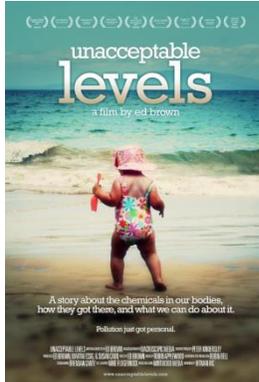




SYRCL's WILD & SCENIC[®] FILM FESTIVAL

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Matinee - 4:00 pm



Unacceptable Levels

Ed Brown

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Today, we have over 80,000 chemicals in our system of commerce and shockingly, there are few limitations on these at this time, and our bodies are being forced to deal with them every single day. On average, all of us have over 232 industrial chemicals floating around in our bodies, and the research is showing that this is now a huge reason for concern. Unacceptable Levels has been designed to delve into this issue from twelve distinct angles, to provide audiences with information that they may not be aware of, and significant change must be taken. From health care to regulations, we explore every angle of this issue to provide others with the big picture so people can make up their own minds to determine what is acceptable in their own lives. (USA, 2013, 76 min)

Evening Program - 6:30 pm



The Joy of Air

Bryan Smith, Fitz Cahall

ADVENTURE

"Leave the ground beneath your feet, Rise up, your inner legend greet. A body in motion – Twisting, turning, churning, yearning –Apex found, heaven bound. But remember, what goes up must come down. (Canada, 2013, 4 min)



One Day in Yosemite

Steven M. Bumgardner

WILDLIFE/NATURE

On a summer Tuesday thirty filmmakers spread throughout Yosemite to document the national park and the people who work and play there. Hikers, hang gliders, painters and cooks help create this unique portrait of One Day in Yosemite. (USA, 2013, 15 min)



A Boom with No Boundaries

Andrew Satter, Jessica Goad

ENERGY/CLIMATE CHANGE

The Bakken oil boom in North Dakota has brought much-needed jobs and economic development to the region. But the fast pace of the drilling has caused many problems, including industrial-scale impacts on Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the land

surrounding it. (USA, 2013, 5 min)



Right Now: Living with Mountain Lions

Rob Whitehair, Zara McDonald

WILDLIFE/NATURE

This music video is an urgent wake up call to spotlight public apathy towards mountain lions. It challenges us to consider and respect the wild animals around us as we--and they--go about our daily lives. (USA, 2013, 5 min)

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Backyard

Deia Schlosberg

ENERGY/CLIMATE CHANGE

Backyard tells the stories of five people in four states, all with very different backgrounds and perspectives, but all at odds with the natural gas extraction occurring around them. Despite their differences, unnerving similarities emerge from their shared experiences with the massive unseen entity that is

“the industry.” (USA, 2013, 27 min)



I Am Red

Pete McBride

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

The Colorado River runs 1,450 miles across seven states and two countries supplying water for 36 million people. It flowed to the sea for six million years but has not kissed the ocean since the late 1990s. (USA, 2013, 4 min)



Sacred Headwaters

Paul Colangelo

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

The shared birthplace of three salmon rivers in Northern Canada, the traditional territory of the Tahltan First Nation, and home to an incredible ecosystem of large mammals, the Sacred Headwaters is at risk of losing all that makes it sacred to resource extraction. (Canada, 2012, 4 min)



Damocracy

Todd Southgate, Tolga Temuge, Doga Dernegi

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

Damocracy is a short documentary that exposes the myth of dams as ‘green’ energy through two examples from Amazonia and Mesopotamia: the Belo Monte Dam in Brazil and the Ilisu Dam in Turkey.

The documentary shows the potential disasters these dams would cause on cultural heritage, wildlife and local communities who rely on the rich natural resources provided by the Tigris and Xingu rivers.

The film also questions the sanity of climate change solutions that depend on the destruction of ‘the lungs of the Earth’ and ‘the cradle of civilization’. It is a call to action to save this priceless natural and cultural heritage being gambled for the interests of a few. No Awards (Brazil & Turkey, 2012, 34 min)



Hidden Rivers of Southern Appalachia

Jeremy Monroe, David Herasimtschuk

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

West Coast Premiere. Biodiversity. It’s in the rivers of the Amazon, the jungles of Borneo, the coral reefs of Belize... oh, and the creeks of Tennessee. That’s right, southern Appalachia is a little-known hotspot for aquatic life and is home to some wildly diverse fish, mussels, salamanders, crayfish and other critters. Hidden Rivers takes an immersive look at the little-known creatures

of these waters, their striking beauty and extreme vulnerability. The films also reveal how some Southerners are finding new ways to explore and celebrate this precious life, and reminding us all that biodiversity is everywhere and rivers are always deeper than you think! (USA, 2013, 4 min)