

AWARE's Enviro-Film Screenings Highlights

ENVIRO-FEST

MAY 26TH TO MAY 31ST

MONDAY, MAY 26TH

6:30pm - Who's Got the Power?

(USA, 2008, 57 min) ****FEATURED FILM****

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www.globalpossibilities.org

Who's Got The Power, a forceful, new documentary film, addresses head on the reality of global warming, caused by the burning of fossil fuels, coal, oil and gas, its attendant dangers in the form of carbon dioxide emissions---and presents genuine and workable solutions. The film proposes that the use of renewable energy – solar, wind, biomass and geothermal, are viable alternatives to our dependence on fossil fuels that bring about the dangerous climate changes that result in global warming. From the vantage points of world-renown scientists, environmental activists, physicians, financial advisers, designers, builders, coal miners and others, the global warming debate unfolds. In addition, inner city and suburban consumers in America, Germany and Japan share their personal experiences with solar-powered housing.

Who's Got the Power demonstrates that we do not have to savage our terrain, destroy our water sources or befoul our air in order to enjoy the pleasures and conveniences of modern life. *Who's Got the Power?* argues that we are capable of being on a par with the Germans and Japanese in terms of solar energy, and shows how harnessing this limitless resource can make a difference.

Powerful, enduring, reliable and accessible worldwide, the sun is our greatest energy resource. The sun's renewable energy – solar energy – can supplement or replace the limited and costly fossil fuels we now use, reduce our dependence on the utility grid, and stem the tide of global warming.

8:00pm - My Inventions

(Canada, 2008, 15 min)

Directed by Robert Holbrook

Produced by Robert Holbrook, Robyn Wiener

www.myinventionsthemovie.com

www.privateeyepictures.com

The founder of AC electricity, wireless technology, and the death ray... Nikola Tesla also tried to make our planet energy efficient and environmentally friendly. Tesla's fame rivaled that of any other inventor or scientist in history or popular culture, but due to his eccentric personality and his seemingly unbelievable and sometimes bizarre claims about possible scientific and technological developments, Tesla was ultimately ostracized and regarded as a mad scientist and dies at the age of 86 impoverished. What a strange and eccentric man.

Trailer: www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_VOP646hxQ

Read more on Nikola Telsa at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nikola_Tesla



8:15pm – Open Discussion with Pina Belperio

Discussion on “What the elite doesn't want you to know - conspiracy theory or not?” with Pina Belperio from the Council of Canadian.

TUESDAY, MAY 27TH

6pm - Lessons from Carson and the Challenges Ahead

(USA, 2008, 30 min) (Bonus features from A Sense of Wonder)

Contemporary environmental leaders reflect Rachel Carson's legacy and on the challenges ahead, featuring David Suzuki, Theo Colborn, Richard Louv, Andrew Kimbrell, Jay Feldman, Gus Speth & Stewart Udall

7pm – "Creation Care: The Role of Local Faith Communities in a Global Sustainable World"

Presentation by William Roberts of the **Whistler Forum** (www.whistlerforum.com/) with panel discussion and dialogue on the role of local faith communities in a global sustainable world. What is faith? How can we be part of the solution? What should our priorities be towards achieving long-term sustainability?

Panelists to be confirmed. Contact William Roberts at william@whistlerforum.com for more details.

8:30pm - BELONGING

"A scientific and spiritual journey into Humanity's footprint on the Earth"

(Canada, 2008, 58 mins) ****FEATURED FILM****

Produced, written and directed by Gerard Ungerman & Audrey Brothy (makers of the internationally acclaimed "Hidden Wars" & "The Oil Factor")

Featuring UBC professor Dr. William Rees (originator of the Ecological Footprint analysis)

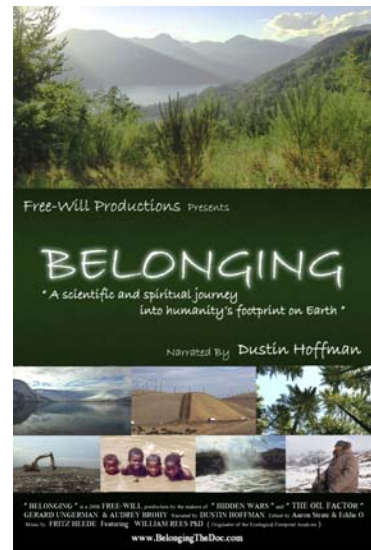
Narrated by Dustin Hoffman

www.BelongingTheDoc.com

Shot primarily in British Columbia, the Canadian Arctic and California, BELONGING differs from many other environmental documentaries in that it doesn't seek to only lament on the ecological ills of our modern industrial civilization or tout alternate energy technologies that may or may not deliver on their promises.

Instead, combining scientific and spiritual perspectives, the film argues that understanding our place on planet Earth and developing a sense of responsibility towards "Mother Nature" are the fundamental stepping stones towards preparing for a change in behaviors that alone will ensure the long-term sustainability of our human civilization.

Whether from activist, scientific or religious backgrounds, everyone who cares about our planet and the long term sustainability of the human project does it from a place of faith and respect. BELONGING intends to demonstrate the universality of this attitude and to offer a unifying message that will rally all who care about nature.



BELONGING was made possible in part thanks to the active help of the Multi-Faith Action Society of Vancouver, BC.

Film followed by an intro to the Pachamama Alliance and their Awakening the Dreamer Initiative by Kim Needham (read bio below).

SATURDAY MAY, 30TH

12:30pm – "Truth about Climate Change"

The Truth About Climate Change is a two part documentary of one hour each presented by **Sir David Attenborough** who asks the question 'What is the future for our world?' 'Are humans to blame?'. The world is warming at an unprecedented rate far beyond any normal allowance for cyclical fluctuation and some extraordinary phenomena have taken place in recent times, but Sir David believes that we may be able to act to prevent a catastrophe and investigates some of the possible scenarios for the future, including rising sea levels, insect plagues and an increase in diseases.

3:30pm - “Adapting to Change”

Our Province is already feeling the heat, and we must be prepared for more drought, rain, pests and forest fires. “Adapting to Change” the third and last in Climate Change documentary from Knowledge - BC's public educational media service, delivers a global warning close to home as it depicts opportunity to reinvent and redesign our way of life. **Knowledge** (www.knowledgenetwork.ca) is a not-for-profit organization providing trusted alternative for the commercial free exploration of life, connecting them to the world through television and the Internet and making a difference in British Columbians lives and communities.

4:15pm – “Transition Town” with Kim Needham

Intro and discussion about the “*Transition Town*” global movement and a discussion on Transition Whistler with **Kim Needham** (read bio below). How can our community respond to the challenges, and opportunities, of Peak Oil and Climate Change?

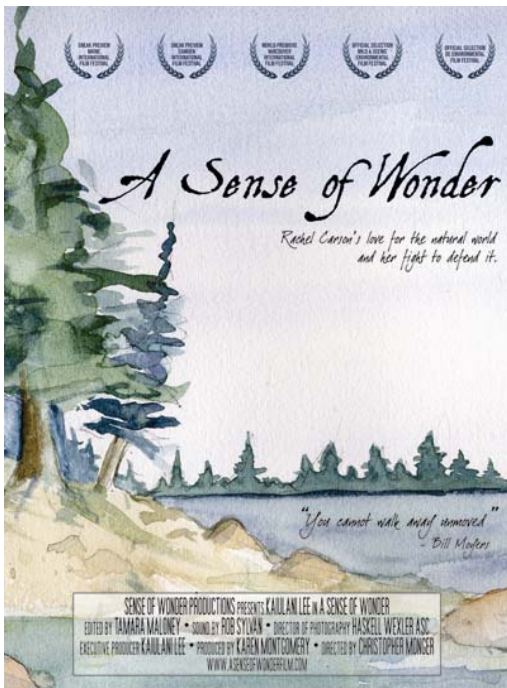
7pm - A Sense of Wonder

“Rachel Carson’s love for the natural world and her fight to defend it.”

(USA, 2008, 54 min.) ****PREMIERE****

Directed by Christopher Monger and produced by Karen Montgomery.

Director of Photography: Haskell Wexler.



Based on the life and writings of environmentalist Rachel Carson, this film tells the story of a woman’s love for the natural world and her fight to defend it. Rachel Carson was thrust into controversy with the 1962 publication of her book, *Silent Spring*, which alerted the world to the dangers of chemical pesticides and launched the modern environmental movement.

In this film acclaimed actress Kaiulani Lee portrays Miss Carson during the last year of her life.

It’s a quiet film, one that asks us to set aside our hunger for overdramatic portrayals of human conflict; watching it feels like a meditation of sorts. During the opening scenes, it might take a few minutes to get used to the unconventional format that perhaps can best be described as a mockumentary with a serious tone. Once you get your footing, however, it’ll be hard not to be won over by Carson’s utter reverence for nature and how she put that love to work.

In what’s essentially a one-woman performance, an imagined Carson speaks from the end of her life, as though to an invisible but always-inquiring journalist. She recalls her childhood, her years as a scientist, her first successes with writing, her adopted son, her convictions against pesticides that led (forced, one might say) her to write *Silent Spring* and the breast cancer that ultimately silenced *her*. One walks

away with great respect for this woman’s dignity and willingness to stand by her truths, even in the face of what, to someone else, would have been soul-shattering criticism.

Website: www.asenseofwonderfilm.com/

Trailer: www.kaiulanilee.com/sense-of-wonder-film.html

Related Article: “Before there was an environmental movement, there was one brave woman and her very brave book” by Peter Matthiessen at www.time.com/time/time100/scientist/profile/carson.html

This film is co-presented with Whistler Naturalist Society (www.whistlernaturalists.ca) will be followed by a discussion about the interconnectedness between Mother Nature and living beings, including humans with Bob Brett from the Whistler Naturalist Society and Snowline Ecological Research.

About Kim Needham



Kim Needham is a professional planner and designer who has spent 15 years working throughout the Lower Mainland and the Sea-to-Sky corridor on a wide variety of land development and policy projects. She has been trained by Al Gore, as a climate change presenter with The Climate Project and has completed training with several community transition movements including Transition UK and the Pachamama Alliance in San Francisco. She is the Whistler representative to the Vancouver Peak Oil Task Force and is a member of the Canada Green Building Council. She speaks regularly on the twin topics of climate change and energy uncertainty. She is presently working with the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District on their Energy and Climate Transition Plan. She has lived in Whistler since 1994.

About Bob Brett



Bob Brett is a local biologist who coordinates the Whistler Biodiversity Project. He has an M.Sc. in Forest Ecology from the University of BC. Although Bob's first scientific work was strictly related to trees and plants, the Biodiversity Project has shown him the interconnectedness of all life—plants and the usual furry animals of course, but also butterflies, slugs, earthworms, mushrooms, lichens, everything! The concept of the web of life was first brought to public attention by Rachel Carson and her powerful book, *Silent Spring*, published in 1962. Our society is still learning Rachel Carson's message, and it's striking to read how current her writing still is today.

About Pina Belperio



Pina Belperio is a Whistler-based web developer and blogger who has written for the Whistler Question, Pique Newsmagazine, Georgia Straight and Alternatives Journal. She's also a community activist involved in water and renewable energy issues, who sits on the board of the Council of Canadians. She is the co-founder of the citizen watchdog group, Whistler Watch.

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