



FRESH COAST FILM FEST



MARQUETTE, MI ²⁰/₂₄ OCTOBER 17-20





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Welcome to our Fresh Coast

The Fresh Coast Film Festival is a unique and visionary film festival focused on telling the stories of resilience and beauty inherent in the lifestyle and heritage of the Great Lakes and Upper Midwest. The festival not only creates a venue for re-building the culture of Great Lakes storytelling, it also brings the best in adventure cinema from around the world to an interested and passionate community of people.

The Fresh Coast Film Festival is held annually the third weekend in October during the height of fall color season in Marquette, Michigan. Marquette is a Lake Superior harbor town where the waves of a great inland sea crash on the bedrock remains of the ancient Huron Mountains. It is a place where a web of well-maintained wilderness trails link the historic downtown with world class mountain biking, trail running and waterfall-rich hikes.

After a day of film viewing or outdoor play, Marquette's vibrant local brewing and dining scene offers a reward with ingredients and inspiration drawn from the crisp, clean waters of the world's largest body of fresh water, Lake Superior.

We think you'll like it here.



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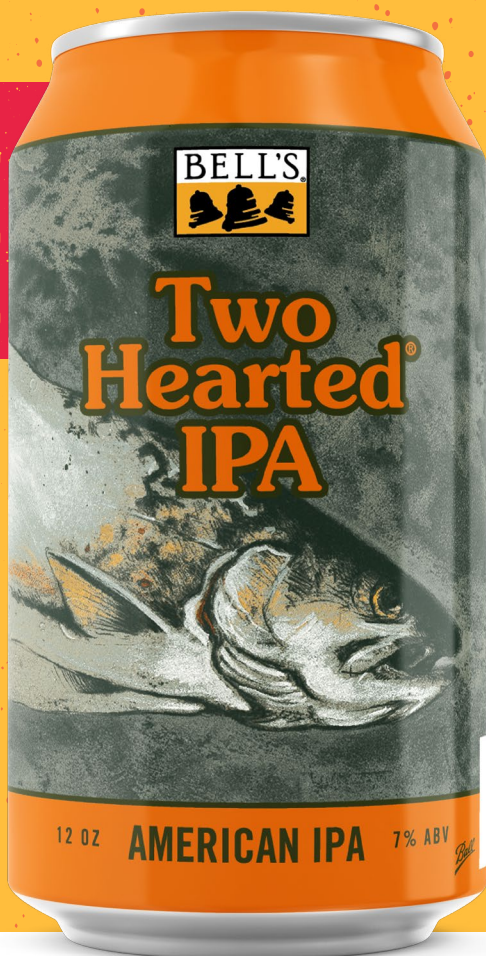




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Land Acknowledgment

The Fresh Coast Film Festival exists to share stories. We share stories about the land, the water, and the people. We share stories of the underdog, the underserved, and the voiceless. We share stories of the dreamers, the makers, and the artists.

We share stories about the incredible forces that have formed this place. And, we share these stories around the flickering glow of a 21st century fire. As we gather today it is with full awareness that we are not the first people to live here and share stories.

We are not the first to walk the trails, paddle the waters, love the land.
We are not the first to express culture and create art.
We are not the first to find inspiration in what surrounds us.

There are many who have walked here before us, and it is their story we want to acknowledge.

Their story is one which spans every generation that has lived here. They are the past, present and future residents of the place we call the Great Lakes, this amazing fresh coast. Their ancestors' stories are the Original stories, they are the Original People, the First Nation.

They are the Anishinaabek.

The Fresh Coast Film Festival recognizes the tribal nations of this territory – the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Hannahville Indian Community and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

We acknowledge that we stand upon the ancestral homelands of the Anishinaabek.

In doing so, we seek to heal traumas inflicted by an on-going history of colonization and correct intergenerational injustice.

By acknowledging this we show our respect for these vibrant, living, and present cultures.

This is how we choose to move forward – with humility, honor, gratitude, and a shared love for this beautiful place and the stories within it.

A Welcome from the Fresh Coast Team

Welcome to the Fresh Coast of the Universe!

Can you believe it? Fresh Coast is in its eighth year and we are growing in ways we never imagined! So, first off, we want to say thank you – for attending, for being part of the Fresh Coast community, and for your love of and passion for the Great Lakes.

What started as a small festival has grown, yet again, to bring you more amazing stories of conservation, exploration and imagination. We are continually blown away by the energy flowing to the festival from all of our sponsors, attendees, volunteers, filmmakers and community collaborators. Without their support, Fresh Coast would have stayed a dream. Although we continue to grow we are still a scrappy, independent, 99% volunteer run organization focused on bringing the best in adventure, conservation, and cultural storytelling to casual venues in downtown Marquette.

We hope you'll open your hearts and minds to these four days of storytelling and come away as affected as we have been while working on this event. It is truly a pleasure to offer you this year's Fresh Coast Film Festival.

Our Volunteers have put together a few suggestions for this year so you can make the most of your #FreshCoasting experience!

We are so glad you're here!





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& director

How to Fresh Coast



1) Prepare to drink from the Fresh Coast firehose

There's no other way to say this: You won't see everything this weekend. That's just the nature of film festivals like Fresh Coast. Think of it like a music festival with multiple stages – not like going to your local theater. In order to get the most from the weekend you might want to look through the program schedule and make a plan before the weekend starts (use the worksheet on page 17.) Or if you want to just “wing” it, we're good with that, too!

2) Be sure to attend our evening features

Returning for 2024 is our Fresh Coast Base Camp at Lower Harbor. A huge screen, lots of room to move, heaters and fresh air will make this one of the most memorable events you've attended. We recommend donning your best long johns, plaid shirt and puffy coat to join us for Fresh Coast Free Thursday night. The tent will also host a featured screening of *Troubled Water* on Friday night with discussion by filmmakers and subjects to follow, and *Fake It Til You Kinda Make It* featuring comedian and professional leisure athlete Katie Burrell on Saturday night. Local food trucks will be serving each night. Let's fill the tent!

3) Meet a filmmaker or film subject

One of the things we are proud of is the number of filmmakers and film subjects we have attend our festival. The cool thing is that we're a small and laid back festival, so it's totally cool to say “hi” to those folks. Ask questions, share some food or beverages, swap stories, and work on changing the world together.

4) Enjoy the food and beverage

Many of our venues, which are also our sponsors, serve amazing craft brews, coffee, or cocktails. Some serve food or work with the local food trucks. Say thanks to the folks who help pay for the Fresh Coast Festival by supporting their business. You won't be sorry.

5) Thank a volunteer

No, seriously, thank a volunteer. There are well over 100 of them and they are the only reason this Fresh Coast boat stays afloat. Fresh Coast is 99.99% volunteer organized and run. That means every volunteer you see is here because they believe in the festival and many of them have worked hours and hours to bring you this year's film festival.

6) Get outside and play!

Yep – we're channeling our inner parents right now. But, really. The U.P. is amazing. Marquette is the perfect launching pad for an adventure. Go play. Watch films. Shake hands. Drink beer. Eat food. Repeat.

That's #FreshCoasting.



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Box Office and Venues

You won't find a red carpet on the Fresh Coast... our dirty work boots, muddy sandals, and wet waders would just ruin it anyway. Please thank these generous businesses and organizations for offering up their space so that the festival has a place to call home.

Fresh Coast Box Office

Marquette Commons

112 South 3rd Street

The Marquette Commons is often thought of as an outside venue for the farmers market – but indoors you'll find the new and improved Fresh Coast Box Office where you can get passes, merch and questions answered. Also, public restrooms!

#FreshCoasting tip Look for the Fresh Coast Flags to identify the FC Box Office. Fresh Coast goods like sweatshirts and posters will be available for sale all weekend.

BOX OFFICE HOURS

Marquette Commons

Thursday	11am - 4pm
Friday	9am - 5:30pm
Saturday	9am - 4:30pm
Sunday	9am - 2pm

Fresh Coast Free at Lower Harbor Park

Thursday	5pm - 9pm
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Ore Dock Brewing Company

114 West Spring Street (FCFF entrances off 200 block of South Front Street)

The community space in this restored stone and timber industrial building is the perfect setting for Fresh Coast films. Upstairs is where we screen films. Downstairs is a great place to grab a pint, gather your friends and relax over the festival weekend in this refined yet rustic space. What's better than one Ore Dock viewing venue? How about two of them! New this year – get a sneak peek (pardon the dust!) of Ore Dock's expanded community space. There will be separate entrances to each screening room, both located off of the 200 block of South Front Street (look for the flags!) Please use the marked entry/exit for your film block so as not to disturb your neighbors filmgoing experience. **Accessibility:** ADA accessible entrance for both screening areas located off of the 200 block of South Front Street.

#FreshCoasting tip Ore Dock Brewing Co. allows food carry-ins.

📍 Fresh Coast Basecamp at Lower Harbor Park

100 North Lakeshore Boulevard

Located just north of the Ore Dock in Marquette's Lower Harbor, the 22 acre Mattson Lower Harbor Park has a large grassy open space area, park benches, picnic tables, an architecturally designed period concession/restroom facility, boat ramp and a large nearby breakwater. The shoreline bike path runs through the park and an illuminated walkway with period style lighting parallels the waterfront along the bulkhead.

#FreshCoasting tip Wear your puffy because Fresh Coast culture is tent culture. A large tent overlooking Lake Superior and the crisp October air. This is who we are. New this year – grab a bite from a local food truck parked at Basecamp on Friday and Saturday night to pair with a local beer (or seltzer) pouring in the tent.

📍 The Honorable Distillery

136 West Washington Street

When is a distillery a theater? Well in this case it was a theater first! Join us in celebrating The Honorable Distillery in the renovated historic Nordic Theater building on Washington Street. The theater was built in 1934 by adding onto a building built in the late 1880s and was the site of the original Peter White Library. The architect was Michael Meridith Hare, who assisted with the acoustical design for Radio City Music Hall and Rockefeller Center.

#FreshCoasting tip Try a handcrafted cocktail featuring the finest quality distilled spirits made from locally sourced ingredients and infused with the rugged spirit of the Upper Peninsula.

📍 Peter White Public Library

217 North Front Street

All of Marquette knows the magic of Peter White Public Library. Part of that magic is the special reading rooms on the second floor. Located directly across from each other, the Shiras Reading Room and the Heritage Room make a great addition to the lower level Community Space FCFF has been utilizing off and on from the festival's early days. Founded in 1871, the Peter White Public Library is located on the corner of Front and Ridge Streets. **Accessibility:** ADA accessible entrance and elevator to the lower level community room and upper level Heritage and Shiras rooms is available off the library parking lot.

#FreshCoasting tip Be sure to check out the multiple art galleries, including the Huron Mountain Club Gallery, the Lower Level Reception Gallery and the Marquette Arts & Culture Center.

Blackrocks Brewery

424 North 3rd Street

The yellow house on the corner continues to expand! Raise a pint to the always evolving house-turned-pub on the corner of Third and Michigan. Roll in, high-five your neighbor and get your Fresh Coast on with a quality craft brew and all the quirkiness you've come to expect. Blackrocks allows food carry-ins, so pack a lunch and settle in. **Accessibility:** ADA accessible entrance available off the rear parking lot accessed from Michigan Street.

#FreshCoasting tip This space fills quickly so please arrive early and have a Plan B in case it's at capacity.

Down Wind Sports

514 North 3rd Street

Down Wind Sports has been supporting the film festival since day #1. They are a homegrown outdoor store that caters to the passion we have for adventure. From disc golf to ice climbing, cute shoes to fat-tire bikes Down Wind has it all. This year, as in years past, the folks at Down Wind Sports have partnered with Northern Michigan University to bring you our fantastic outdoor tours. Many of the tours meet at the shop and depart from there. Please see the Outdoor Tours pages for more information.

#FreshCoasting tip Shop employees are the gurus of U.P. adventure. Ask them for tips if you want to go explore. Also, sign up for Michigan Ice Fest while you're at the shop – a world class ice climbing festival held in the U.P. in February.

The Delft Bistro

139 West Washington Street

Once a historic theater, now transformed into a casual, bi-level outpost serving hearty New American bistro fare alongside beer, wine and cocktails. The Delft Bistro serves as our filmmaker hospitality headquarters and a great spot to grab a bite between films.

#FreshCoasting tip Get your photo in front of the marquee!

Evergreen Market

131 West Washington Street

New this year! Visit the second floor event space of the Evergreen Market (connected to Donckers restaurant) for Fresh Coast filmmaker panels on Saturday and Sunday morning. Doors will open at 8:30am for attendees to grab a coffee and a light bite before settling in for conversations at 9am.



3rd

4th Street

Down Wind Sports

Blackrocks
Brewery

Front Street

Peter White
Public Library

Washington



FCFF Box Office
@ Marquette
Commons

The Delft
Bistro

The Honorable
Distillery

Evergreen
Market

Ore Dock
Brewing Co.

Fresh Coast Basecamp
@ Lower Harbor Park

Plan Your Route

Have a film you want to see?

Select a favorite film – identify its film block – pick between screening times (most films screen twice!)

Limited by time?

Check out the calendar view on pages 18-22 to see which film blocks are playing when you're available, then read more about the films in that block on its corresponding page.

Are you a creature of habit with a favorite venue?

Check out the calendar on pages 18-22 to see which blocks are playing at your favorite spot, then read more about the films on their corresponding pages. You can also view films by venue at freshcoastfilm.com/venues.

Want to go with the flow?

Select a film block that sounds interesting, pick between screening times, buckle in for the ride!



My Fresh Coast Weekend Worksheet

Friday OCTOBER 18	Saturday OCTOBER 19	Sunday OCTOBER 20
Outdoor Tour	Outdoor Tour	Outdoor Tour
Don't forget to pick up your weekend pass from the box office!	8:30AM Filmmaker Panel at Evergreen Market Upstairs Space	8:30AM Filmmaker Panel at Evergreen Market Upstairs Space
10AM Film Block	10AM Film Block	10AM Film Block
12PM Film Block	12PM Film Block	12PM Film Block
2PM Film Block	2PM Film Block	2PM Film Block
7PM Evening Program: Troubled Water at FC Basecamp	7PM Evening Program: Fake It Til You Kinda Make It at FC Basecamp	Notes
9PM After Party at Blackrocks Brewery	9PM After Party at Ore Dock Brewing Co.	

Thursday OCTOBER 17

5:00PM • Fresh Coast Basecamp

FRESH COAST FREE!

block details on page 26

Tip: Films begin at 7pm.

GET YOUR FRESH COAST MERCH!

Available at festival
box office and online
at upsupply.co/fcff



Friday OCTOBER 18

10:00AM • Ore Dock – Community Space

SPORTS!

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10:00AM • The Honorable Distillery

THE SEARCH

block details on page 66

10:00AM • Ore Dock – Rosewood

DIRT RELATIONS

block details on page 40

10:00AM • PWPL – Heritage Room

A SEA CHANGE FOR SUPERIOR

block details on page 28

10:00AM • PWPL – Community Room

RIPPLES OF PLASTIC

block details on page 54

10:00AM • Blackrocks Brewery

LOVE STORIES

block details on page 51

10:00AM • PWPL – Shiras Room

SUBMERGE YOURSELF

block details on page 60

12:00PM • Ore Dock – Rosewood

THESE STICKS HAVE VALUE

block details on page 62

12:00PM • Blackrocks Brewery

DIRT RELATIONS

block details on page 40

12:00PM • The Honorable Distillery

LET'S MAKE SOMETHING!

block details on page 46

12:00PM • Ore Dock – Community Space

NEW BEGINNINGS

block details on page 56

12:00PM • PWPL – Community Room

BELONGING

block details on page 36

12:00PM • PWPL – Shiras Room

THIS LAND

block details on page 70

12:00PM • PWPL – Heritage Room

GROWS ON WATER

block details on page 42

2:00PM • PWPL – Shiras Room

WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER

block details on page 69

2:00PM • PWPL – Community Room

THE FISH THIEF

block details on page 61

2:00PM • Ore Dock – Community Space

WEAK LAYERS

block details on page 73

2:00PM • Ore Dock – Rosewood

WINTERING GROUNDS

block details on page 72

2:00PM • The Honorable Distillery

THE ULTRA PICKLE PROJECT

block details on page 64

2:00PM • Blackrocks Brewery

BLESSED ARE THE SENDERS

block details on page 32

2:00PM • PWPL – Heritage Room

LOVE STORIES

block details on page 51

7:00PM • Fresh Coast Basecamp

TROUBLED WATER

block details on page 68

After Party!

BLACKROCKS BREWERY
FRIDAY 9:00PM

Saturday OCTOBER 19

Filmmaker Panel

EVERGREEN MARKET UPSTAIRS
SATURDAY 8:30AM

10:00AM • PWPL – Community Room

CHAMPIONS OF THE GOLDEN VALLEY

block details on page 34

10:00AM • Ore Dock – Rosewood

RIPPLES OF PLASTIC

block details on page 54

10:00AM • Blackrocks Brewery

SPORTS!

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THIS LAND

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10:00AM • PWPL – Shiras Room

PASS IT ON

block details on page 55

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WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER

block details on page 69

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LET'S MAKE SOMETHING!

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12:00PM • PWPL – Community Room

ALL TOO CLEAR

block details on page 30

12:00PM • Ore Dock – Community Space

MICHIGAN'S SKIING LEGACY

block details on page 50

12:00PM • Ore Dock – Rosewood

GROWS ON WATER

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12:00PM • The Honorable Distillery

ART OF LIFE

block details on page 31

12:00PM • Blackrocks Brewery

NEW BEGINNINGS

block details on page 56

2:00PM • Ore Dock – Rosewood

HAVE MORE EXPERIENCES

block details on page 48



Sunday

OCTOBER 20

2:00PM • Blackrocks Brewery

WINTERING GROUNDS

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2:00PM • The Honorable Distillery

PASS IT ON

block details on page 55

2:00PM • Ore Dock – Community Space

CHAMPIONS OF THE GOLDEN VALLEY

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2:00PM • PWPL – Shiras Room

THE SEARCH

block details on page 66

2:00PM • PWPL – Heritage Room

ART OF LIFE

block details on page 31

2:00PM • PWPL – Community Room

THE FISH THIEF

block details on page 61

7:00PM • Fresh Coast Basecamp

FAKE IT TIL YOU KINDA MAKE IT

block details on page 38

After Party!

ORE DOCK BREWING CO.
SATURDAY 9:00PM

Filmmaker Panel

EVERGREEN MARKET UPSTAIRS
SUNDAY 8:30AM

10:00AM • The Honorable Distillery

LOVE STORIES 2!

block details on page 52

10:00AM • Blackrocks Brewery

BELONGING

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10:00AM • Ore Dock – Rosewood

A SEA CHANGE FOR SUPERIOR

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10:00AM • Ore Dock – Community Space

BLESSED ARE THE SENDERS

block details on page 32

12:00PM • Ore Dock – Community Space

LOVE STORIES 2!

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12:00PM • Ore Dock – Rosewood

ALL TOO CLEAR

block details on page 30

12:00PM • The Honorable Distillery

DIRT RELATIONS

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Sunday, continued

OCTOBER 20

12:00PM • Blackrocks Brewery

HAVE MORE EXPERIENCES

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See full schedule and
additional film details
at freshcoastfilm.com



The Nature
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One of Marquette's best kept secrets

With its dramatic granite outcroppings, dazzling views and serene blue waters, the **Echo Lake Nature Preserve** offers hikers a breathtaking escape into nature just a 20-minute drive from town.

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**If you think it's
cool here now...**



Cody Hudson

Cody Hudson, a native of the Midwest, maintains a dual base between Chicago, IL, and Sugar Creek, WI, where he engages in a diverse artistic practice spanning painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, graphic design and public art. His creative journey includes solo exhibitions and site-specific installations worldwide, alongside commercial design under the moniker Struggle Inc.

Hudson's artistic creations are characterized by a compelling blend of personal introspection and external observation. His graphic works intricately weave together distinct shapes and symbols, offering a lens through which to view our environment. These compositions not only reflect elements of the natural world but also transcend into a realm that is enigmatic and transcendent. This dualistic quality invites viewers to engage with the work, prompting them to interpret and connect with the art on a personal level, adding their own thoughts and meanings to the visual narrative.

WHERE TO FIND CODY

Instagram

@STRUGGLE_INC



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FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

FRESH COAST FREE!

8 films in this block • 59 minutes

SHOWINGS

Thursday October 17

5:00PM Fresh Coast Basecamp at Lower Harbor Park

Tip: Film screenings and award announcements begin at 7pm.



All Too Clear (Behind the Scenes)

6 MIN

Fresh Coast is proud to be the Michigan Premiere of this cutting edge Great Lakes film from Inspired Planet Productions. *All Too Clear* uses new technologies to show never before seen underwater wonders of the Great Lakes. This short behind the scenes video gives a glimpse of what it took to create the film – but you don't want to miss the premiere over the weekend and meet the filmmakers and their tools to see the future of Great Lakes filmmaking.



Champions of the Golden Valley (Trailer)

2024 • USA • 2 MIN

Representative in Attendance

Fresh Coast is proud to be the Michigan Premiere of this feature length film exploring ski culture in Afghanistan. This is trailer for the full film that will be shown during the festival and represented by friend-of-the-festival and driving force behind the project, Stacy Bare of Grand Rapids, Mich. This is one of those films where the backstory is as epic as the final film, don't miss this conversation.



This is Katie Burrell!

5 MIN

Filmmakers in attendance, Subjects in attendance, Contains adult language

Humorist, filmmaker and a known Canadian – Katie Burrell is at the center of Fresh Coast this year. This is a short compilation of her work to give you a taste of what's in store! Her film *Weak Layers* plays twice at the festival and she's the main event Saturday night. Don't miss it!

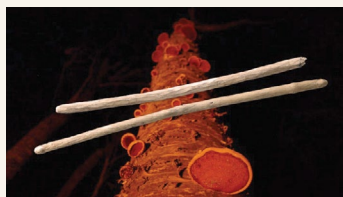


Michigan's Skiing Legacy (Trailer)

5 MIN

Filmmaker in Attendance

NMU grad Ryan Busch has completed his multi-year epic quest to craft a comprehensive, fun, and action packed feature film on the skiing culture of the Upper Peninsula. This is a trailer for that project which has been supported by the Fresh Coast Making Waves grant and will be showing over the weekend.

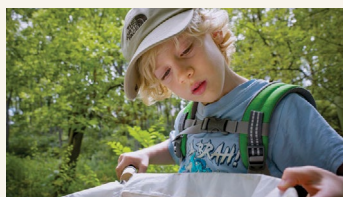


I've Decided These Sticks Have Value

2024 • USA • 3 MIN • Erik Sudheimer

World Premiere, Staff Pick

An examination of how two small sticks, randomly acquired in Minnesota's north woods, have slowly transformed into treasured possessions.



Aldo's Bug Extravaganza

2024 • USA • 6 MIN • Neil Losin

Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere

Join 5-year-old Aldo and his dad on a backyard safari filled with tiny wonders and big laughs. Armed with a camera and boundless curiosity, Aldo embarks on a bug-hunting escapade, narrating his discoveries with adorable wit and charm. As the week unfolds, Aldo's wide-eyed explorations not only capture the audience's imagination, but also subtly echo the timeless wisdom of Aldo Leopold, making for a delightful and endearing ode to the joy of nature's smallest marvels.



You Can't Shrink Love

2023 • USA • 5 MIN • Veena Rao

Staff Pick

An artist gives life to the memories of our most beloved companions.



A Bird in the Hand

2024 • USA • 27 MIN • Christy Frank

& Alex Goetz

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly, Making Waves Recipient, Michigan Premiere, Staff Pick

With the goal of banding 100,000 birds, this film follows Tom and Paula Bartlett on their quest throughout northwest Ohio, and the impact they have not only on bird research, but those they meet along the way.

Join us for Fresh Coast Free, the annual kickoff event for the Fresh Coast Film Festival

Our free festival kickoff starts at 5pm with Marquette's food trucks and a bluegrass concert at the Fresh Coast Basecamp tent in Lower Harbor Park. This family-friendly event is open to all, so bring a blanket and enjoy. Film screenings and award announcements begin at 7pm.

FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

A SEA CHANGE FOR SUPERIOR

1 film in this block • 60 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 18

10:00AM PWPL – Heritage Room

Sunday October 20

10:00AM Ore Dock – Rosewood



A Sea Change for Superior: The Warming of the World's Largest Lake

2024 • USA • 60 MIN • John Thain

Family Friendly

The world's largest lake is now among the fastest warming lakes on the planet. *A Sea Change for Lake Superior* takes a fresh look at Lake Superior's natural and cultural legacy, how the lake is fairing in a time of unprecedented change, and how citizens can help mitigate today's problems and those that the future portends.



We'll see you out there.

FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

ALL TOO CLEAR

1 film in this block • 90 minutes

SHOWINGS

Saturday October 19
12:00PM PWPL –
Community Room

Sunday October 20
12:00PM Ore Dock –
Rosewood

Sunday October 20
2:00PM The Honorable
Distillery



All Too Clear: Beneath the Surface of the Great Lakes

2024 • Canada • 90 MIN • Yvonne Drebert & Zach Melnick

Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance, Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere, Staff Pick

Cutting-edge underwater drones explore how quadrillions of tiny invasive quagga mussels are re-engineering the ecosystem of the Great Lakes at a scale not seen since the glaciers. Part scientific exploration, part natural history adventure – the film shines a spotlight on freshwater wildlife and environments like never before.

BLOCK

ART OF LIFE

4 films in this block • 54 minutes

SHOWINGS

Saturday October 19

12:00PM The Honorable Distillery

Saturday October 19

2:00PM PWPL – Heritage Room



The Art of Emily Lanctot: Cultivating Creativity and Community

2024 • USA • 4 MIN • Matthew Hill and Elliot Kennedy

Family Friendly, Subject in Attendance, Filmmaker in Attendance

This film tells Emily Lanctot's story and personal relationship with art and how the beauty of the lakeshore intertwines with her world in art. Emily wears many hats, she's a working artist, organizer of a local art group, professor in NMU's art and design program, and the Curator and Director of the Art Museum on campus.



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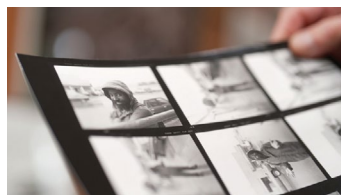


Jonathan Thunder: Good Mythology

2023 • USA • 14 MIN • Sergio M. Rapu

Michigan Premiere, Subject in Attendance, Staff Pick

Ojibwe artist Jonathan Thunder explores the mythic inspirations of his surrealist work.



Planetwalker

2024 • USA • 31 MIN • Dominic & Nadia Gill

Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere, Staff Pick

In 1971, John Francis, known as 'Planetwalker,' witnessed an oil spill in the San Francisco Bay and gave up motorized transport, relying solely on walking. Months later, he took a vow of silence, believing that listening was the way forward. For 17 years, he walked across the country, silently studying the world around him.

FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

BLESSED ARE THE SENDERS

5 films in this block • 43 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 18

2:00PM Blackrocks Brewery

Sunday October 20

10:00AM Ore Dock – Community Space

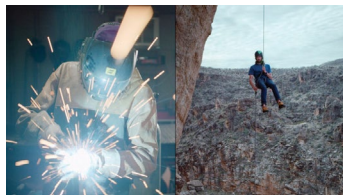


26,000 Days

2024 • USA • 9 MIN • Henry Behel

Staff Pick

For nearly everyone, losing your engine is a life-threatening event. Airshow pilot Eric Tucker is one of the few in the world who dares to make it an art form.



This is Jackson Marvell

2024 • USA • 5 MIN • RC Cone

Adult Language

This is Jackson Marvell. He's totaled 5 trucks, hauled kegs up rock towers, and rarely (if ever) brushed his hair. Introducing episode 1 of our multi-part film series profiling inspiring personalities who have dedicated their lives to 'getting after it.'



Seeing Double

2024 • USA • 2 MIN • Charlie Baker

Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance, Family Friendly, Staff Pick, First Time Filmmaker

Original Bluegrass music plus mountain biking with a twist. All self filmed clips plus editing lead to an illusion of the biker being filmed by himself.



Made out Here

2024 • Canada • 11 MIN • Graeme Meiklejohn

Michigan Premiere

Dan Craven, or Dan from Nam, as he was known during his professional road racing career, had for years dreamt of starting his own handmade bike brand at home in Namibia. He had traveled the world for riding and racing bikes, but he knew that to find the best builders, returning home to Namibia would make the most sense. When it comes to using their hands, Namibian skill sets are highly developed so that, whether it's in the arts like sculpture or pottery or in the trades like mechanics and builders, their dexterity, precision and attention to detail are invaluable.



The Bike Listening Tour

2024 • USA • 16 MIN • Nate Mitka

Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere, World Premiere, First Time Filmmaker, Subject in Attendance

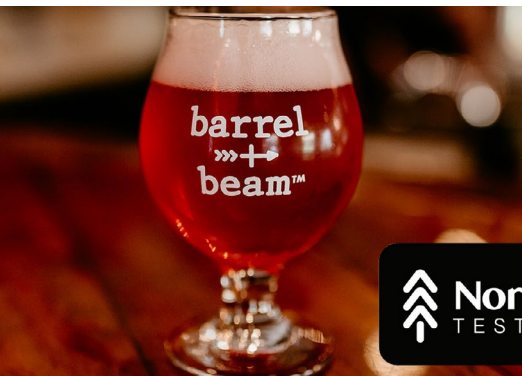
The Bike Listening Tour follows Andrew Mohama on his solo cycling tour across America as he investigates loneliness. Inspired by his passion for community, Mohama sets out to learn more about the Loneliness Epidemic in America, biking along less-traveled rural roads and, at one point, biking across "America's Loneliest Highway."

During his tour, Mohama interviewed more than 100 people about their experiences of loneliness and community. The film takes place in Nebraska and follows him on his journey as he interviews people, bikes from town to town, experiences a terrible mechanical failure, and incredible hospitality. Mohama's goal with his listening tour was to get to know people in rural communities in America and understand how people experience loneliness. The film encourages the viewer to explore the ideals of community and how loneliness may impact them.



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FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

CHAMPIONS OF THE GOLDEN VALLEY

1 film in this block • 81 minutes

SHOWINGS

Saturday October 19

10:00AM PWPL – Community Room

Saturday October 19

2:00PM Ore Dock – Community Room



Champions of the Golden Valley

2024 • USA • 81 MIN • Ben Sturgulewski

Representative in Attendance, Michigan Premiere, Family Friendly, Has Subtitles, Staff Pick

In the remote mountain villages of Bamyan, Afghanistan, a newfound passion for skiing attracts young athletes from rival ethnic groups to the slopes. With minimal gear and makeshift wooden skis, the determined ski coach Alishah Farhang organizes a thrilling ski race that fosters camaraderie, joy, and triumph. However, after the shocking collapse of their country, many of the skiers are displaced across the globe as refugees, and must call upon the lessons learned in the mountains of their homeland to find a way to rebuild.

Champions Of The Golden Valley captures the thrill of a sports rivalry intertwined with a poignant portrait of a community in profound transition – parallel stories converging to explore what it means to be a champion, in all its forms.



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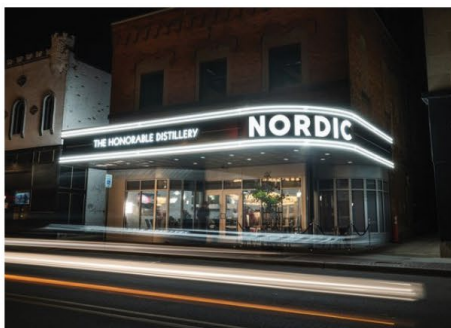
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FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

BELONGING

2 films in this block • 48 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 18

12:00PM PWPL – Community Room

Sunday October 20

10:00AM Blackrocks Brewery

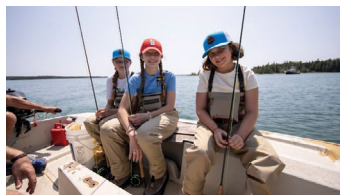


Belonging: A Journey of Inclusion and Nature

2023 • USA • 16 MIN • Danami-Maurice

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere, Staff Pick

In *Belonging*, follow Dalorian, a student in the college course GCST 1970, as he embarks on a journey through nature-based education and environmental justice. Exploring serene Minnesota lakes and the Bois Forte Museum, he and his classmates confront a profound question: What does it mean to belong in nature? This film weaves raw, poetic visuals with deep reflections on identity and community, highlighting their transformative experience in understanding their connection to the natural world.



Ripple: Casting For Change

2023 • USA • 32 MIN • John Curtis

Filmmaker in Attendance, Representative in Attendance

Six elementary school girls fly to an island in the middle of Lake Michigan to test their fly fishing skill. The girls are members of a school sponsored Adventure Club that focuses on building community, belonging, and leadership skills to change the narrative of what girls can and can not do. During the two day trip the girls discuss the pressures of growing up in a digital world and the need for nature based connections like fly fishing.

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Join Fresh Coast filmmakers, film subjects, and friends for panel discussions on art (Saturday) and belonging (Sunday.) Grab a coffee and gather in the new upstairs space of Evergreen Market (connected to Donckers) for inspiring morning conversations.

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Saturday, October 19 hosted by April Lindala, board member of the Fresh Coast Film Festival

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FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

FAKE IT TIL YOU KINDA MAKE IT: FEATURING KATIE BURRELL

1 film in this block • 120 minutes

SHOWINGS

Saturday October 19

7:00PM Fresh Coast Basecamp at Lower Harbor Park



Fake It Til You Kinda Make It: Featuring Katie Burrell

120 MIN

Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance, Adult Language

Special Program: Saturday Night with Katie Burrell! Katie is a comedian, actor, director, screenwriter, influencer, and “professional leisure athlete.” With a background in stand-up comedy and improv, her character driven creative skills have ranged from award-winning films *Dream Job* and *Coach* to viral brand content on social media. This past year, Katie wrote, directed and starred in her first feature film, *Weak Layers*, which was in theaters in January 2024 and is now streaming.



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LET'S GO SALLIES!



FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

DIRT RELATIONS

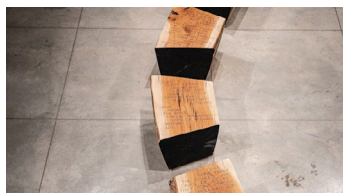
4 films in this block • 51 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 18
10:00AM Ore Dock –
Rosewood

Friday October 18
12:00PM Blackrocks
Brewery

Sunday October 20
12:00PM The Honorable
Distillery



Oaks Do Not Come From Acorns

2024 • USA • 3 MIN • Cam Nabors

Subject in Attendance, Has Subtitles,
Michigan Premiere

Artist carves poetry into a 150-year
fallen oak tree.

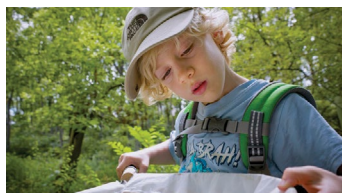


Dirt Relations

2024 • Canada • 38 MIN • Matt Clark/Stirl
and Rae Media Haus, Patrick Lucas,
Thomas Schoen

Michigan Premiere, Staff Pick

The story of the Indigenous Youth Mountain Bike Program explores the connection between mountain biking, reconciliation, and healing intergenerational trauma. Following Patrick, Thomas, and Tom as they collaborate with Indigenous communities in British Columbia, the film highlights lessons on allyship, cultural preservation, and the transformative power of outdoor recreation. It sheds light on the role of mountain biking in fostering community resilience, reclaiming identity, and bridging cultures.



Aldo's Bug Extravaganza

2024 • USA • 6 MIN • Neil Losin

Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere

Join 5-year-old Aldo and his dad on a backyard safari of tiny wonders and big laughs. Armed with a camera, Aldo's bug-hunting adventure is narrated with wit and charm, echoing the timeless wisdom of Aldo Leopold in a delightful ode to nature's smallest marvels.

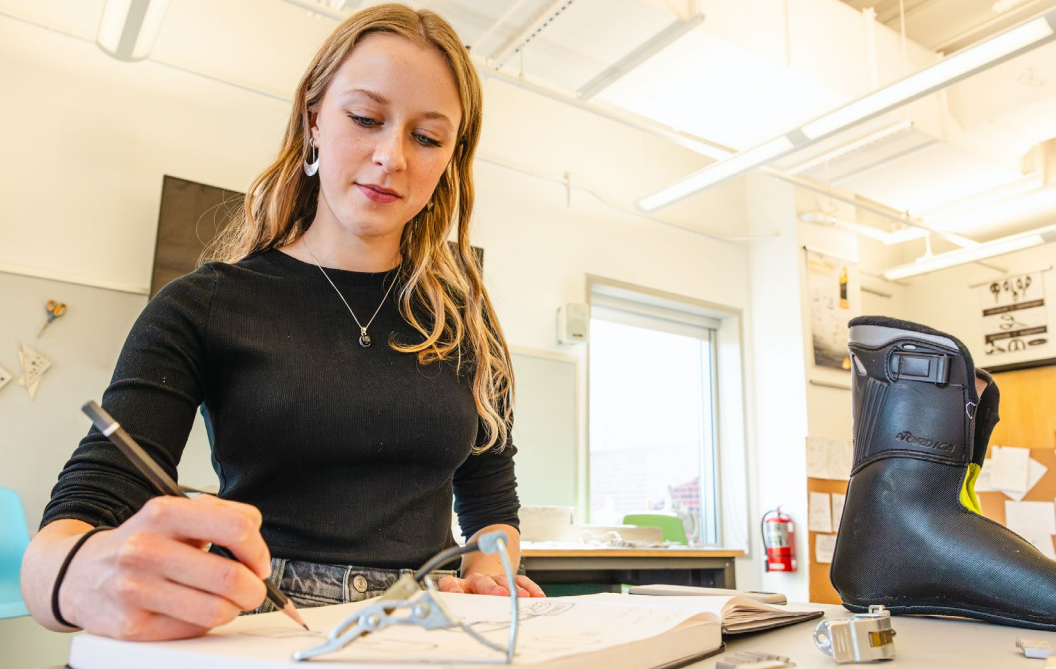


It's Time

2024 • USA • 4 MIN • Jason Lindsey
& Scott Krahn

Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance,
Michigan Premiere, World Premiere, Staff Pick

A poetic 4-minute film set in early spring Illinois, using stunning visuals and lyrical narration to give voice to nature. The tree's awakening becomes a metaphor for environmental awareness, inspiring viewers to heed nature's warnings and become stewards of our environment.



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FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

GROWS ON WATER

4 films in this block • 45 minutes

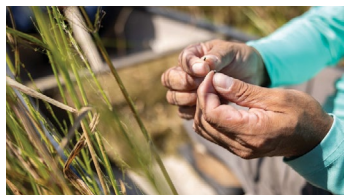
SHOWINGS

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12:00PM PWPL – Heritage Room

Saturday October 19

12:00PM Ore Dock – Rosewood



Return to Spur Lake: Bringing back the food that grows on water

2024 • USA • 10 MIN • Finn Ryan

Filmmaker in Attendance, Michigan Premiere

There's always been only a few special places in the world where wild rice (known as manoomin to the Ojibwe people), grows. Which made it troubling when manoomin stopped growing in the early 2000's at Spur Lake, a 113 acre lake in Oneida County, Wisconsin. A group of conservation partners who have come together to bring wild rice back to Spur Lake because of its environmental and cultural importance.



Elladj

2024 • USA • 6 MIN • Mike Schwartz

Family Friendly, First Time Filmmaker, Staff Pick

Elladj follows the remarkable journey of Elladj Balde, a Canadian figure skater whom found his voice and fan base through wild ice skating. The film centers on the transformative power of embracing one's passion over measurable results.



Watermarks

2023 • USA • 14 MIN • Rishi Sethi

Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance, Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere

Watermarks shows how one person's dedication to paddling and conservation inspires others. The story centers on First Waves, a program that helps under-resourced youth enjoy and protect their local waterways.



Sacred Waters: Anishinaabeg Naagdawenmaanaanig Giigoonhkewin (The First People Taking Care of the Fishery)

2024 • USA • 15 MIN • Finn Ryan

Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance, Family Friendly

The Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians is the largest indigenous tribe east of the Mississippi and has been stewarding the fisheries of their Great Lakes territory for generations. This project explores the importance of the fishery to the tribe and how they're working to ensure a healthy fishery for the next seven generations.

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a new friend
- ☐ Introduce yourself to
a filmmaker
- ☐ Adventure on an
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local restaurant

FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

LET'S MAKE SOMETHING!

4 films in this block • 68 minutes

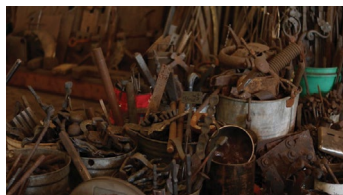
SHOWINGS

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Saturday October 19

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Gordon

2023 • USA • 3 MIN • Lily Kissinger

First Time Filmmaker, Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance, Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere, World Premiere

In *Gordon*, viewers follow the story of a blacksmith based in Marquette, Michigan, during which Gordon Gearhart explains the importance of following one's own interests.

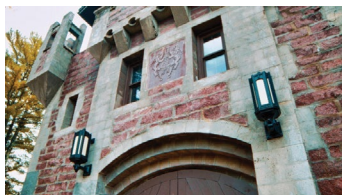


I'm With The Band: The Know Obstacles Story

2022 • USA • 13 MIN • Allison Doxey

Family Friendly, First Time Filmmaker

The story of Know Obstacles, a band made up of disabled kids in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and their founder, Steve Osburn.

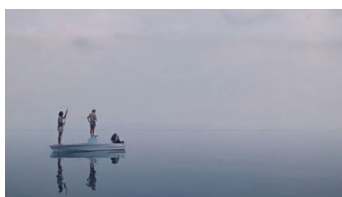


Pete's Castle

2024 • USA • 18 MIN • Nate Sheppard

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere

Pete's Castle tells the story of Pete Kelley, creator of Kelley Castle in Tomahawk, Wisconsin. The film follows Pete and his brother Pat as they tour the castle and recount the process of building it piece by piece, blending old-world sensibilities with folksy American pragmatism and humor.



All That is Sacred

2024 • USA • 34 MIN • Scott Ballew

Adult Language, Staff Pick

In the late 60s, poets, writers, and musicians, including Tom McGuane and Jim Harrison, descended on Key West to pursue their love of literature and fishing. Their era was captured in the obscure 1974 documentary "Tarpon" by Guy De La Valdene and Christian Odasso. They went on to create remarkable art and music, but nothing compared to Key West in the early 70s – if you were lucky enough to survive it.



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FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

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4 films in this block • 47 minutes

SHOWINGS

Saturday October 19

2:00PM Ore Dock – Rosewood

Sunday October 20

12:00PM Blackrocks Brewery



Montenegro, MMXXIII

2023 • USA / Montenegro • 3 MIN • Grant Piering

Family Friendly, Filmmaker in Attendance

A look back at one month spent in the beautiful country of Montenegro, recorded with a combination of Super 8 Film, Drone hyperlapses, digital timelapses and handheld sound recording.

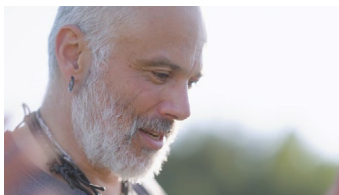


The Spirits of the Nahma Inn

2024 • USA • 17 MIN • Eric Machiela

Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance, Michigan Premiere, World Premiere

Ghosts towns in the Upper Peninsula aren't abandoned communities. Some of them are still very much alive. Told from the perspective of the Nahma Inn employees, they recount the spooky and unexplainable happenings that occur on a regular basis.



Kiko

2024 • USA • 10 MIN • Aaron Peterson

Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance

Kiko is the Keweenaw's favorite Brazilian Yooper. He rides bikes, plays accordion, makes a little trouble and tells truths we all probably need to hear. A collaboration of Aaron Peterson Studios and Points North Podcast.



Canyon Chorus

2024 • USA • 17 MIN • Chris Cresci

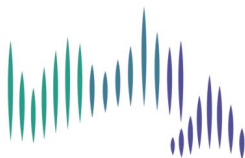
Subject in Attendance, Michigan Premiere, Staff Pick

In Desolation Canyon, UT, Mikah Meyer, an LGBTQ+ advocate, reflects with friends and mentor Larry Edwards on the power of queer mentorship. As a child, Mikah thought he couldn't be openly gay and successful until meeting Larry, his openly gay choir professor. Amidst conversations and joy along the river, we understand the power and importance of friendship. Now in his 'final chapter,' Larry reflects on the fight for openness and vulnerability in the queer community, and through the desolation of nature, finds contentment in a job well done.



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FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

MICHIGAN'S SKIING LEGACY

1 film in this block • 52 minutes

SHOWINGS

Saturday October 19

12:00PM Ore Dock – Community Space

Sunday October 20

2:00PM Blackrocks Brewery



Michigan's Skiing Legacy

2024 • USA • 52 MIN • Ryan Busch

Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance, Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere, World Premiere, Staff Pick, Making Waves Recipient

The Upper Peninsula of Michigan is the birthplace of organized skiing in America. It is also home to the National Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame and one of the oldest ski clubs in the country. This documentary film explores the skiing culture that continues to shape the lives of those who consider themselves Yoopers.

BLOCK

LOVE STORIES

4 films in this block • 46 minutes

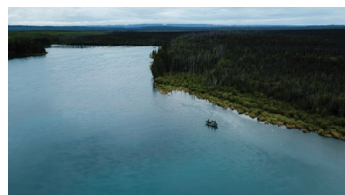
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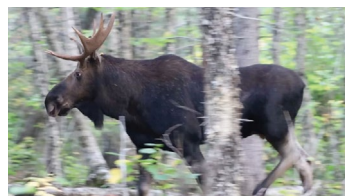


Kings of the Kenai

2023 • USA • 10 MIN • Mark Stewart Iverson

Family Friendly, Representative in Attendance at 2pm screening, Michigan Premiere

The Kenai River Sportfishing Association (KRSA) was founded 30 years ago by Bob Penney with a strong and clear mission: sustain the local King salmon population in order to preserve the Kenai's status as the greatest sportfishing river in the world. Over the years the organization has grown, developing numerous conservation and sustainability projects to support the health of this one-of-a-kind waterway – several of which are explored in the film.



The Moosers

2024 • USA • 5 MIN • Lynn Melling

& Ian Planchon

Family Friendly

Meet The Moosers. Filmed at the 55th Annual North American Moose Conference, held in Grand Portage, Minnesota in May 2023.



The Migration of the Blue Spotted Salamander

2022 • USA • 4 MIN • Nick Behling

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly

Nick is at Presque Isle Park on a rainy night in Marquette Michigan to witness the migration of the Blue Spotted Salamander. Tyler Penrod from the Superior Watershed Partnership shares his knowledge about these blue spotted friends.



A Bird in the Hand

2024 • USA • 27 MIN • Christy Frank and Alex Goetz

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly, Making Waves Recipient, Michigan Premiere, Staff Pick

With the goal of banding 100,000 birds, this film follows Tom and Paula Bartlett on their quest throughout northwest Ohio, and the impact they have not only on bird research, but those they meet along the way.

FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

LOVE STORIES 2!

4 films in this block • 59 minutes

SHOWINGS

Sunday October 20

10:00AM The Honorable Distillery

Sunday October 20

12:00PM Ore Dock – Community Space

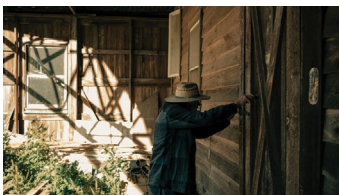


In Waves: 20 years of Sleeping Bear Surf

2024 • USA • 4 MIN • Mike King

Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance, Staff Pick

In Waves gives us a glimpse into the joy that has cultivated a culture of Great Lakes connection. In 2004, visionary Beryl Skrocki founded Sleeping Bear Surf with a dream of sharing the potential for freshwater play. Now, 20 years later, her legacy lives on.



The Careist

2024 • USA • 10 MIN • Matthew Boyd

Michigan Premiere, Staff Pick

Between the Ohio and Mississippi riverbanks sit the United States' 15th International Wetland of Importance. Yet, the wetlands today are mere remnants of their original borders. Max Hutchison is a naturalist, ecologist, zoologist, and lifelong voice for preserving the wetlands he also calls home. *The Careist* is an ode to Max, a way of life, and a natural area long overlooked and daring to disappear forever.



Broken Flight

2024 • USA • 18 MIN • Erika Valenciana & Mitchell Wenkus

Filmmaker in Attendance, Michigan Premiere, Has Subtitles

Migration season is when the Chicago Collision Bird Monitors are the busiest, looking for birds that have flown into windows, as Mother Nature literally slams into the urban environment. *Broken Flight* introduces us to the volunteers, scientists and veterinarians who rescue, study and catalog these amazing avian species.



Cycling Without Age

2024 • USA • 27 MIN • Isaac Seigel-Boettner

Has Subtitles, Michigan Premiere, Staff Pick

A story about the power of feeling wind in your hair, no matter where you are on life's journey. Retired teacher John uses his pedal-powered rickshaw to give adventures to people who have lost the ability to get outside themselves. Through the intimate moments of these rides, *Cycling Without Age* explores the importance of the outdoors for those who are all too often trapped indoors.



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FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

RIPPLES OF PLASTIC

1 film in this block • 44 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 18

10:00AM PWPL – Community Room

Saturday October 19

10:00AM Ore Dock – Rosewood



Ripples of Plastic

2024 • USA • 44 MIN • Chris Langer

*Filmmaker in Attendance, Michigan Premiere,
First Time Filmmaker*

Embark on an eye-opening journey through the unseen impacts of plastic pollution in the Great Lakes region. Guided by Dr. Sherri Mason and other regional voices, witness the vast extent of contamination pathways, effects of microplastics, and the unexpected toll on human health. Beyond individual action, the film inspires a collective movement for transformative progress toward a plastic-free future.



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BLOCK

PASS IT ON

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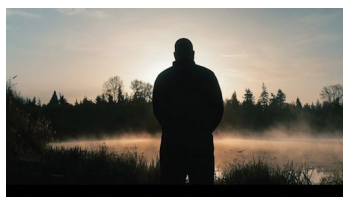
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**Dad Bod**

2023 • USA • 6 MIN • Daniel Flahiff

Filmmaker in Attendance, Michigan Premiere

In his junior year of high school, Travis Sterner attempted to end his life. *Dad Bod* is the story of that day and Travis's lifelong mission to break the cycle of depression and despair through fitness, empathy, and encouragement. *Dad Bod* is an unflinching snapshot of Travis's journey. The film does not shy away from the realities of self-harm and the mental health crisis, but instead challenges stereotypes and invites viewers into the conversation about what it means to say, 'it's okay not to be okay.'

**Manoomin Camp**

2022 • USA • 12 MIN • Steve Brimm

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly, Subject in Attendance

Interviews with tribal knowledge holders about Manoomin (wild rice) during a 6-day workshop/gathering in Baraga, Michigan.

**Goodbye, Hunter**

2024 • Canada • 18 MIN • Émile Dontigny

Filmmaker in Attendance, Has Subtitles, Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere, First Time Filmmaker

For the Frigon, hunting is a family tradition that strengthens generational bonds. For years, Louis-Henri hunted moose with his grandson Sasha, but now, at 81, he must step back. For the first time, Louis-Henri will not go for the hunt and Sasha will leave without him. *Goodbye, Hunter* offers an intimate look at the transmission of a long family tradition.

**Why My Dad Loves**

2024 • USA • 20 MIN • Nkaujoua Xiong

Filmmaker in Attendance, Has Subtitles, Subject in Attendance, Staff Pick

At the age of 13, my father left his homeland, Laos, to seek a brighter future in the United States. Throughout the years, he devoted himself to supporting his family, seldom sharing the details of his past. This film intimately explores the experiences that shaped my father's understanding of love.

FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

NEW BEGINNINGS

4 films in this block • 58 minutes

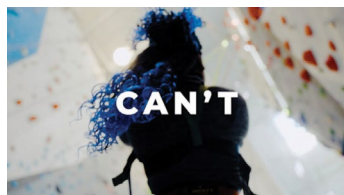
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Can't

2024 • USA • 11 MIN • Brody Kuhar

Michigan Premiere

In 2021, a car accident left Veranique paralyzed from the waist down. Despite doctors' predictions, she refused to let it define her. In 2022, she began working at Memphis Rox climbing gym, initially thinking the gym would keep her behind the front desk. Surrounded by community, Veranique is now a regular climber with a philosophy on and off the wall that the sky's the limit.

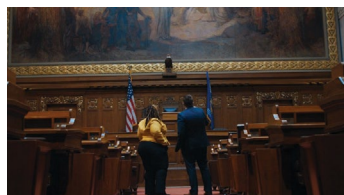


Far West

2023 • USA • 17 MIN • Stephen Michael Simon

Filmmaker in Attendance, Michigan Premiere, Adult Language, Staff Pick

The city lifestyle left New York City artist Lala feeling hollow, forcing her to make the bold decision of uprooting herself and seeking solace in the untamed landscapes somewhere far west. Stripped of the familiar comforts of running water, electricity, and constant connectivity, she faces the daunting challenge of building a bountiful life from scratch.



A Clean Slate

2023 • USA • 14 MIN • Trần Hoàng Calvin

Family Friendly

As Wisconsin reforms its expungement process, the opportunity for a second chance for the formerly incarcerated hinges on a local activist named Shanyeill McCloud.



Toxic Art

2023 • USA • 16 MIN • Jason Whalen

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly, Representative in Attendance, Staff Pick

On a mission to clean up Ohio's leaking, abandoned coal mines, Ohio University Art Professor John Sabraw teams up with an environmental engineer to turn the toxic runoff pollution into paint. John's artwork has been shown all over the world and proceeds have helped numerous environmental organizations and projects, including a new water treatment plant on the Sunday Creek Watershed.

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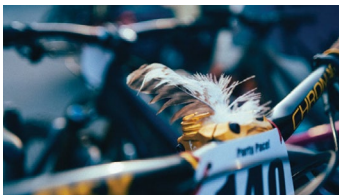


Serving as an Example: Small Sustainability Steps to Make a Big Difference

2024 • USA • 7 MIN • Makaylee Kuhn
& Mark Shevy

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly

The NMU Volleyball team is known for big action when they serve, bump, set, and spike on the court. Off the court, they serve as an example for how we can make changes to take better care of our environment.



Racing for the Next 7

2024 • Canada • 15 MIN • Graeme Meiklejohn

Michigan Premiere

The Seventh Generation Principle, originating from the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois Confederacy), encourages considering the impact of our actions on the next seven generations and remembering those who came before us.



Born in the Barn: Part 6 “Last Game in the Barn”

2024 • USA • 25 MIN • Kristin Ojaniemi

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly

Born in the Barn: Part 6 “Last Game in the Barn” – The 1990’s bring another generation of Ewen-Trout Creek Panther girls and boys ballers on the court for many records, hard losses, and a lifetime of memories. The Last Game in the Barn is played in 1998. The 2022 team continues to dominate the tournaments with a quarterfinal win, sending the E-TC boys downstate for the first time in 40 years. *Born in the Barn* is an 8-part docu-series completed in 2024.



Strong Grandma

2023 • USA • 15 MIN • Cecilia Brown
& Winslow Crane-Murdoch

Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere

95 year old Catherine Kuehn is a world record winning deadlifter. As she prepares for her last competition she reflects on the love, and the loss, that brought her to this moment.

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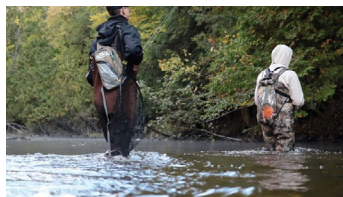
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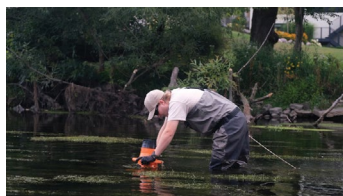


Hooked: A Salmon Fishing Documentary

2022 • USA • 6 MIN • Henry Schenkel

Filmmaker in Attendance, Michigan Premiere, First Time Filmmaker

Department of Natural Resources officer, Jay Wesley, and two avid outdoorsmen dive into the importance of salmon preservation in one of the top fisheries in the country because of the effect salmon has on the freshwater ecosystem of Michigan.

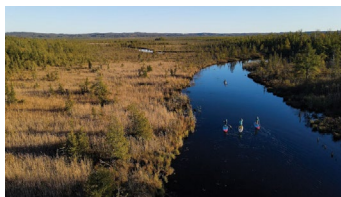


Mussel Matters

2024 • USA • 19 MIN • Lea Rodbarry & Jonathan Mullen

Family Friendly

In the rivers that flow through our neighborhoods lives an unseen but important creature: the freshwater mussel. These mussels perform key ecosystem services, including a remarkable capacity to filter and clean water. Once almost extinct and now struggling to make a comeback in DuPage County's urban waterways, freshwater mussels need help.



Lasting Water Quality

2024 • USA • 4 MIN • Nick & Chris Loud

Filmmaker in Attendance, Michigan Premiere, World Premiere

The Leelanau Conservancy's long-running, highly trusted water quality program. This video profiles Chase Heise of the Leelanau Conservancy as we venture out onto Lake Leelanau to learn more about their water quality program that has been operating continuously for over 30 years, and the overall health of our freshwater lakes in northern Michigan.



UNDER [SI:]

2023 • France • 36 MIN •

Morgan le Faucheur

Has Subtitles, Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere

Six monumental statues by sculptor Jason deCaires Taylor are submerged between the Lérins Islands. Molded from Cannes residents' faces and made from ecological materials, they form France's first underwater eco-museum and will provide habitats for local marine biodiversity.

BLOCK

THE FISH THIEF

1 film in this block • 91 minutes

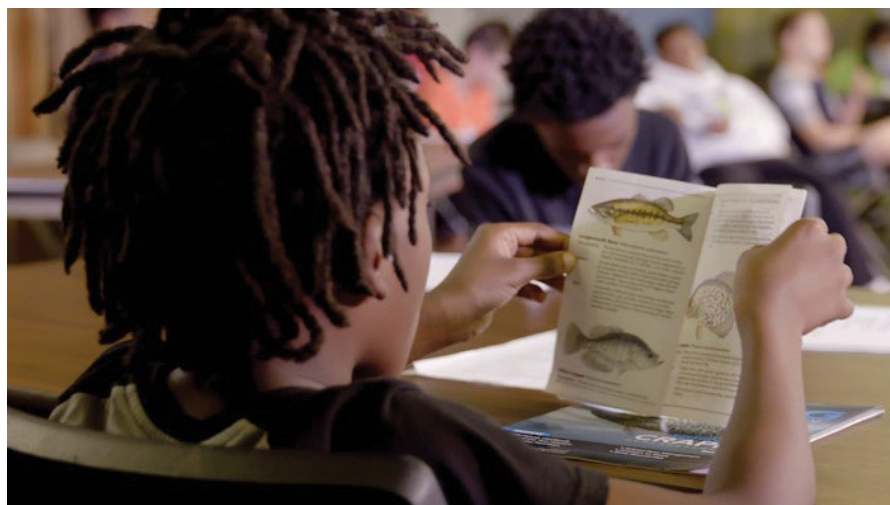
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Saturday October 19

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THE FISH THIEF: A Great Lakes Mystery

2023 • USA • 91 MIN • Thomas Lindsey Haskin

Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance, Staff Pick

THE FISH THIEF: A Great Lakes Mystery, formerly known as **RELENTLESS**, is a captivating mystery that engages the audience in a battle for the survival of the largest freshwater ecosystem on Earth, the Great Lakes. This fascinating true story, narrated by Oscar-winning actor J.K. Simmons, follows remarkable people tackling the mystery of why the most prized fish nearly vanished. The crash destroyed jobs and businesses, and devastated towns, tribal communities, and First Nations across the region.

Overfishing, dam building and industrial dumping had already decimated fish populations in parts of the Great Lakes, but when fish began disappearing far from industrial cities, scientists discovered what proved to be the most destructive marine species to ever invade the Great Lakes. Their tenacious search for a way to control it continues to influence the Great Lakes region's economic fortunes and sounds a warning about the future of natural resources and the prosperity of millions around the world today.

BLOCK

THESE STICKS HAVE VALUE

5 films in this block • 60 minutes

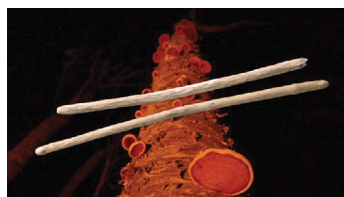
SHOWINGS

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12:00PM Ore Dock – Rosewood

Sunday October 20

2:00PM Ore Dock – Community Space



I've Decided These Sticks Have Value

2024 • USA • 3 MIN • Erik Sudheimer

World Premiere, Staff Pick

An examination of how two small sticks, randomly acquired in Minnesota's north woods, have slowly transformed into treasured possessions.



The Last Barf Bag

2024 • USA • 14 MIN

Family Friendly

The Last Barf Bag is a documentary that explores the cultural impact of a humble but crucially useful invention. In it, we meet the barf bag collectors whose passion drives them to try to save it from extinction, and their unlikely ally: the makers of the anti-nausea medication that threatens its existence.



Into the Sugarbush

2024 • USA • 4 MIN • Eden Sabalboro

Family Friendly

Step into the US's largest urban sugarbush in Detroit's sprawling Rouge Park with the Detroit Sugarbush Project.



Money Tree

2024 • USA • 10 MIN • Kate Houle

Filmmaker in Attendance, World Premiere

What's a tree worth? From the point of view of a city forester, an ecologist, a firewood harvesting hobbyist, a professor and a philanthropist, we learn about the different relationships people have with their urban forest. *Money Tree* explores the tangible and intangible values and the importance of this urban biodiversity that often goes unnoticed.



The Shitthropocene

2024 • USA • 29 MIN • David Byars

Adult Language, Michigan Premiere, Staff Pick

The Shit-thropocene (a play on the word, Anthropocene) is a mock-anthropological investigation into consumerism. Join us on a journey that spans billions of years to piece together how and why it seems that everything has gone to shit.

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THE ULTRA PICKLE PROJECT

1 film in this block • 48 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 18

2:00PM The Honorable Distillery

Sunday October 20

2:00PM Ore Dock – Rosewood



The Ultra Pickle Project

2024 • USA • 48 MIN • Jeff Berg

Michigan Premiere, First Time Filmmaker

Can 100 miles change you? Superior 100 is one of the most challenging trail races in the Midwest. See the stories behind 6 unique people who choose to push themselves beyond their limits to test their resilience and grit.

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THE SEARCH

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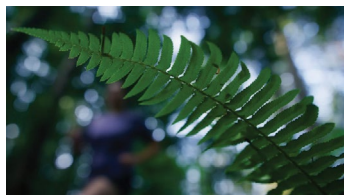
SHOWINGS

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10:00AM The Honorable Distillery

Saturday October 19

2:00PM PWPL – Shiras Room



Weweni Bimibatoo – Running Gently

2023 • Canada • 3 MIN • William Binamé

Family Friendly

Melissa Arnott from Indigenous Women Outdoors, in Squamish, British Columbia, recites how spending more time on the land and starting a trail running program helped her reconnect with mother earth (niimaamaa aki) and her Anishinaabe culture.



Anton

2024 • USA • 5 MIN • Kody Kohlman

Adult Language, Michigan Premiere

Anton Krupicka is an icon of mountain running in the USA. At 23-years-old he won Leadville 100 in Colorado and more recently has blazed a high altitude trail on extensive bikepacking tours. We wanted to know what drove Anton to chase these experiences. A need for self reliance and a desire for discovery have fueled years of awe-inspiring achievements that have motivated runners, cyclists and climbers around the world. In this film, *Anton* dives into the purpose behind his pursuits.



The Search

2022 • USA • 7 MIN • Daniel Bremmer

Filmmaker in Attendance, First Time Filmmaker

The Search follows Great Lakes Surfer Hunter Lohman on his journey to chase waves and his idea of true happiness. With the mystery and inconsistency that comes with lake surfing, Hunter will persevere through unpredictability to find solidarity and serenity in the places he goes and in the life he has chosen for himself.



The River Cowboy

2024 • USA • 10 MIN • Mike Wilkinson

Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere, Staff Pick

Since 1996, a quiet man in the backwoods of Eastern Kentucky has taken it upon himself to clean tires out of the Wild and Scenic Red River. Now 28 years later, friends, environmental groups, and community members are rallying to support annual cleanups in an effort to keep the river beautiful and to try and stop the trash and tires from making it there in the first place.



Stone Dead

2024 • USA • 8 MIN • Freddie Gluck

Michigan Premiere, First Time Filmmaker, Family Friendly

Rex, a gifted marble sculptor, lives in a small mountain town in Colorado on a property littered with half-finished headstones, beer cans, a faithful dog, and a family of scrap metal minions. *Stone Dead* invites viewers to delve deep into a sequestered artist's unconventional existence and explore the intriguing intersection of life and death.



The World Is Ours

2023 • Canada • 22 MIN • Nadia Louis-Desmarchais

Michigan Premiere, Family Friendly, Has Subtitles

Currently, post pandemic, one in two young people show symptoms of anxiety and depression. *The World is Ours* is a film that gives the opportunity to six Montreal teenage girls to leave their urban environment for the first time to take part in a nature canoe-camping expedition.



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FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

TROUBLED WATER

1 film in this block • 71 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 18

7:00PM Fresh Coast Basecamp at Lower Harbor Park



Troubled Water

2023 • USA • 71 MIN • Davis Huber

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly, First Time Filmmaker, Representative in Attendance, Staff Pick

Troubled Water is an exhilarating adventure, conservation film that beckons viewers to follow along on a transformative journey down the stunning coast of Lake Michigan. As the journey unfolds, the film unveils the significance of the Line 5 pipeline issue, the dire need for collective action and the historic precedent that this movement would establish. If successfully shutdown, it would become the first active pipeline in US history to be terminated before it ruptures.

For as long as they can remember, lifelong friends Chris Yahanda and William Wright have spent their summers exploring the lakes and shores of Northern Michigan. Recently however, they noticed the lakes around them changing, and as tensions build surrounding a particularly threatening oil pipeline, the two are determined to take action. Chris and William embark on an audacious 425 mile standup paddle journey from the Mackinac Straits to Lansing to raise awareness and help protect their favorite place in the world.

Following the film join the filmmaker, subjects and others involved with this timely issue for an update on the pipeline's current status.

BLOCK

WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER

4 films in this block • 58 minutes

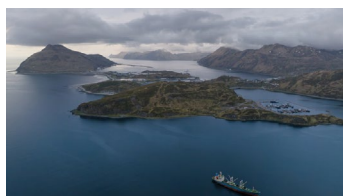
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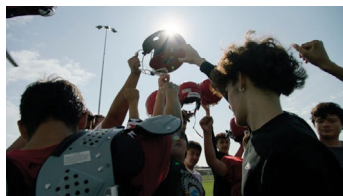
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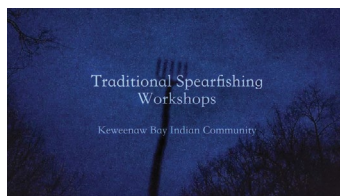
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**Usugilix Awakun****2024 • USA • 12 MIN • Palmer Morse & Matt Mikkelsen***Filmmaker in Attendance, Michigan Premiere, Family Friendly*

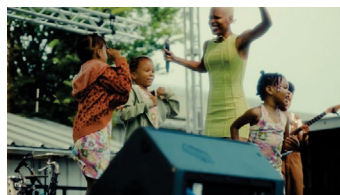
An Unangax scientist, delves into her vital research concerning toxic algal blooms affecting filter feeding shellfish – a staple Indigenous food for her people, illuminates the profound connection between the Unangax people and their environment, showcasing the resilience and resourcefulness of a culture in the face of unprecedented challenges.

**Through The Storm****2024 • USA • 23 MIN • Charles Frank & Fritz Bitsoie***Michigan Premiere, Adult Language*

Through The Storm follows the 2023 season of the Red Lake Nation (Ojibwe) high school football team. Despite dwindling interest and a long losing record, a dedicated coach and athletes fight to keep the program alive, highlighting football as a symbol of hope, unity, and resilience for the people of Red Lake.

**Traditional Spearfishing Workshops****2022 • USA • 8 MIN • Steve Brimm***Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance, Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere*

Spearfishing workshops for all ages facilitated by the Keweenaw Bay Indian community Natural Resource Department.

**Mama's Sundry****2024 • USA • 15 MIN • Brody Kuhar & Joshua Cannon***Family Friendly*

In South Memphis, married artists Bertram Williams and Talibah Safiya transform their creative practices into vehicles for a higher purpose. Enter *Mama's Sundry*, a collaborative movement fostering wellness and sustainability through education, service initiatives and a neighborhood garden that produces fresh fruit and vegetables within a community that's long been designated a food desert.

FILM BLOCK DETAILS

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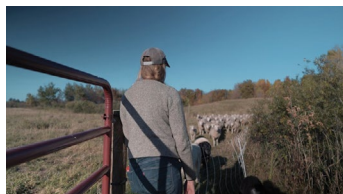


Tahnaanooku'

2024 • USA • 7 MIN • Justin Deegan

Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere

An artistic celebration of the environmental activism of Darline Deegan and her efforts to protect the land of her Indigenous community.



To Be a Good Home

2024 • USA • 16 MIN • Evan Flom

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere, First Time Filmmaker

To Be A Good Home follows three women who farm and steward land in northern Minnesota. Kaitlyn is a descendant of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, tending her plot at the place of the gardens, Gitigaaning. Starr is an urban farmer, feeding her community near the shores of Gichigami. Hannah is a regenerative farmer, building soil and caring for her herd along Medicine Creek.



Island Zero

2024 • USA • 12 MIN • Ryan Broussard & Joshua Sisolak

First Time Filmmaker, Michigan Premiere

The mayor of an island off the coast of Virginia hopes to have his town saved from rising tides.



Forward

2024 • USA • 17 MIN • Palmer Morse

Michigan Premiere, Filmmaker in Attendance

While navigating a myriad of life challenges, Anjelica Avella turned to the outdoors to improve her mental health only to discover a noticeable lack of other plus-size women of color on trail. By posting a simple flyer looking for more women to hike with, Anjelica created a community she never could have imagined.



From The Heartland

2023 • USA • 15 MIN • Matt Coddair

Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere

From the Heartland is a candid depiction of American Agriculture and the rural towns reliant on its success. But when an industry's ability to thrive is dependent on progress, how does a family farm discard their traditional practices to try something new and save the land?



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WINTERING GROUNDS

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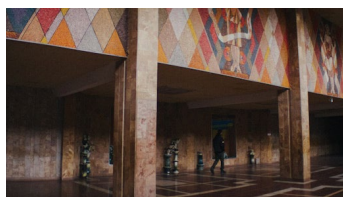
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Saturday October 19

2:00PM Blackrocks Brewery



Taras

2024 • USA • 12 MIN • Zeppelin Zeerip

Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere

A Ukrainian snowboarder turned soldier grapples with the trauma of war and the uncertainty of being called back, seeking solace in nature as he tries to reintegrate into society.



A Line in the Snow

2024 • USA • 14 MIN • Ryan Rumpca

Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere, First Time Filmmaker, Filmmaker in Attendance

A mother-daughter group learns valuable life and wilderness skills in one of the most pristine wilderness areas in the world, powered only by their own two feet and a team of four legged friends. With multiple trips to the North Pole, South Pole, Greenland, and Svalbard on her resume, she is embarking on one of her greatest adventures yet: motherhood.



The Wintering Grounds

2023 • USA • 21 MIN • Jeff Springer

Representative in Attendance, Michigan Premiere

For most of the year, bands of world class freestyle kayakers roam the land in search of waves. But when the rivers freeze, everyone finds their way to a special spot on the Chattahoochee River on the Alabama-Georgia border. Squatting in an abandoned parking lot, they spend the winter training for the next world championships on North America's best winter whitewater. Although called "certifiable lunatics" by the locals, this tight knit group is proof of the power of family and that indeed everything is more fun with friends.

BLOCK

WEAK LAYERS

1 film in this block • 92 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 18

2:00PM Ore Dock – Community Space

Saturday October 19

10:00AM Ore Dock – Community Space



Weak Layers

2024 • Canada • 92 MIN • Katie Burrell

Adult Language, Filmmaker in Attendance, Staff Pick

After getting evicted, three party-loving best friends set out to win a ski-movie competition. The prize money covers their rent, but they'll have to beat out professional skiers and filmmakers. An uproarious comedy that celebrates mountain towns and takes on the male-dominated ski industry.



Fresh Coast Film Festival is proud to launch the Making Waves commitment grant to aid filmmakers sharing stories from and about the Great Lakes region and Upper Midwest.

Projects in production or post production that align with the festival's themes of Adventure, Conservation and Inspiration will be considered. Fresh Coast promotes and encourages diversity both behind and in front of the camera.

The application period will be from January through July via the festival website. A committee will review applications and announce chosen projects annually during the October festival. Selected projects will receive monetary support and access to the Fresh Coast network of filmmakers for guidance and support.

Making Waves is in memory of festival co-founder Aaron Peterson's son Josiah Peterson, a kind and curious boy who left this world too early. It is our hope that selected projects reflect Josiah's sense of fairness, childlike wonder and unquenchable thirst for knowledge.

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All trips are included with the purchase of a Festival Pass. Space is limited for the trips and will be booked on a first come first served basis.



MARQUETTE LIGHTHOUSE TOUR

FRI | OCTOBER 18 | 8:00AM

Marquette Harbor Lighthouse

One of the icons of the city, the beautiful red Marquette Harbor Lighthouse stands tall above the waters of Lake Superior and is by far

the most photographed lighthouse in the Great Lakes. This historical tour will discuss the importance of the Life Saving Station and Coast Guard in Marquette as well as describe the rich history of this building.



MARQUETTE'S LOWER HARBOR AND ORE DOCK WALK

FRI | OCTOBER 18 | 8:00AM

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Explore the rich history of Marquette's Lower Harbor and Ore Dock on an interpretive walk, where

the echoes of Marquette's industrial past resonate against the backdrop of Lake Superior. Stroll along the waterfront and uncover stories of bustling iron ore shipping and the town's maritime heritage. This leisurely stroll offers a glimpse into the area's transformation from a booming mining hub to a beloved recreational destination.



QUEEN CITY GROUP RUN

FRI | OCTOBER 18 | 8:00AM

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Don't forget to pack your running shoes! Come on out and stretch your legs with us before a fun day of watching incredible films with the friendly staff of Queen City Running Co.! This scenic morning run along

the beautiful shores of Lake Superior will be the perfect energizing start to your Fresh Coast day.



SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN HIKE

FRI | OCTOBER 18 | 8:00AM

Down Wind Sports

A short drive from downtown Marquette will put you at the trailhead of this popular trail. A beautiful walk through the northern

forest will bring you to the staircase that leads to the summit of this beloved local landmark. Making your last steps to the top, the view of a vast Lake Superior is spread out in front of you offering grand views of the sun rising out of the lake. It's a short 20-minute uphill walk to the summit – but honestly worth every step.



SUNRISE WITH BUGSY

FRI | OCTOBER 18 | 7:45AM

Shiras Park

Michigan photographer, Bugsy Sailor, has been watching and photographing daily sunrises since January 1, 2019. Bugsy is the founder of U.P. Supply Co. and Official Unofficial Ambassador of the

Upper Peninsula. Come join Fresh Coast co-founder Bugsy as he documents another sun rising out of Lake Superior! This will be Bugsy's 2,118th consecutive sunrise. Be sure to say hi if you see him around the fest.

OUTDOOR TOURS



WETMORE BOG OLD GROWTH TRAIL HIKE

FRI | OCTOBER 18 | 8:00AM

Down Wind Sports

Join us this morning for on a serene journey through the lush wilderness of Wetmore Bog Old Growth Trail, where towering ancient trees and

vibrant flora create a tranquil sanctuary. This scenic hike winds through a pristine landscape, offering glimpses of diverse wildlife and the soothing melodies of native birds. You will discover the native plants species of Wetmore Bog while enjoying the incredible fall colors reflecting off the pond.



DEAD RIVER FALLS & THE FLOOD STORY HIKE

SAT | OCTOBER 19 | 8:00AM

Down Wind Sports

The Dead River is a destination that offers incredibly scenic hikes near downtown Marquette. This wonderful river is full of rich history

and foundational purpose to the townspeople, businesses, and the surrounding natural environment. Come and find out about the flood of 2003 and where the Dead River name originated from!



MARQUETTE MURAL TOUR

SAT | OCTOBER 19 | 8:00AM

Down Wind Sports

Discover Marquette's vibrant artistic spirit on a captivating mural walk! Immerse yourself in a kaleidoscope of colors and narratives, where each

mural tells a unique story of community, culture, and creativity. From bold abstract designs to intricate historical scenes, this stroll offers a glimpse into the diverse artistic tapestry of Marquette.

All trips are included with the purchase of a Festival Pass.



MORNING YOGA

SAT | OCTOBER 19 | 8:00AM

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Before your first film or panel, please join us for a yoga class! All levels welcome, supported, and encouraged to grow more sensitive, strong, and mindful. This class will

warm up the spine and work on opening tight muscles by stretching and preparing for a day at the festival.



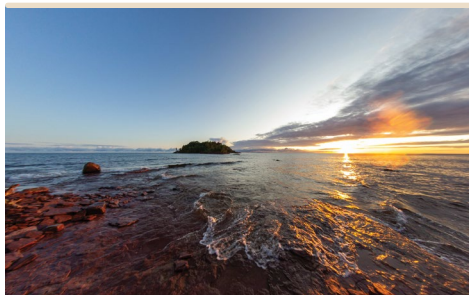
ROCK CLIMBING SUNSET GULLY

SAT | OCTOBER 19 | 8:00AM

Down Wind Sports

Sunset Gully is the name of the crag cliff near Sugarloaf Mountain and is a favorite of many Upper Peninsula climbers due to the wide range of

climbing grades. This crag makes the perfect classroom setting for those wishing to learn to climb!



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CARP RIVER & MOUNT MARQUETTE HIKE

SUN | OCTOBER 20 | 8:00AM

Down Wind Sports

Enjoy a peaceful morning hike along the Carp River, hearing the sound of the water as you learn about the natural & cultural history of the area.

Following our walk, we'll make our way by car up to the top of the 1,200 ft Mount Marquette for scenic overlooks of the City of Marquette and Lake Superior Shoreline.



MARQUETTE HARBOR TOUR

SUN | OCTOBER 20 | 8:00AM

Cinder Pond Marina Boat Launch

Join the crew of the 32' Cornish Pilot Gig, The Lark, for a Fresh Coast harbor tour that will showcase Marquette and the Ore Dock from

the water. You will be paddling during this 2 hour tour where you will see the iconic Marquette waterfront features. Weather permitting – dress appropriately.



PRESQUE ISLE BOG WALK

SUN | OCTOBER 20 | 8:00AM

Down Wind Sports

The diversity of this bog habitat is incredible. It is the home to over 100 native plant species which in turn provide habitat to many resident

and migratory bird species. Muskrats, beavers, turtles, and waterfowl such as mergansers, mallards, Canada geese are commonly seen along this hike. Join us on this morning Bog Walk for an up-close look at a 10,000-year-old bog and the specially adapted plants that inhabit this unique type of wetland.

All trips are included with the purchase of a Festival Pass.



SUNRISE WITH BUGSY

SUN | OCTOBER 20 | 7:45AM

McCarty's Cove

Michigan photographer, Buggy Sailor, has been watching and photographing daily sunrises since January 1, 2019. Buggy is the founder of U.P. Supply Co. and Official Unofficial Ambassador of the

Upper Peninsula. Come join Fresh Coast co-founder Buggy as he documents another sun rising out of Lake Superior! This will be Buggy's 2,120th consecutive sunrise. Be sure to say hi if you seem him around the fest.



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In loving memory of Tara.

The Fresh Coast family unexpectedly lost one of our own this year.

Tara Gluski was with us since the beginning. She was a cornerstone of the festival through volunteer recruitment and our beloved venue manager at Ore Dock Brewing Company.

The best part, this wasn't unique to Fresh Coast. Tara played a pivotal role with Becoming an Outdoors Woman, a program through the Michigan DNR that teaches outdoor skills to women of all ages and poured her heart into endless hours at the 906 Adventure Team getting kids on bikes, outside and believing in themselves.

Tara exemplified the Fresh Coast spirit. When Tara wasn't dedicating herself to the outdoor experiences of others, she was actively pursuing them herself, whether it be camping, skiing, or cold water sunrise swims in Lake Superior.

May the Fresh Coast family, along with Tara's loved ones, continue to honor her outdoor spirit, inspiring others to find love and joy in nature.

We love you, Tara.





Thank You

Thank you for attending the 2024 Fresh Coast Film Festival.

Thank you for believing that we can grow something amazing out of our very humble beginnings. Please take the stories and experiences you've had over the weekend and share them with your community. Keep the spirit of #FreshCoasting alive and let's gather together again next year for more adventures.

A HUGE thank you goes to the Fresh Coast volunteer army. The Fresh Coast Film Festival would not be possible without the many hands and hearts that support it.

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