pm      “One Heart” — Tune into a provocative discussion about building bridges across cultural divides, inspired by the film, *The Reunited States*, featuring the director and the writer of the book that inspired the film. (Audience chat open)
- 9:00pm      *The Monolith* (short film screening)
- 9:10pm      *Heal* (feature film screening)
- 10:55pm     “Body & Soul” — Join us for an engaging interview where we ask the question, “Can the human body heal itself from any disease by changing one’s perceptions?” with the producer of the film *Heal*. (Audience chat open)





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#### SATURDAY, MAY 8

- 1:00pm *We Are the Radical Monarchs* (feature film screening)
- 2:40pm “Dreaming Awake” — Experience an all-star panel of artists and innovators exploring the future of transformational media and technology, including VR, AR, XR, and large-scale immersive experiences. (Audience chat open)
- 4:00pm Virtual VIP lounge open — Join the Saturday reception with film festival producers and other VIPs
- 5:00pm *Kiss the Ground* (feature film screening)
- 6:25pm “Heart & Soil” — This fascinating conversation featuring visionaries in the regenerative space explores how ancient wisdom and modern science can work together to create a thriving future, inspired by the film, *Kiss the Ground*. (Audience chat open)
- 9:00pm *Hudson Geese* (short film screening)
- 9:10pm *Artifishal* (feature film screening)
- 10:25pm “Hooked” — Take a deep dive into the crisis of misguided environmental and economic policies and the path to new solutions with the director of the film, *Artifishal*. (Audience chat open)



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#### SUNDAY, MAY 9

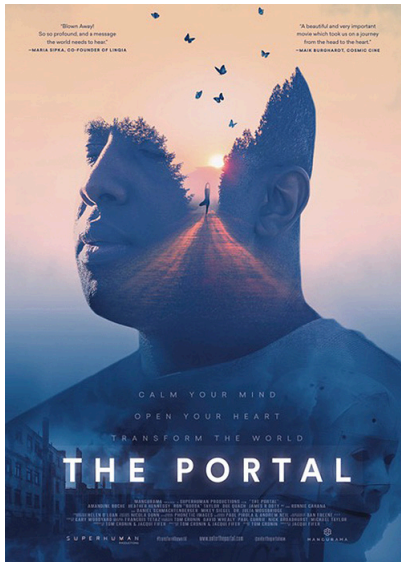
- 10:00am *River of Gold* (feature film screening)
- 11:10am “All that Glitters” — Tune in for a riveting conversation about how to solve the crisis of gold mining in the Amazon and the power of beauty to inspire real change, with two of the creators and experts behind the film, *River of Gold*. (Audience chat open)
- 1:00pm *Slomo* (short film screening)
- 1:15pm *Love Thy Nature* (feature film screening)
- 2:30pm “Chasing Rainbows” — This spirited discussion covers the good medicine of rekindling a love affair with the natural world, with the writer and director of the film, *Love Thy Nature*. (Audience chat open)
- 4:00pm Virtual VIP lounge open — Join the Sunday reception with film festival producers and other VIPs
- 5:00pm “Culture Shift Legacy” short film award presentation and acceptance
- 5:05pm *The Story of Stuff* (short film screening)
- 5:25pm “Culture Shift Legacy” feature film award presentation and acceptance
- 5:30pm *Baraka* (feature film screening)
- 7:20pm *Shift Your World Film Festival* closing message with Stephen Dinan



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## SPECIAL EVENT PRESENTATION

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### THE PORTAL

**Thursday, May 6 at 5:10pm**

Directed by Jacqui Fifer

Produced by Jacqui Fifer, Tom Cronin, John Mujcinovic

Screenplay by Jacqui Fifer, Tom Cronin

What would happen if 7 billion people all meditated? Could it shift the trajectory of our planet? This experiential documentary approach follows six people (and a robot) who transform their lives using stillness and mindfulness, providing inspiration as we embark on the next phase of evolution. Supported by insights from three of the world's foremost futurists and philosophers, THE PORTAL opens hearts and minds to an exciting vision for humanity transformed and takes them on a mindfulness journey through a tapestry of technology, love, existentialism, human potential, brain hacking, stillness, and inner peace.

### "Through the Looking Glass"

**Thursday, May 6 at 6:35pm**

Join us for an in-depth discussion about the value of finding peace in a topsy-turvy world, with the creators of our inspiring opening night film, THE PORTAL.





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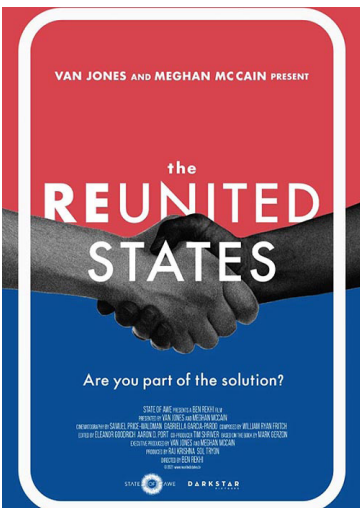


#### THE TWELVE

**Friday, May 7 at 1:00pm**

Directed by Lucy Martens and Olivier Girard  
Produced by Le Ciel Foundation  
Executive Produced by Andréa de Button

THE TWELVE is a feature-length documentary that gives a voice to the wisdom traditions of twelve Elders from around the globe. By reflecting on our behaviors and state of mind, we actively participate in implementing the new paradigm the Elders have created for us on the spiritual planes. Each of the twelve shares long-forgotten wisdom and knowledge of our eternal and complex connection with Nature and all of humanity, reminding us what it means to be human and how to live in harmony with each other and with Nature.



#### THE REUNITED STATES

**Friday, May 7 at 5:00pm**

Directed by Ben Rekhi  
Produced by Sol Tryon and Raj Krishna  
Executive Produced by Van Jones and Meghan McCain  
Based on the book by Mark Gerzon

At a time when America is ripping apart at the seams, THE REUNITED STATES is a powerful and urgent documentary that follows the unsung heroes on the difficult journey of bridging our political and racial divides. Susan Bro, who lost her daughter when a car drove through a crowd in Charlottesville, and David and Erin Leaverton, a Republican couple who travel to all fifty states in an RV to find out what divides us, are just a few of the characters profiled in the film. Each of these bridge-builders has realized that while our divides run deeper than they ever could have imagined, so does the love and hope to bring our country back together.



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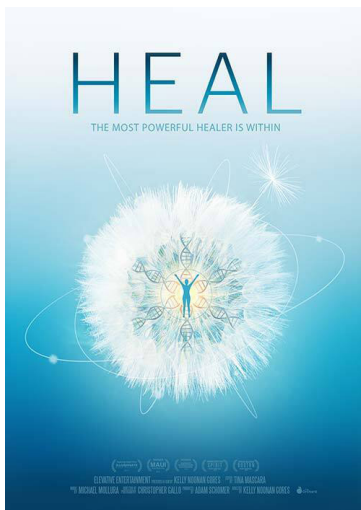
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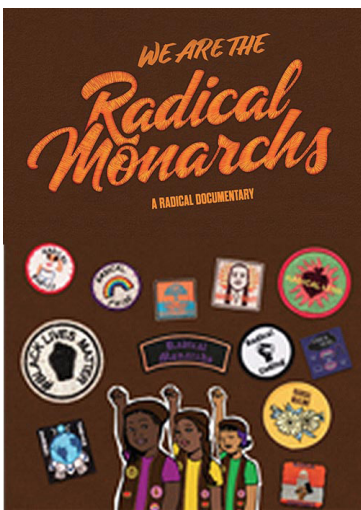


#### HEAL

**Friday, May 7 at 9:10pm**

Directed by Kelly Noonan Gores  
Produced by Adam Schomer

HEAL takes us on a scientific and spiritual journey where we discover that our thoughts, beliefs, and emotions have a huge impact on our health and ability to heal in many aspects of our lives. We have more control over our health and life than we have been taught to believe.



#### WE ARE THE RADICAL MONARCHS

**Saturday, May 8 at 1:00pm**

Directed by Linda Goldstein Knowlton  
Produced by Katie Flint, Linda Goldstein Knowlton

Set in Oakland, a city with a deep history of social justice movements, WE ARE THE RADICAL MONARCHS documents the Radical Monarchs – an alternative to the Scout movement for girls of color, aged 8–13. Its members earn badges for completing units on social justice including being an LGBTQ ally, the environment, and disability justice. The film follows the first troop of Radical Monarchs for over three years, and documents the co-founders' struggle to respond to the needs of communities across the US and grow the organization after the viral explosion of interest in the troop's mission to create and inspire a new generation of social justice activists.





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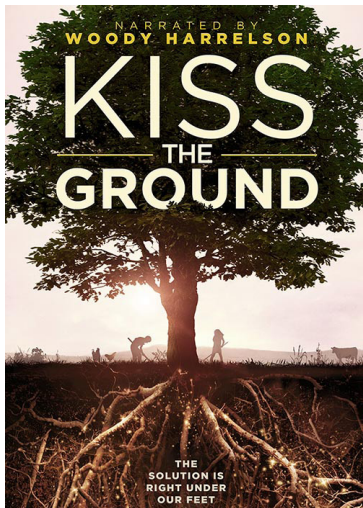
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#### **KISS THE GROUND**

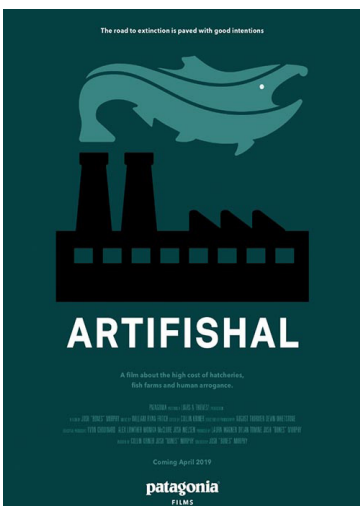
**Saturday, May 8 at 5:00pm**

Directed by Josh and Rebecca Tickell

Produced by Josh and Rebecca Tickell, Bill Benenson, Ryland Englehart, Darius Fisher

Executive Produced by Julian Lennon and Ian Somerhalder

KISS THE GROUND is a groundbreaking film that demonstrates the first viable solution to our climate crisis. It reveals that by regenerating the world's soils we can completely and rapidly stabilize Earth's climate, restore lost ecosystems and create abundant food supplies. Using compelling graphics and visuals, along with striking NASA and NOAA footage, the film artfully illustrates how, by drawing down atmospheric carbon, soil is the missing piece of the climate puzzle.



#### **ARTIFISHAL**

**Saturday, May 9 at 9:10pm**

Directed by Josh Murphy

ARTIFISHAL is a film about people, rivers, and the fight for the future of wild fish and the environment that supports them. It explores wild salmon's slide towards extinction, threats posed by fish hatcheries and fish farms, and our continued loss of faith in nature.





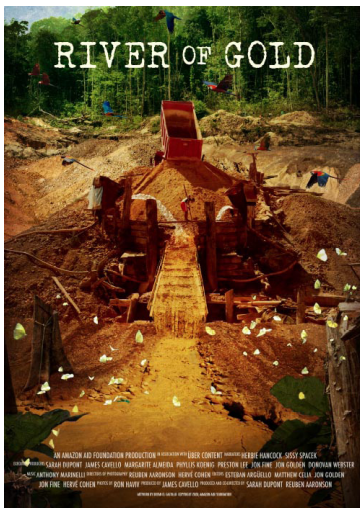
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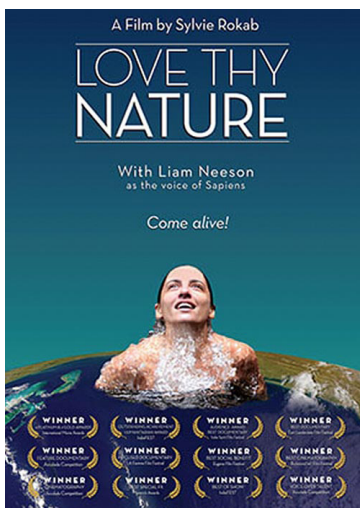


### RIVER OF GOLD

**Sunday, May 9 at 10:00am**

Directed by Sarah DuPont and Ruben Aaronson

Narrated by Academy Award winners Sissy Spacek and Herbie Hancock, RIVER OF GOLD is the disturbing account of a clandestine journey into Peru’s Amazon rainforest to uncover the savage unraveling of pristine jungle in the pursuit of illegally mined gold, with consequences on a global scale.



### LOVE THY NATURE

**Sunday, May 9 at 1:15pm**

Directed by Sylvie Rokab

Produced by Tamara Raven, Elane Souda, Rohan Chitraker

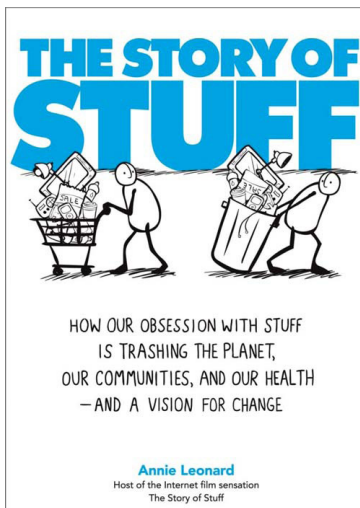
Narrated by Liam Neeson, LOVE THY NATURE points to how deeply we’ve lost touch with nature – and takes viewers on a cinematic journey through the beauty and intimacy of our relationship with the natural world. Neeson is the voice of “Sapiens” (our collective humankind) who, in the past few hundred years, has come to believe that we have transcended nature. Yet, experts uncover how a new era of nature-connection might soon be dawning: “Biomimicry” scientists look to the natural world for the most brilliant inventions, social ecologists unveil how nature restores our communities, and doctors are finding new ways in which nature heals the body, mind, and brain.



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## CULTURE SHIFT LEGACY FILMS

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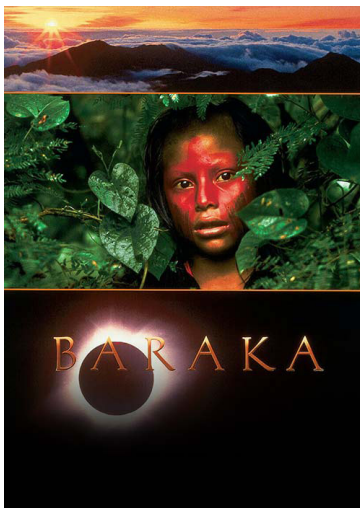
### THE STORY OF STUFF

**Sunday, May 9 at 5:05pm**

Directed by Louis Fox

Written by Annie Leonard, Louis Fox, and Jonah Sachs

From its extraction through sale, use and disposal, all the stuff in our lives affects communities at home and abroad, yet most of this is hidden from view. THE STORY OF STUFF is a 20-minute, fast-paced, fact-filled look at the underside of our production and consumption patterns. THE STORY OF STUFF exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental and social issues, and calls us together to create a more sustainable and just world. It'll teach you something, it'll make you laugh, and it just may change the way you look at all the stuff in your life forever.



### BARAKA

**Sunday, May 9 at 5:30pm**

Directed by Ron Fricke

BARAKA explores themes via a compilation of stunningly-filmed natural events, human activities, biological diversity, and technological phenomena shot on six continents in 24 countries including Tanzania, China, Brazil, Japan, Nepal, the U.S. and Europe over a 14-month period. Baraka is an ancient Sufi word, translated as a blessing or as the essence of life from which the evolutionary process unfolds. With the theme of human's diversity and our impact upon the environment, Baraka has no narration and no dialogue, yet transcends geography and language to provide a sensual and spiritual experience that enables the viewer to look at the world in a totally different way.



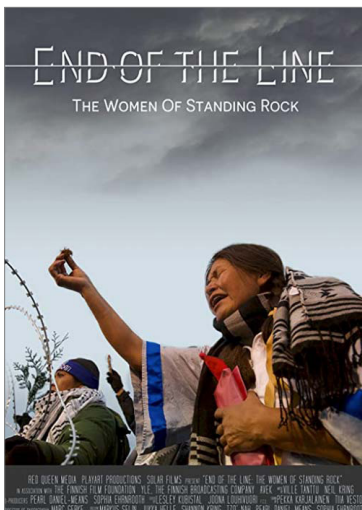


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### **END OF THE LINE: THE WOMEN OF STANDING ROCK**

**Saturday, May 15 at 1:00pm**

Directed by Shannon Kring

Co-Directed by Pearl Daniel-Means

END OF THE LINE: THE WOMEN OF STANDING ROCK is the incredible story of a group of Indigenous women who risk their lives to stop the Dakota Access oil pipeline construction that desecrated their ancient burial and prayer sites and threatens their land, water, and existence in modern America. We follow these powerful women on a 4-year battle, through to when the pipeline was officially ordered to be shut down in July 2020 – a significant blow to the Trump administration and US oil industry. This poignant film features expert testimonies about the effects of colonization and the history of U.S. violations of Indian treaties.

### **“Sacred Activism”**

**Saturday, May 15 at 2:30pm**

Sit down with the director and two of the matriarchs of the NO DAPL movement who were also integral in the creation of the empowering and important film, END OF THE LINE: THE WOMEN OF STANDING ROCK.





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### ABOUT THE SHIFT NETWORK

We are a socially conscious organization which, since our founding in 2010, has served over 3,200,000 people in 170 countries in domains such as: spirituality, holistic health, sound healing, Indigenous wisdom, peace, psychology, enlightened business, and sustainability.

Our focus to date has been on interactive, virtual courses, global online summits and festivals, and live seminars and retreats – all centered on empowering a shift to a more sacred way of living.

We empower and support a global network of people who are creating an evolutionary shift of consciousness that leads to a more enlightened society built on principles of health, peace, prosperity, and sustainability.



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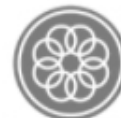
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