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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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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!

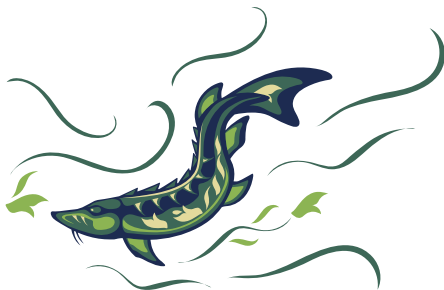
Can you believe it? Fresh Coast is in its ninth year and we are growing in ways we never imagined! So, first off, we want to say thank you—for attending, for being part of the Fresh Coast community, and for your love of and passion for the Great Lakes.

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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co-founder
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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 19.) Or if you want to just “wing” it, we're good with that, too!

2) Be sure to attend our evening features

Returning for 2025 is our Fresh Coast Basecamp 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 *Invisible Mammal* on Friday night with discussion by filmmakers and subjects to follow, and *Resurgo: Detroit* featuring Detroit Poet Laureate, Jessica Care Moore, 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 Co. – The Station

114 West Spring Street

The Station, Ore Dock's new Front Street expansion, is now a full-fledged Fresh Coast venue. The upstairs screening room pairs perfectly with a dedicated bar serving beer, cocktails, and craft sodas—no more trekking back to the taproom mid-block. After films, step outside to the beer garden and fire pits to keep the festival weekend glowing.

ENTRANCE: The entrance to film blocks at Ore Dock's Community Space and The Station will be located off of the 200 block of South Front Street. There will be separate doorways for each screening area—please use the designated entry/exit for your film block so as not to disturb your neighbors filmgoing experience. Passholders can still use the brewery's 114 W. Spring Street entrance to access the Community Space via staircase. **Accessibility:** ADA accessible entrance for both spaces located off of the 200 block of South Front Street.

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

📍 Ore Dock Brewing Co. – Community Space

114 West Spring Street

The community space at the Ore Dock remains a Fresh Coast favorite—upstairs screenings paired with a warm, rustic atmosphere, and the taproom downstairs where you can grab a pint and gather with new friends. With The Station next door, Ore Dock now offers not one but two unique festival venues, giving filmgoers even more room to watch, sip, and settle into the weekend.

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📍 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. 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 FCF 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 Treehouse

131 West Washington Street

Perched above Evergreen Market and right next door to Donckers, The Treehouse is Fresh Coast's home for filmmaker panels. Bright, inviting, and tucked just above the bustle of Washington Street, it's a space made for good conversation. With sunlight pouring in and a view over downtown, The Treehouse offers a relaxed setting to listen, learn, and connect with filmmakers throughout the weekend.

Accessibility: ADA access available via elevator inside Donckers.

#FreshCoasting tip Start your morning with a coffee or breakfast from Donckers next door and bring it into the panel.

Women's Federated Clubhouse

104 W. Ridge Street

Built in the 1880s and saved from demolition in 1925, the Marquette Federated Women's Clubhouse has been a hub for community gatherings ever since. From concerts and recitals to weddings and art shows, this historic space has carried the spirit of connection and creativity for nearly 100 years. **Accessibility:** ADA accessible entrance located off of Front Street.

#FreshCoasting tip The Clubhouse is part of Ridge Street's historic corner. Look around and you'll spot the Landmark Inn, Peter White Public Library, and First United Methodist Church keeping it company for nearly 100 years.

ATTN! ROAD CLOSURES

On Saturday, the 100 and 200 blocks of Washington Street will close to vehicles after noon. Sidewalks and the Front Street intersection will remain open, and the Third Street intersection will be open until 3PM. After noon, parking can be found off Main Street, Lakeshore Boulevard as well as in the Bluff Street Parking Ramp.

watch more sunrises



Down Wind Sports

Blackrocks
Brewery

Women's Federated
Clubhouse

Front Street

Peter White
Public Library

The Honorable
Distillery

Evergreen
Market

The Delft
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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 20 – 24 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 20 – 24 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 17	Saturday OCTOBER 18	Sunday OCTOBER 19
8AM Outdoor Tour	8AM Outdoor Tour	8AM Outdoor Tour
Don't forget to pick up your weekend pass from the box office!	8:30AM Filmmaker Panel at Evergreen Market Treehouse (Upstairs)	8:30AM Filmmaker Panel at Evergreen Market Treehouse (Upstairs)
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
NEW! 4PM Outdoor Tour	NEW! 4PM Outdoor Tour	Notes
7PM Evening Program: The Invisible Mammal at FC Basecamp	7PM Evening Program: Resurgo: Detroit at FC Basecamp	
9PM After Party at Ore Dock Brewing Co.	9PM After Party at Blackrocks Brewery	

Thursday OCTOBER 16

5:00PM • Fresh Coast Basecamp

FRESH COAST FREE!

block details on page 28

Tip: Films begin at 7pm.

GET YOUR FRESH COAST MERCH!

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Friday OCTOBER 17

10:00AM • Blackrocks Brewery

SKI!

block details on page 56

10:00AM • PWPL – Shiras Room

OUT HERE

block details on page 53

10:00AM • PWPL – Community Room

THE HARVEST

block details on page 62

10:00AM • Ore Dock – Community Space

THE INNER SEA

block details on page 64

10:00AM • Ore Dock – The Station

GOLD

block details on page 40

10:00AM • The Honorable Distillery

IN THE WIND

block details on page 44

10:00AM • Women's Federated Clubhouse

CANOE!

block details on page 36

10:00AM • PWPL – Heritage Room

THE LIFE WE HAVE

block details on page 66

12:00PM • Ore Dock – The Station

SNAIL HUNTERS

block details on page 57



See full schedule and
additional film details
at freshcoastfilm.com

12:00PM • PWPL – Heritage Room
THINKING DIFFERENTLY
block details on page 68

12:00PM • Blackrocks Brewery
LOST AND FOUND
block details on page 50

12:00PM • The Honorable Distillery
THE DEVELOPER
block details on page 61

12:00PM • Ore Dock – Community Space
**1969: KILLERS, FREAKS
AND RADICALS**
block details on page 30

12:00PM • PWPL – Community Room
LIKE THUNDER
block details on page 45

12:00PM • PWPL – Shiras Room
LOOK BACK; MOVE FORWARD
block details on page 48

12:00PM • Women's Federated Clubhouse
PASS IT ON
block details on page 54

2:00PM • PWPL – Heritage Room
TRUST
block details on page 71

2:00PM • PWPL – Shiras Room
SOMETHING IN THE WATER
block details on page 58

2:00PM • PWPL – Community Room
WE REMAIN
block details on page 74

2:00PM • Ore Dock – Community Space
ART!
block details on page 32

2:00PM • Ore Dock – The Station
TO BELONG
block details on page 70

2:00PM • The Honorable Distillery
MISSISSIPPI SPEED RECORD
block details on page 52

2:00PM • Women's Federated Clubhouse
TURTLE WALKER
block details on page 72

7:00PM • Fresh Coast Basecamp
THE INVISIBLE MAMMAL
block details on page 65

After Party!

ORE DOCK BREWING CO.
FRIDAY 9:00PM

Saturday OCTOBER 18

Filmmaker Panel

**EVERGREEN MARKET UPSTAIRS
SATURDAY 8:30AM**

10:00AM • Ore Dock – The Station

CANOE!

block details on page 36

10:00AM • Women's Federated Clubhouse

1969: KILLERS, FREAKS AND RADICALS

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THE BRINK

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GREEN BLAH

block details on page 41

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Sunday

OCTOBER 19

2:00PM • Women's Federated Clubhouse **GOLD**

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2:00PM • The Honorable Distillery **SOMETHING IN THE WATER**

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2:00PM • PWPL – Community Room **THINKING DIFFERENTLY**

block details on page 68

7:00PM • Fresh Coast Basecamp **I RISE AGAIN**

block details on page 42

After Party!

BLACKROCKS BREWERY
SATURDAY 9:00PM

Filmmaker Panel

EVERGREEN MARKET UPSTAIRS
SUNDAY 8:30AM

10:00AM • Blackrocks Brewery **FLOWING FORWARD**

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10:00AM • Women's Federated Clubhouse **THE HARVEST**

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Giizh Agaton Howes

Giizh Agaton Howes is an Anishinaabe-Ojibwe creator, artist, organizer, and founder of Heart Berry from Fond du Lac Nation in Northern Minnesota. Her lifestyle brand, centered around the Ode'imín "heart berry" (strawberry), brings together cultural art and stories into contemporary design. Her community work around cultural revitalization focuses on the building a community of makers in the moccasin tradition. She collaborates with artists and organizations to create design from logos to large scale art installations. Heart Berry is a proud Inspired Natives Collaborator with Eighth Generation taking back Native entrepreneurship, production, and most notably the wool blanket.

Capturing the beauty and story of the "Name" or Sturgeon here celebrates the reciprocal way we live with each other and the water. The restoration of the sturgeon to the home water ways in Giizh's community is being returned by the restoration of the game of Baaga'adowewin or Lacrosse. Her art celebrates this beautiful reciprocity.

WHERE TO FIND GIIZH

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YETI BUILT FOR THE WILD.

FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

FRESH COAST FREE!

5 films in this block • 58 minutes

SHOWINGS

Thursday October 16

5:00PM Fresh Coast Basecamp at Lower Harbor Park

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



Feature Previews | FCFF Free!

10 MIN

A mashup of teasers for the amazing feature films on offer at Fresh Coast 2025!



Breaking Ice: The Making of Cracks in the Ice

2025 • USA • 4 MIN • Jason Lindsey

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

"Breaking Ice" follows photographer Jason Lindsey creating his "Cracks in the Ice" series after his son Björn asked what the world will look like due to climate change. Unable to give clear answers to a child who craves stability due to his medical history, Lindsey turns to art to explore this question.



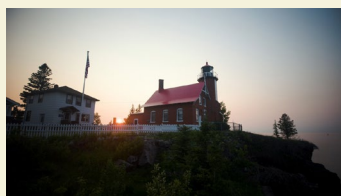
Detroit to Gloryland

2024 • USA • 6 MIN • Sierra Club

Creative Team

Subject in Attendance, Family Friendly, Representative in Attendance

Eight Detroit youth venture to Yosemite National Park to meet legendary Park Ranger and fellow Detroiter, Shelton Johnson. A homecoming in the High Sierra ensues and the next generation is inspired to connect with and protect precious outdoor spaces.



A Paranormal Night in Eagle Harbor Lighthouse

2025 • USA • 15 MIN • Eric Machiela

Filmmaker in Attendance, Michigan Premiere, World Premiere

On the shores of the Keweenaw Peninsula, a group of paranormal investigators break out their ghost hunting equipment and expertise to prove the historic Eagle Harbor Lighthouse is haunted. But their evidence leaves some unconvinced.



Dinosaur Fish

2025 • USA • 23 MIN • Jason Whalen

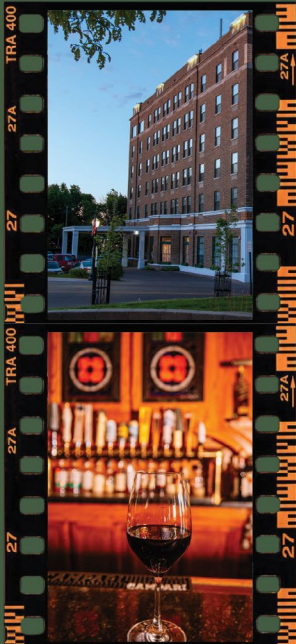
Filmmaker in Attendance

The Lake Sturgeon has existed virtually unchanged for more than 130 million years. It survived a meteor impact and outlived the dinosaurs but we've found out it couldn't survive in the face of human development. With only 1% remaining in the Great Lakes, conservationists in Lake Huron's Saginaw Bay are working to bring this iconic species back.

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, lawn chair, and enjoy. Film screenings and award announcements begin at 7pm.



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FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

1969: KILLERS, FREAKS AND RADICALS

1 film in this block • 111 minutes

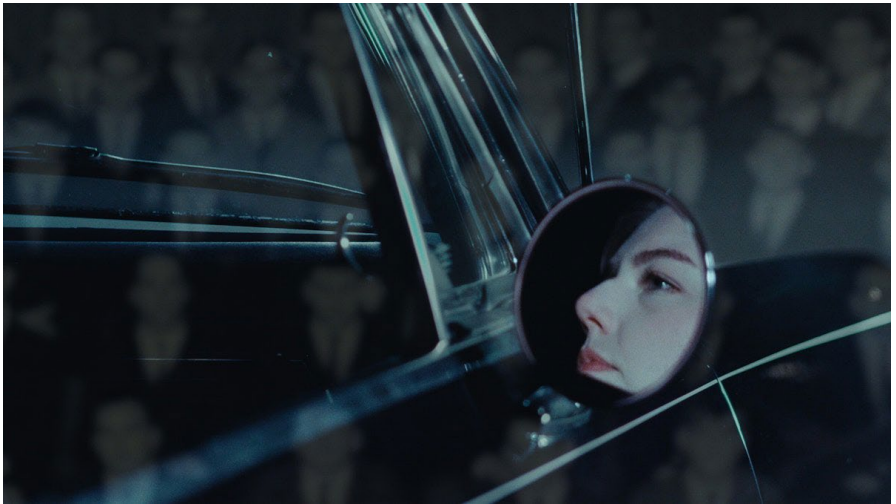
SHOWINGS

Friday October 17

12:00PM Ore Dock – Community Space

Saturday October 18

10:00AM Women's Federated Clubhouse



1969: Killers, Freaks, and Radicals

2025 • USA • 111 MIN • Andrew Templeton

Filmmaker in Attendance, First Time Filmmaker, Adult Language, Adult Themes, Subject in Attendance, Staff Pick

Amid the radical politics and cultural upheaval of the late 1960s, a series of brutal murders targeting young women gripped the twin university towns of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, Michigan. This independent documentary examines not just a series of crimes, but the social and political tensions that enabled them—many of which still resonate today.

**BLACKROCKS
BREWERY**



We'll see you out there.

FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

ART!

5 films in this block • 45 minutes

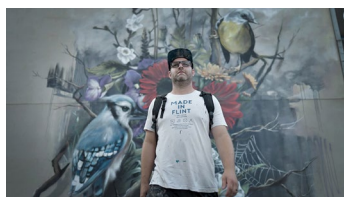
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Saturday October 18

12:00PM PWPL – Heritage Room



This is FLINT | Mural Artist Kevin Burdick

2025 • USA • 3 MIN • Aaron Peterson, Darryn Schulte

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly

Kevin Burdick is a nationally recognized mural artist from Flint, Michigan. Join KevScraps14 on a tour of downtown art and the backstory on how a low point in Flint's history led to it becoming a street art hotspot.

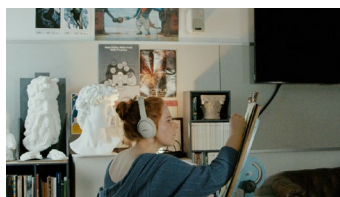


Breaking Ice: The Making of Cracks in the Ice

2025 • USA • 4 MIN • Jason Lindsey

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

Breaking Ice follows photographer Jason Lindsey creating his "Cracks in the Ice" series after his son Björn asked what the world will look like due to climate change. Unable to give clear answers to a child who craves stability due to his medical history, Lindsey turns to art to explore this question.



The Voice Behind Art

2025 • USA • 7 MIN • Haley Holland

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly, First Time Filmmaker, Student Filmmaker

For many, art is simply something to be observed and appreciated; for others, it serves as an outlet, a form of expression, and even a way of life. *The Voice Behind Art* delves into the minds of three artists, offering an intimate glimpse into their creative processes and stories. Experiencing art is powerful, but understanding the artist is personal.



Somber Tides

2024 • Canada • 12 MIN • Chantal Caron

Has Subtitles, Nudity

Somber Tides is a cry from the species, startled into survival against the elements. One last breath before being trampled by the Earth or maybe conversely a battle to wage against winds and tides clutching on before extinction.



ScrapFest: An Artist's Journey

2025 • USA • 19 MIN • Karen Stefl

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

ScrapFest: An Artist's Journey chronicles the transformation of an artist as he turns scrap metal into stunning sculptures—celebrating resilience, community, and reclaimed beauty. Embracing sobriety, Andrew carved out his own second chance while also giving new life to scrap, crafting beautiful pieces that express his experiences and himself.

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FILM BLOCK DETAILS

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BIKES!

4 films in this block • 47 minutes

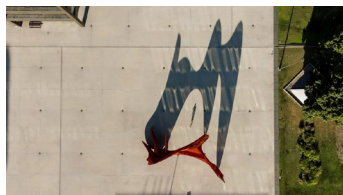
SHOWINGS

Saturday October 18

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Sunday October 19

12:00PM Blackrocks Brewery



The Grand Ride

2025 • North America • 3 MIN • Sawyer Harris

Filmmaker in Attendance, Staff Pick

The Grand Ride follows Grand Rapids, Michigan rider Patrick Ellis as he carves his way through West Michigan's best mountain bike trails. From the punchy climbs of Richmond Park to the fast flow of The Underground and the lush loops of The Bike Park this film is a love letter to the region's growing trail network and tight-knit riding community.



Wired to Inspire: Riding the La Crosse Omnium

2025 • USA • 10 MIN • Nicholas Kapanke

Filmmaker in Attendance

Elite cyclist Noah Collins reflects on his journey in the sport while hoping to inspire the next generation as he competes in the La Crosse Omnium in La Crosse, WI, the only three-day omnium in the United States.



The Iceland Cycling Expedition: A Rigorous Journey to End Myeloma

2024 • USA • 14 MIN • Heimir fReyr Hlööversson

Family Friendly, First Time Filmmaker

A team of 15 multiple myeloma survivors, care partners, and world-renowned physicians, embarks on the Iceland Cycling Expedition (ICE). Their mission: to cycle through Iceland's rugged landscape to raise critical funds for groundbreaking myeloma research.



GHOSTBIKE

2014 • USA • 20 MIN • Judith M. Finneren

Filmmaker in Attendance, First Time Filmmaker, Subject in Attendance

Love and forgiveness are the telling messages in this real life story of a family whose lives changed in a split second due to distracted driving.

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FILM BLOCK DETAILS

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CANOE!

2 films in this block • 65 minutes

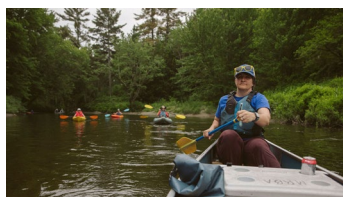
SHOWINGS

Friday October 17

10:00AM Women's Federated Clubhouse

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10:00AM Ore Dock – The Station



The Celebration

2025 • USA • 29 MIN • Duane Peterson III

Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere

A dedicated group of paddlers embarks on a seven-day journey along Vermont's Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers, celebrating the 10th anniversary of their Wild & Scenic designation.



Make the Time

2025 • USA • 36 MIN • Danielle Steffey

Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance

Make the Time is a film that follows two friends on a canoe trip through Canada's backcountry, beginning and ending at Lake Missinaibi. The story is filled with stunning landscapes, laughter, and moments of personal challenge. Embark on an unforgettable journey with Danielle and Tim as they paddle across pristine lakes and navigate twenty portages, including one uniquely by train! It's a heartfelt reminder to make time for adventure, friendship, and what truly matters.

FRESH COAST FILMMAKER PANELS

Join Fresh Coast filmmakers, film subjects, and friends for panel discussions on Saturday and Sunday morning.

Grab a coffee and gather in the upstairs space of Evergreen Market (connected to Donckers) for inspiring morning conversations. Panels are presented in collaboration with Interlochen Public Radio and the Points North Podcast.

Saturday,
October 18 +
Sunday,
October 19

8:30 – 9:00am
Coffee

9:00 – 9:45am
Conversation

BLOCK

CATCHING PINECONES

1 film in this block • 71 minutes

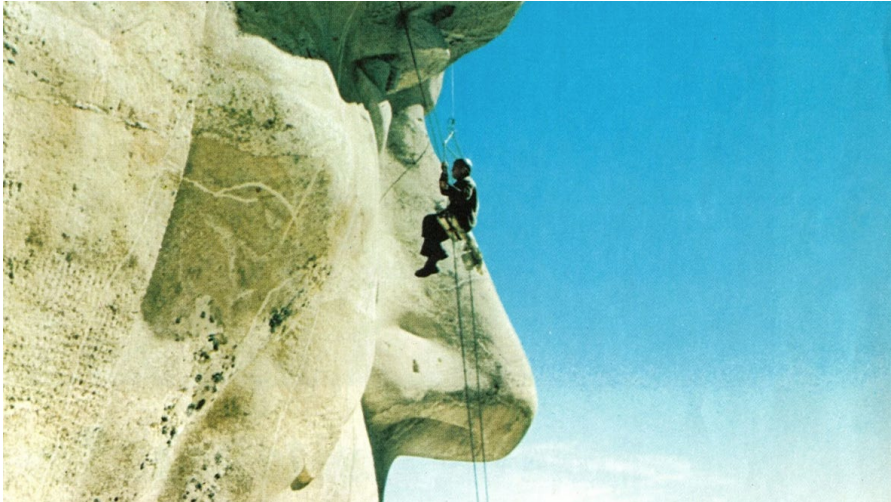
SHOWINGS

Saturday October 18

12:00PM Blackrocks Brewery

Sunday October 19

10:00AM The Honorable Distillery



Catching Pinecones

2025 • USA • 71 MIN • Chad Heddleston

Filmmaker in Attendance, Michigan Premiere, Staff Pick

Catching Pinecones is the story of Jan and Herb Conn, pioneering rock climbers and cave explorers who lived life to the fullest on their own terms. Rejecting a conventional lifestyle in pursuit of adventure and fun, the Conns' story reveals a legacy of renowned discoveries and their philosophies for a simple, well-lived life.

FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

FLOWING FORWARD

5 films in this block • 75 minutes

SHOWINGS

Saturday October 18

10:00AM PWPL – Community Room

Sunday October 19

10:00AM Blackrocks Brewery



Weathering the Change: Climate Adaptation at Rush Creek

2025 • USA • 9 MIN • Ben Albert

Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere, Filmmaker in Attendance

In the face of climate change, Wisconsin conservationists are protecting the plants and wildlife at Rush Creek State Natural Area. Using fire and innovative adaptive techniques, their proactive approach offers a model for building resilience across our natural spaces in an uncertain future. In partnership with the Natural Resources Foundation of WI.



A Wilderness Act

2025 • USA • 12 MIN • Tom Deschenes and Nisogaabokwe Melonee Montano

Filmmaker in Attendance, Michigan Premiere

Indigenous and Western ways of knowing come together through the collaboration of an Anishinaabe scholar and college professor to redefine our understanding of wilderness and argue for the return of fire to our forests.

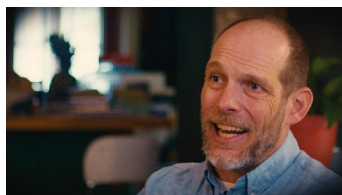


Flowing Forward

2023 • USA • 15 MIN • Christy Frank, Alex Goetz

Filmmaker in Attendance

Mud-thick boots, cold farmers, an adze chopping holes for tiny trees in a huge field. These are memorable images from a film that follows one recent restoration project of Ohio's Black Swamp Conservancy to tell the larger story of the history and mission of the Conservancy.



A Seething Underneath: Water Contamination in Wisconsin

2025 • USA • 16 MIN • Nels Lindquist

Filmmaker in Attendance, World Premiere

A Seething Underneath explores the stories of three Wisconsin communities grappling with the devastating challenges posed by water contamination—from lead in Milwaukee's drinking water, to nitrate-polluted groundwater in the state's farm country, to the threats posed by factory farming on the shores of Lake Superior.



Dinosaur Fish

2025 • USA • 23 MIN • Jason Whalen

Filmmaker in Attendance

The Lake Sturgeon has existed virtually unchanged for more than 130 million years. It survived a meteor impact and outlived the dinosaurs but we've found out it couldn't survive in the face of human development. With only 1% remaining in the Great Lakes, conservationists in Lake Huron's Saginaw Bay are working to bring this iconic species back.

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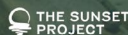
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FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

GOLD

1 film in this block • 80 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 17

10:00AM Ore Dock – The Station

Saturday October 18

2:00PM Women's Federated Clubhouse



GOLD the Documentary

2024 • USA • 80 MIN • Paige McKenna

Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance, Adult Language, Adult Themes, Nudity, Staff Pick

GOLD is a documentary exploring the lives of four current dancers and the owner of the Gold Nugget strip club in Spread Eagle, Wisconsin. The film focuses heavily on Dusty's story, who was a dancer in the 90s. She has owned the club for 30 years, and runs the club in a way that empowers women, guiding them to further education, encourages them toward sobriety, and offers respect and support through unconditional (and sometimes tough) love.

BLOCK

GREEN BLAH

1 film in this block • 119 minutes

SHOWINGS

Saturday October 18

12:00PM Ore Dock – The Station

Sunday October 19

12:00PM The Honorable Distillery



Green Blah: The History of Green Bay Punk Rock

2024 • USA • 119 MIN • James Baker and Chris Pretti

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

Green Blah! The History of Green Bay Punk Rock is a documentary that tells the story of the punk scene of Green Bay, WI. Green Bay is the hometown of the smallest NFL franchise, the Green Bay Packers. It's also home to paper mills, pickle factories and cheese curds. Green Bay fostered a punk scene that spawned from meager beginnings and had a hard-core roster of local punk bands some with ties to the football team itself!

FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

I RISE AGAIN

1 film in this block • 94 minutes

SHOWINGS

Saturday October 18

7:00PM Fresh Coast Basecamp

Sunday October 19

12:00PM Ore Dock – The Station



Resurgo: Detroit

2025 • USA • 94 MIN • Stephen McGee

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

Detroit endured six decades of massive disinvestment, losing its primary industry in what is often described as the largest economic withdrawal in U.S. history. Its industry collapsed, its skyline dimmed. Yet the city's spirit refused to vanish. Some call what followed the greatest comeback story in the nation. Others insist Detroit never left at all.

Now, through the eyes of a two-time Emmy Award-winning filmmaker and the voice of a celebrated poet, comes a story told from the ground up. Drawn from a twenty-year archive of over three million photographs and thousands of hours of unseen footage, this cinematic journey redefines an iconic city through the lives of the people who lived it.

Saturday evening only: Producer, film subject and Detroit Poet Laureate, Jessica Care Moore, will be giving a reading during the program and will host a book signing prior to the film in the tent between 6:00-7:00PM.



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FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

IN THE WIND

3 films in this block • 75 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 17

10:00AM The Honorable Distillery

Sunday October 19

2:00PM Ore Dock – Community Space



Where the Wind Takes You

2025 • Norway • 12 MIN • Ryan Rumpca / Nate Dodge

Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere, Filmmaker in Attendance

Following in his father's footsteps of polar exploration, captain Peter Schurke takes us up the West coast of Svalbard in a small sailboat, dwarfed by the towering mountains of this arctic archipelago.



Platte To Platte

2025 • USA • 18 MIN • Grant Piering

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

Grant takes an unconventional road trip in a tiny 33 year old kei car from Japan, with a simple goal: to challenge the narrative that electric vehicles are the greener choice.



'A'a (An Islands Twinkle)

2025 • USA • 45 MIN • Mysto

Family Friendly

A cross pacific journey to find one's homeland on a 26 foot voyaging canoe. Join a pacific islanders path from learning the stars to eventually rediscovering their island.

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BLOCK

LIKE THUNDER

1 film in this block • 55 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 17

12:00PM PWPL – Community
Room

Saturday October 18

2:00PM Ore Dock –
Community Space

Sunday October 19

2:00PM Women's Federated
Clubhouse



Like Thunder

2025 • USA • 55 MIN • Mark Serao

Michigan Premiere, Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance, Adult Themes

In 2022, 17-year-old Marquette High School student Jordan DeMay's life ended. What looked like a suicide revealed something far more sinister, an international scheme that preyed on his trust.



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- ☐ Save next year's dates
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- ☐ Discuss a film with
a new friend
- ☐ Introduce yourself
to a filmmaker
- ☐ Adventure on an
outdoor tour
- ☐ Eat and drink at a
local restaurant

BLOCK

LOOK BACK; MOVE FORWARD

5 films in this block • 69 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 17

12:00PM PWPL – Shiras Room

Saturday October 18

10:00AM The Honorable Distillery



Asylum: Not Abandoned (Sizzle Reel)

2025 • USA • 4 MIN • Kate and Rob Houle

Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance, Work in Progress

Filmmaker Kate Arpke Houle unravels her father's unusual childhood inside a rural Wisconsin mental hospital, where he and his siblings grew up among patients. *Not Abandoned* explores family, resilience, and confronting darkness with curiosity in this unfolding Midwestern tale.



Lake Leelanau, Spirit of the Lake

2024 • USA • 24 MIN • Keith Patterson

Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance, Family Friendly

Blending stunning visuals, heartfelt stories, and expert perspectives, *Lake Leelanau, Spirit of the Lake* is a heartfelt tribute to a lake that continues to shape the identity and memories of its community.



Detroit to Gloryland

2024 • USA • 6 MIN • Sierra Club Creative Team

Subject in Attendance, Family Friendly, Representative in Attendance

Eight Detroit youth venture to Yosemite National Park to meet legendary Park Ranger and fellow Detroiter, Shelton Johnson. A homecoming in the High Sierra ensues and the next generation is inspired to connect with and protect precious outdoor spaces.



Boundless Water

2025 • USA • 11 MIN • Jorden Susewitz

Filmmaker in Attendance

Boundless Waters tells the story of Jorden Susewitz—a seasoned conventional fisherman who had seemingly reached the pinnacle of his smallmouth bass pursuits. Feeling a sense of stagnation, he discovered the art of fly fishing, igniting a newfound passion and opening up a world of angling opportunities.



Camp Daggett – A Centennial Celebration

2025 • USA • 24 MIN • John Curtis

Family Friendly

A heartwarming tribute, this centennial documentary celebrates tradition, nature, and the lasting impact of Camp Daggett on Northern Michigan families.

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BLOCK

LOST AND FOUND

4 films in this block • 55 minutes

SHOWINGS

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Saturday October 18

12:00PM PWPL – Community Room

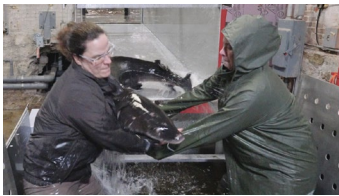


Language Back

2025 • USA • 8 MIN • Dusan Harminc

Filmmaker in Attendance, Michigan Premiere

A short documentary about the importance of Native American language revitalization shot in Milwaukee, Keshena and Bjorklund with Indigenous Nations Poets.



Return of the Lake Sturgeon

2025 • USA • 11 MIN • Daniel Larson

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

Green Bay Lake Sturgeon during their spring spawning run are blocked from traveling up the Menominee River by the first set of dams. The 12-minute documentary explores the sturgeon lift operation, how the sturgeon make their way past the dams and spawn 22 miles upriver at the Grand Rapids Dam.

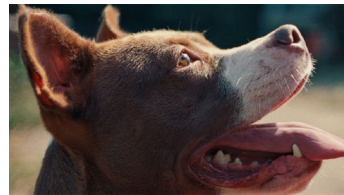


Bloodhound Dog

2024 • Canada • 13 MIN • Louis Moulin

Filmmaker in Attendance, Has Subtitles, Michigan Premiere

Bloodhound handlers play a vital role in Québec's hunting ecosystem, helping locate wounded and lost animals. Follow Yves Martineau through the long waits and intense searches that come with the job.



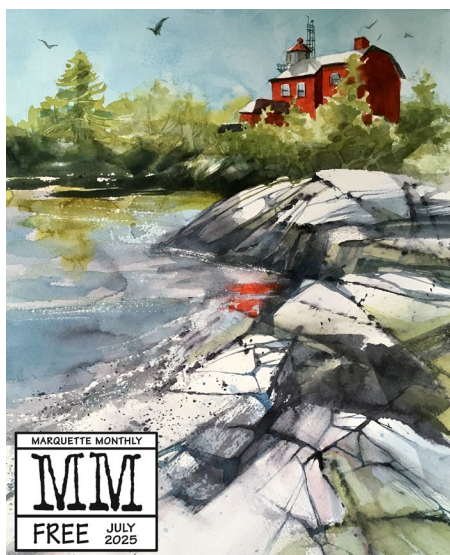
Land of Lost Toys

2025 • USA • 23 MIN • Nicholas Stachurski

Filmmaker in Attendance, Adult Language, Has Subtitles, Staff Pick

In the heart of Detroit, *Land of Lost Toys* follows residents united by a passion to combat the city's stray dog epidemic. This mosaic of characters navigates life's challenges while discussing spaying, neutering, and the effects of disposability culture, lack of municipal support, and care for "humans' best friend." Through lead character James, we see the world of dog fostering and rescuing and the emotional support dogs provide amid personal hardships.

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BLOCK

MISSISSIPPI SPEED RECORD

1 film in this block • 44 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 17

2:00PM The Honorable Distillery

Saturday October 18

2:00PM Ore Dock – The Station



Mississippi Speed Record: An Epic Adventure

2024 • USA • 44 MIN • Alex Maier and Amy Robin

Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere, Filmmaker in Attendance

Four paddlers race against time to break the Guinness World Record on the mighty Mississippi—2,340 miles of brutal conditions and sleep deprivation, paddling 24/7 for over two weeks. With a large support crew behind them, it becomes clear that a record like this can't be broken with skill alone—they'll need teamwork, strategy, and a bit of luck.

BLOCK

OUT HERE

4 films in this block • 82 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 17

10:00AM PWPL – Shiras Room

Saturday October 18

10:00AM Blackrocks Brewery

**Mother River**

2025 • USA • 7 MIN • Jeremiah Schuster

Filmmaker in Attendance, Michigan Premiere

A look into Devin Brown's journey as she seeks to be the First black female on record to kayak the entire Mississippi River.

**Haagua**

2024 • USA/Mexico • 16 MIN • Marc Chavez and Octavio Aceves Coutiño

Has Subtitles, Michigan Premiere, Family Friendly

Over 400 years ago, a major disturbance disrupted nature's law along the West Coast, reshaping coastlines, Indigenous life, and traditions. Now, a new wave emerges, allowing Indigenous communities to thrive in harmony with nature. *Haagua* portrays the deep bond between Great-Grandmother Ocean and her great-grandchildren, where surfing is more than a sport—it is a cultural revival, reconnecting with ancestral ways of life.

**Our Terrain**

2025 • USA • 29 MIN • Anna Brannon

Michigan Premiere, First Time Filmmaker

Missouri isn't a place most people think of for ultra running. But on the rolling hills and chunky karst terrain, race director Shalini Bhajjan built Terrain Trail Runners, a community of long-distance trail runners. Follow three members as they take on her toughest race: 100 miles through extreme weather in the Ozark foothills.

**Color Out Here: Breaking Ice & Building Community**

2025 • USA • 30 MIN • Alan Helzer

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

Rooted in representation, place, and public learning, this segment follows Alice Lyn and community members to Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where they learn to ice climb at Michigan Ice Fest. *Color Out Here* highlights BIPOC representation in the outdoors, exploring activities, environmental narratives, and the intersection of identity with nature to inspire inclusion and equitable access.

FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

PASS IT ON

7 films in this block • 60 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 17

12:00PM Women's Federated Clubhouse

Saturday October 18

12:00PM The Honorable Distillery



The Seven Grandfathers Teachings

2025 • USA • 5 MIN • City of Marquette
Public Art Commission

*Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere,
Representative in Attendance*

The Seven Grandfathers Teachings sculpture, created by renowned Anishinaabeg artist Jason Quigno, is an installation in the public art collection of the City of Marquette that honors the foundational principles of Anishinaabe culture.



The Little Ancestor

2024 • Canada • 11 MIN • Alexa Tremblay-
Francoeur

Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere

On a windswept hill, in a place still young and devoid of all life, an ancestral house builds itself. The house comes to life and unveils its long life of one hundred and fifty years. Brick by brick and beam by beam, each action, big or small, shows life. Over the years, it

leads us to feel the passage of time, the transformations of its surroundings and its vulnerability in the face of the unstoppable frenzy of our urban growth. The house evolves quietly in the heart of a growing and buzzing city that will eventually bring its end.



First Waves Beaver County

2025 • USA • 5 MIN • Rishi Sethi

*Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly,
Michigan Premiere*

First Waves Beaver County documents the expansion of the Watersmith Guild's groundbreaking youth environmental education program into the Beaver and Ohio River valleys in the aftermath of the ethylene cracker plant's penalties for pollution.

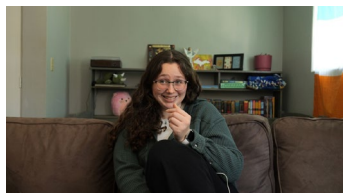


Yours, Marquette: A Project Knot Work Film

2024 • USA • 10 MIN • Eleanor Dohrenwend (lead director), Vesper Clark-Bonk, Iris Dohrenwend, Ondine Clark-Bonk, Graceyn Kitchel, Edith Kitchel, Atlas Erdman, Nathie Adams, Aegis Duck MacIvor-Andersen, Charlotte Lester, Zoe Gramana, Levin MacIvor-Andersen

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly, First Time Filmmaker, Student Filmmaker

A perspective of life in Marquette, MI through the lens of Project Knot Work, a community of 12 self-directed homeschooled kids.

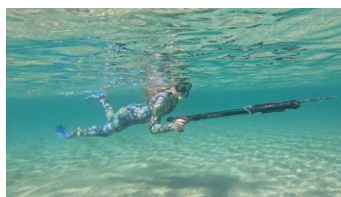


For Nokomis

2025 • USA • 11 MIN • Ainsley Patterson

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere, World Premiere, Student Filmmaker

A short documentary about three generations of Ojibwe women from L'Anse, Michigan, sharing their stories about intergenerational trauma.



Beneath The Surface

2025 • USA • 6 MIN • Nathan Fairbanks

Michigan Premiere

Set against the breathtaking landscape of the Great Lakes, *Beneath The Surface* follows a group of young girls from a Northern Michigan town as they embark on a summer of self-discovery and adventure including the challenging art of spearfishing in the cold, clear waters of the Great Lakes.



Roots

2024 • USA • 12 MIN • Danny Schmidt

Has Subtitles

In the Dominican Republic, baseball is more than just a sport—it's a way of life. Every child dreams of playing in the "big leagues," and nearly every adult knows someone who has. However, as the nation's passion for baseball flourishes, its natural environment is under threat from rapid development. Mangroves, which provide vital ecological benefits, are being destroyed to make way for new infrastructure. Despite this, there is hope.

FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

SKI!

2 films in this block • 63 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 17

10:00AM Blackrocks Brewery

Sunday October 19

2:00PM The Honorable Distillery



Reviving the Legend

2025 • USA • 26 MIN • Ian McGrew

Michigan Premiere, Staff Pick, Family Friendly, First Time Filmmaker

With a single Facebook post, a small mountain in upstate New York received national attention and captured the hearts of the entire ski industry.



Of The Black Sea

2025 • USA • 37 MIN • Hennie van Jaarsveld

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

Join Turkic-American pro-skier, Giray Dadali, on his journey to answer a life-long question: Which has a greater influence; the heritage from which you descended or the culture in which you were raised?

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SNAIL HUNTERS

1 film in this block • 61 minutes

SHOWINGS

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12:00PM Ore Dock – The Station

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12:00PM PWPL – Shiras Room



Snail Hunters

2025 • USA, Ecuador • 61 MIN • Jim Aikman

Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere

A team of evolutionary biologists from the University of Idaho travels to the Galápagos Islands to solve the Earth's biodiversity crisis. The twist? They aren't studying the iconic tortoises or blue footed boobies on this storied archipelago—they are Snail Hunters, studying a more unlikely subject in the crucible of evolution. By understanding the unique traits that make snails a champion of coexistence, the multi-disciplinary scientists hope to unlock a brighter future for humanity and the planet.

FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

SOMETHING IN THE WATER

4 films in this block • 58 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 17

2:00PM PWPL – Shiras Room

Saturday October 18

2:00PM The Honorable Distillery

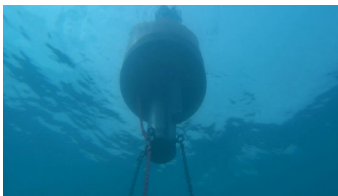


Something in the Water

2024 • USA • 12 MIN • Nateya Taylor

Filmmaker in Attendance

Something in the Water follows five water justice advocates who discuss how Milwaukee's Black communities are disproportionately being lead poisoned, the debilitating effects it has on residents' health, and their hopes to see equitable change that will heal the water and Black resident's relationship to it.



Pulse of the Great Lakes

2025 • USA • 11 MIN • Daniel Wroblewski

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly, Student Filmmaker

A look at the annual efforts to deploy and maintain the data collecting buoys by the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee's School of Freshwater Sciences. From scientists and sailors to weather forecasters and beachgoers, these buoys play an integral part of our lives to help us better understand and respond to the changing conditions of the Great Lakes.

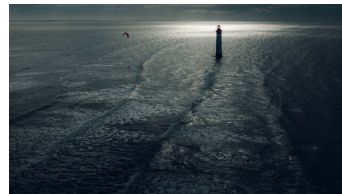


Restoring Northern Michigan's Rivers

2025 • USA • 3 MIN • Jason Whalen/
Fauna Creative

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere, World Premiere, Representative in Attendance

From Rugg Pond Dam on the Rapid River in Kalkaska to the Crystal River in Leelanau, this film follows the Conservation Resource Alliance's River Care program and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians as they restore Northern Michigan's rivers—reconnecting waters, renewing habitats, and honoring cultural ties.



The End of the World

2024 • France • 31 MIN • Anthony Lietart

Family Friendly

Maxime Chabloz is a seafarer, a man of the sea, a versatile athlete and a lover of the wind and watersports. Often surrounded by the ocean and other enthusiasts, this time he decides to go alone on a unique journey to the end of the world and this ode to the sea.

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BLOCK

THE BRINK

4 films in this block • 72 minutes

SHOWINGS

Saturday October 18

10:00AM Ore Dock – Community Space

Sunday October 19

10:00AM Ore Dock – Community Space



Beyond the Ashes

2025 • USA • 15 MIN • Kevin Paczesny & Jada Pearson

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

In November 2016 Gatlinburg, Tennessee was devastated by a wildfire that impacted thousands of families and businesses. *Beyond the Ashes* tells the stories of the families and businesses affected by the fire and how one city demonstrated resilience during its darkest times.

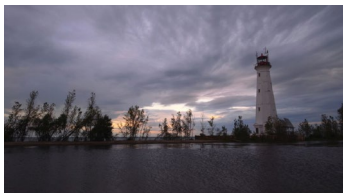


Saving The Night Caller | Uncovering Echoes In The Dark

2025 • Canada • 21 MIN • Gregg McLachlan

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere

A hauntingly beautiful documentary following wildlife researchers from Birds Canada and the University of Waterloo into the forests of southwestern Ontario to uncover the mysterious world of the Eastern Whip-poor-will—a nocturnal bird whose call once echoed across the night and is now slowly falling silent.

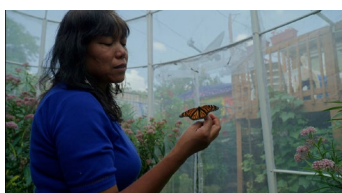


The Bird House | On The Edge At Long Point

2023 • Canada • 16 MIN • Gregg McLachlan

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere

Filed over two field seasons spanning three years, *The Bird House* tells the story of the impacts of weather, storms and high water at Canada's most isolated bird banding and research station located at the tip of a 20-mile long wind-swept sandspit in the middle of Lake Erie.



Sueños De Una Monarca (Dreams of a Monarch)

2025 • USA/Mexico • 20 MIN • Julián Trejo Bax

Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance, Has Subtitles, First Time Filmmaker, World Premiere, Making Waves Recipient, Staff Pick

After turning her Chicago home into a monarch butterfly sanctuary, Claudia Galeno-Sánchez, an environmental activist, Mexican immigrant, and mother is on a mission to save the monarch butterfly, an important symbol for both her family and millions of others in the United States.

BLOCK

THE DEVELOPER

1 film in this block • 85 minutes

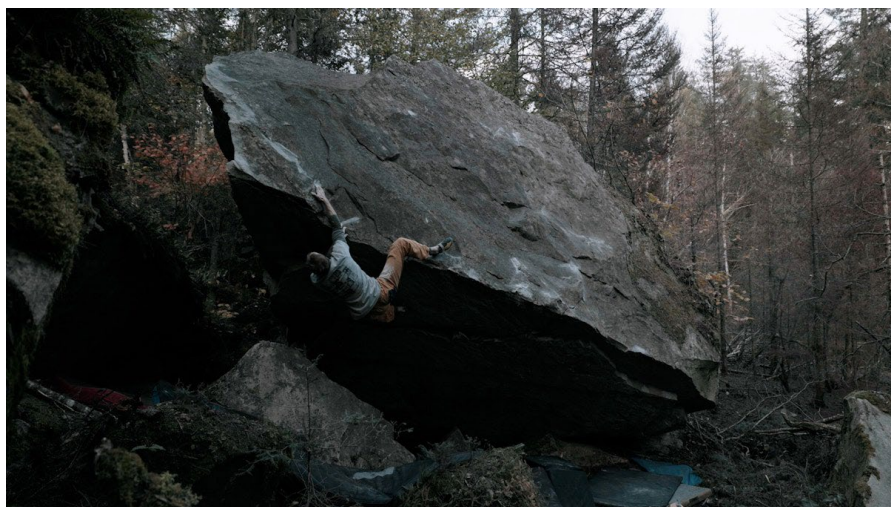
SHOWINGS

Friday October 17

12:00PM The Honorable Distillery

Saturday October 18

2:00PM PWPL – Shiras Room



The Developer

2025 • USA • 85 MIN • DJ Viernes

Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance, Adult Language, Staff Pick

The Developer is about outdoor climbing areas and how they are discovered, established, and maintained. Follow Michigan climber Brendan Baars and his journey to put The Nooks—a newly developed crag in northern Ontario—on the climbing community's map.

BLOCK

THE HARVEST

6 films in this block • 55 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 19

10:00AM PWPL – Community Room

Sunday October 19

10:00AM Women's Federated Clubhouse

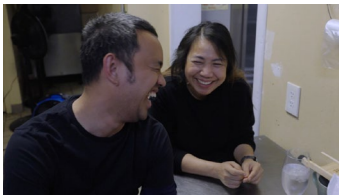


This is FLINT | Almar Orchards

2025 • USA • 4 MIN • Aaron Peterson, Darryn Schulte

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly

Almar Orchards near Flint, Michigan is a five generation farm and Michigan's first organic apple orchard. Family bonds and unique climate characteristics help the Koan family provide food for their community and hard cider to the world.



Taste of Home

2025 • USA • 11 MIN • Jordan Boehm

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

Taste of Home follows Mimi and Eak, a Thai couple who run a beloved restaurant in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Through a blend of vérité footage and intimate interviews, we observe a full day in their lives, from morning prep to closing time, they navigate the joys and challenges of running an authentic Thai kitchen in America.



(In)Security

2024 • USA • 10 MIN • Christopher Lemkuil

Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance

Food security is an issue for residents of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. *(In)Security* explores the food systems in the U.P., and how a few organizations are working to improve access to quality food.



The Healing Soil: Detroit's Urban Farming

2024 • USA • 12 MIN • Isabelle Tavares

Has Subtitles, Representative in Attendance, Michigan Premiere, World Premiere, Family Friendly

Urban farming empowers Detroiters to reclaim their food supply. Three Detroiters to share what urban farming does for them emotionally and physically. Their stories are unique, but all use urban gardening to connect with their communities and understand what's going in their bodies.



The Forest

2019 • USA • 10 MIN • Jorden Susewitz

Filmmaker in Attendance

The definition of a trophy hunt is different for all hunters. This adventure and the path is my trophy taken. *The Forest* features the opportunity to go afield in the wild places of Northern Michigan's pristine public lands in search of whitetail deer and your own personal adventure.



The Spirit Gardens at Bad River

2025 • USA • 8 MIN • Finn Ryan

Michigan Premiere, Family Friendly, World Premiere, Representative in Attendance, Filmmaker in Attendance

The pristine waters and winding channels of the Bad River and Kakagon Sloughs hold the largest wild rice beds in the Great Lakes. Managed through time by the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, the sloughs are recognized internationally for their exceptional quality. They also remain under threat from an aging oil pipeline and impacts of climate change. The video is a segment of an upcoming hour-long documentary, *Estuaries in the Balance: Freshwater Nurseries of Lake Superior*, which is being produced by Hamline University's Center for Global Environmental Education.



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FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

THE INNER SEA

1 film in this block • 52 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 17

10:00AM Ore Dock – Community Space

Saturday October 18

12:00PM Women's Federated Clubhouse



The Inner Sea

2024 • USA • 52 MIN • Kate Stapleton

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

The Inner Sea is an unconventional love story—a story about music, adoption, the journey of a lifetime, and a bright blue 40 foot school bus. This film explores the complex issues of identity that result from the decision to place a child for adoption. It is also a film that explores the role that art plays in suffering, and healing.

BLOCK

THE INVISIBLE MAMMAL

1 film in this block • 89 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 17

7:00PM Fresh Coast Basecamp

Sunday October 19

2:00PM Ore Dock – The Station

**The Invisible Mammal**

2025 • USA • 89 MIN • Kristin Tièche

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

Against the backdrop of the sixth mass extinction, an all-woman team of biologists sets out to save bats from a deadly fungal disease. When the COVID-19 pandemic interrupts their work, they are sent down a path of discovery revealing the connections between bat conservation and infectious disease. *The Invisible Mammal* follows “Team Fat Bat,” led by Dr. Winifred Frick of Bat Conservation International, as they combat white-nose syndrome, mentor the next generation, and pilot innovative research projects in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. Despite setbacks from the pandemic and misinformation about bats, the team achieves positive results, culminating in the awe-inspiring “batnado” at Bracken Cave, symbolizing hope for North America’s bats.

FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

THE LIFE WE HAVE

5 films in this block • 65 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 17

10:00AM PWPL – Heritage Room

Sunday October 19

10:00AM Ore Dock – The Station



Love & Sugar

2024 • USA • 4 MIN • Thomas C Johnson

Family Friendly

Love & Sugar celebrates how Stephen Loveland, renowned Saint Paul, Minnesota ice cream man, purposefully inspires kindness.



A Caregivers Journey

2024 • USA • 8 MIN • Andrew J. Morgan
& Nick Nummerdor

Family Friendly

A Caregivers Journey puts a spotlight on the lives and experiences of two Michigan caregivers who are caring for their aging loved ones. It's a heartfelt first-hand look at the joy and challenges that come with caregiving.

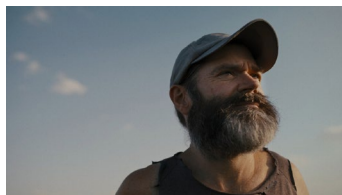


Honk for Peace

2025 • USA • 17 MIN • Sabrina Greener

Subject in Attendance, First Time Filmmaker

In the wake of the Iraq war, anti-war protesters began gathering on a street corner in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. Twenty years later, a small but dedicated group still gathers, their message unchanged.



The Life We Have

2025 • USA • 24 MIN • Sam Price-Waldman

Michigan Premiere, Staff Pick

For over three years, Rob Shaver, 48, has run at least a mile every single day. Through rain, pain, and the weight of a terminal cancer diagnosis, his daily streak has become more than a habit—it's an act of resilience, a step-by-step refusal to surrender to his disease. *The Life We Have* traces Rob's two-decade journey with stage four cancer, confronting profound questions at the heart of the human experience: What gives life meaning when time feels fragile? How do we keep moving forward when suffering feels endless?

As the film unfolds and Rob's story deepens, we are invited into an intimate meditation on mortality, movement, and a reminder to cherish the life we have.



When I'm in the Water

2025 • USA • 12 MIN • Kennedy Layton

Family Friendly, Staff Pick, Filmmaker in Attendance

When I'm in the Water is a film centered around a group of women, called the Old Ladies Against Underwater Garbage, in Cape Cod, Mass. fighting to revitalize not only their

own lives and the lives of their fellow group members, but the ecosystems consisting of hundreds of ponds in the Cape. Throughout their journey to clean up the ponds, members of the group have found an accepting and supporting community to aid them in their personal journeys, harnessing their mental fortitude and discovering physical strength at their age.



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FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

THINKING DIFFERENTLY

5 films in this block • 72 minutes

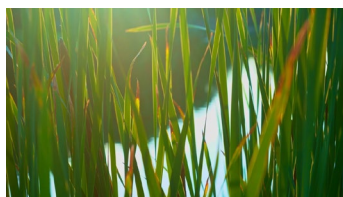
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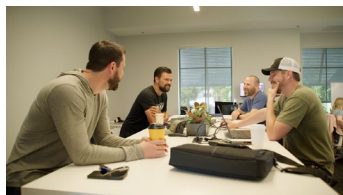


An Outlook on Your Life

2024 • USA • 4 MIN • Sydney Spiridon

Family Friendly, Student Filmmaker, First Time Filmmaker

A visual essay from a first-time filmmaker explores how life is beautiful and complex. Enjoy every second of every day you have in this life. One day it will all be gone.

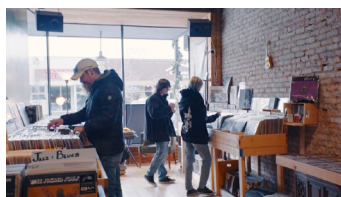


The Bird and the Bee

2024 • USA • 18 MIN • Matt Pirrall

Adult Language, Filmmaker in Attendance

How does a satire comedy website find itself on the front lines of the debate over free speech online? Seth Dillon and his team at the Babylon Bee tell the story of how they unwittingly found themselves at war with Twitter over a joke, eventually garnering the attention of Elon Musk and ushering in a new era for the social media company.

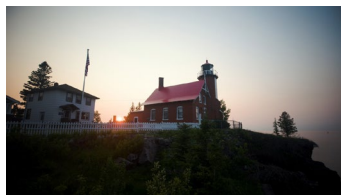


ENTREPRENEUR

2025 • USA • 13 MIN • Nate Sheppard

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

What does it take to start a small business in rural Wisconsin? *ENTREPRENEUR* explores the stories of four interconnected businesses in a historic building in downtown Rhinelander.



A Paranormal Night in Eagle Harbor Lighthouse

2025 • USA • 15 MIN • Eric Machiela

Filmmaker in Attendance, Michigan Premiere, World Premiere

On the shores of the Keweenaw Peninsula, a group of paranormal investigators break out their ghost hunting equipment and expertise to prove the historic Eagle Harbor Lighthouse is haunted. But their evidence leaves some unconvinced.



Driven Apart

2025 • USA • 22 MIN • Rachel Kozlowski

First Time Filmmaker, Filmmaker in Attendance, Student Filmmaker

A documentary about urbanism and life on the road—how is a car centric society changing the way we interact?



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FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

TO BELONG

3 films in this block • 58 minutes

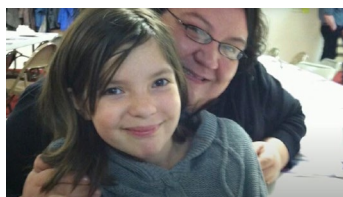
SHOWINGS

Friday October 17

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Of Two Worlds

2024 • USA • 13 MIN • Mikayla Swanson

Filmmaker in Attendance

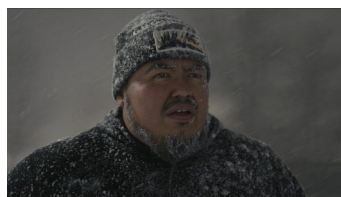
The story of hardship, growth and resilience many indigenous women experience.



Your Last Best: A Memphis Rox Story

2025 • USA • 16 MIN • Glen Janssens

Hope comes to a South Memphis neighborhood that has struggled with basic resources. It takes the unlikely form of a climbing gym, where Jarmond Johnson and others experience different outcomes on the wall. From the Director: An incredibly devastating note that has changed the trajectory of our film and the entire Rox community—Jarmond Johnson—the film's main subject and a deeply loved figure in the Memphis Rox community was shot and killed on June 29th while doing the work he loved, serving the people he loved. The whole community has been rocked, but they've responded with love, resilience and positive action.



Citizen: The Jilmar Ramos Gomez Story

2025 • USA • 29 MIN • José Guadalupe Jiménez Jr.

Filmmaker in Attendance, Has Subtitles

Citizen explores the near deportation of Grand Rapids, Michigan-born U.S. citizen, Marine, and combat veteran Jilmar Ramos Gomez. This film scrutinizes the system that nearly expelled him, the collaboration between local law enforcement and I.C.E., and raises critical questions about who gets to define what it means to be American.

BLOCK

TRUST

4 films in this block • 55 minutes

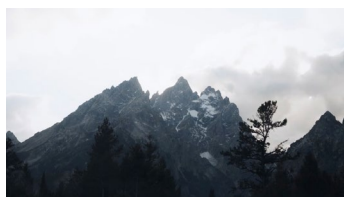
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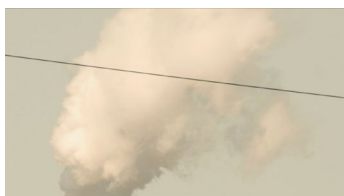


Is It Worth It?

2025 • USA • 8 MIN • Summit Olson

Adult Language, Michigan Premiere, First Time Filmmaker, Student Filmmaker, Filmmaker in Attendance

A 17-year-old's first film offers an intimate look at the climate crisis, current events and a trip West through a teenagers eyes. It is brave to admit you are scared.

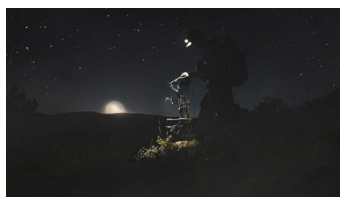


To Trinity

2025 • USA • 15 MIN • Ryan Broussard

Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere, Student Filmmaker

When a father is faced with health issues caused by nearby petrochemical plants, he must make a decision: stay and fight for his community, or leave and save his family.

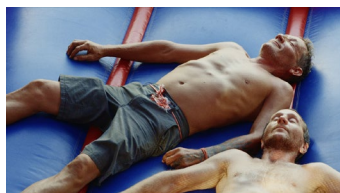


Trust

2024 • USA • 12 MIN • Jorden Susewitz

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly

This story is about the relationship between an ARCHERY TECH and a HUNTER who holds a once-in-a-lifetime archery elk tag in Utah.



Bouncy Brothers

2025 • USA • 20 MIN • Nicholas J. Santore

Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance, Michigan Premiere

Bouncy Brothers examines the unspoken bond of brotherhood and what it looks like to take a second crack at the American dream.

FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

TURTLE WALKER

1 film in this block • 75 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 17

2:00PM Women's Federated Clubhouse

Saturday October 18

2:00PM PWPL – Heritage Room



Turtle Walker

2024 • India, USA • 75 MIN • Taira Malaney

Has Subtitles, Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere, First Time Filmmaker, Staff Pick

In the late 1970s, Satish Bhaskar embarked on an epic journey along India's coastline and the spectacular Andaman and Nicobar Islands, where he uncovered the vital nesting beaches of sea turtles. During his death-defying quest, he unravels mysteries surrounding these enigmatic ocean creatures—and sets out to save them from extinction.

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FILM BLOCK DETAILS

BLOCK

WE REMAIN

6 films in this block • 58 minutes

SHOWINGS

Friday October 17

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Saturday October 18

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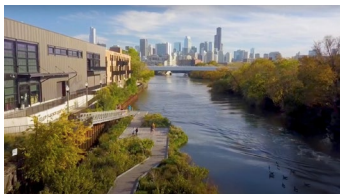


This is FLINT | Mama Sol

2025 • USA • 4 MIN • Aaron Peterson, Darryn Schulte

Filmmaker in Attendance, Family Friendly

Mama Sol is a spoken world artist, rapper and community activist in Flint, Michigan. This is more than a hustle, it's her passion, and she's proud to rep the 810.



The Wild Mile: A River Reborn

2025 • USA • 9 MIN • House of Bug Productions

Michigan Premiere

Explore the evolution and transformation of a stretch of the Chicago River into a thriving habitat and neighborhood fixture through the Wild Mile, the world's first floating eco-park planned and developed by nonprofit Urban Rivers.



The Last to Leave | saving the ash tree from extinction

2025 • USA • 10 MIN • Nick Loud

Filmmaker in Attendance, Michigan Premiere, World Premiere

The film tells the story of how researchers discover 'lingering ash' trees, and use them to genetically breed emerald ash borer resistant trees. They hope to someday plant resistant trees back in forests across the country. A production from Points North Podcast & The Boardman Review in partnership with Great Lakes Now / Detroit PBS.



Gigiigemin Baaga'adoweyang "We are healed by stickball"

2024 • USA • 11 MIN • Finn Ryan

Filmmaker in Attendance, Michigan Premiere, Staff Pick

In its creation story, the game of Baaga'adoweyin is given as a gift and tool for life. After forced assimilation, the game was suppressed and remained dormant for almost a century. This film shares the

return of Baaga'adowewin, or stickball, as Ojibwe communities walk the path of cultural revitalization and exercise their treaty rights to continue to heal from historical traumas and overcome challenges of today.



Voices of The Grand River

2024 • USA • 10 MIN • Andrew Doyle

Filmmaker in Attendance, Subject in Attendance, Family Friendly, First Time Filmmaker, Student Filmmaker

Ron Yob, chairman of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, seeks to gain federal recognition for his tribe from the federal

government. Through Yob's fight, he walks viewers through the historical evidence of the tribe's presence in Grand Rapids to understand why the tribes deserve their federal rights.



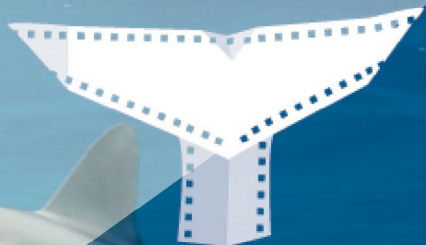
Edgelands

2025 • USA • 14 MIN • Ben Weaver

Family Friendly, Michigan Premiere, World Premiere, Making Waves Recipient

Using relationship as a method of storytelling, *Edgelands* explores urban green spaces to see what's thriving despite impositions of modern infrastructure.

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary is bringing the world of cinema to Alpena! The 4,300 square-mile sanctuary protects an incredible collection of 200 shipwrecks. Preserved in clear, fresh Lake Huron water, they offer world-class diving, snorkeling and paddling opportunities. Get into your sanctuary by climbing the steps of a lighthouse, splashing around on a snorkel expedition, taking a glass bottom boat or kayak tour, or plunging below the waves to explore a majestic schooner. To learn more visit the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, the sanctuary's visitor center and shipwreck museum, located in downtown Alpena.



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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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MAKING WAVES

2025 Film Screenings



Edgeland

Directed by Ben Weaver



Sueños De Una Monarca (Dreams of a Monarch)

Directed by Julian Trejo Bax

Screening in 2026

Miss Adventure

Directed by Mikah Meyer

The Only Coast

Directed by Rishi Sethi

White Mountains 100

Directed by Ryan Rumpca

2024 Recipients



A Bird in the Hand

Directed by Christy Frank
and Alex Goetz



Michigan's Skiing Legacy

Directed by Ryan Busch

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

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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 17 | 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.



HUNT FOR HARLOW'S WOODEN MAN

FRI | OCTOBER 17 | 8:00AM

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Join this walking tour as we go on the hunt for the 149 year old wooden Man!



QUEEN CITY GROUP RUN

FRI | OCTOBER 17 | 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.



KONA HILLS AND HARVEY QUARRY TOUR

FRI | OCTOBER 17 | 8:00AM

**Kona Hills Campground
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Join us for an engaging tour of the historic Harvey Quarry site and the scenic Kona Hills Campground.

We'll begin at the base of the quarry, where you'll observe approximately six distinct rock formations. From there, we'll ascend the formation to explore a striking area of exposed stromatolite fossils. The tour continues through the campground to the back rock outcropping, offering sweeping views of Marquette and eastward toward Harvey. We'll conclude at the front rock outcropping, where you'll enjoy breathtaking 270-degree views of Lake Superior.



SUNRISE WITH BUGSY

FRI | OCTOBER 17 | 7:45AM

Shiras Park

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Upper Peninsula. Come join Fresh Coast co-founder Bugsy as he documents another sun rising out of Lake Superior! This will be Bugsy's 2,482nd consecutive sunrise. Be sure to say hi if you seem him around the fest.



ECHO LAKE

FRI | OCTOBER 17 | 4:00PM

Down Wind Sports

Echo Lake Nature Preserve is a gem in Marquette's natural landscape. The preserve offers hiking through lush forests, high bluffs of exposed granite bedrock, wetlands, creeks, three high rock ponds and Echo Lake

itself. As you approach the lake, the serene waters reflect the surrounding nature, providing a perfect spot to relax and take in the scenery. The preserve is known for its tranquil atmosphere, making it ideal for birdwatching, photography, or simply enjoying a peaceful day in nature.



ROCK CLIMBING SUNSET GULLY

FRI | OCTOBER 17 | 4:00PM

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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!



MARQUETTE MURAL TOUR

FRI | OCTOBER 17 | 4:00PM

Natural Mural – BeWell Building

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

of public art tells a unique story of community and creativity. Led by the City's Arts & Culture Manager, this easy stroll offers insight into the local history and current culture of Marquette. Start your morning with a fun conversation and gain a whole new appreciation for our beloved and beautiful downtown!

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



MORNING YOGA

SAT | OCTOBER 18 | 8:00AM

Unity Yoga Co-op

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.



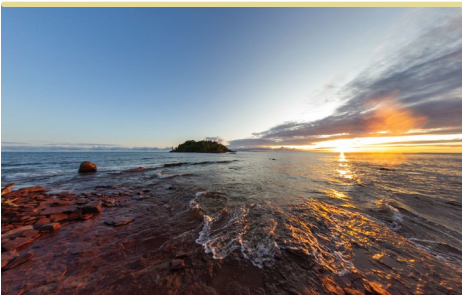
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Little Presque Isle

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MARQUETTE ON FIRE!

SAT | OCTOBER 18 | 8:00AM

FCFF HQ / Marquette Commons

One of the most significant events in Marquette's history was the great downtown fire of 1868. Come see where it all happened, what was destroyed, and how it affected how Marquette looks today.



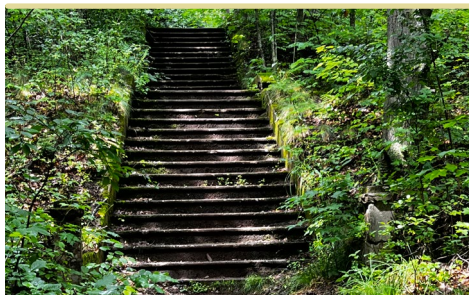
WETMORE BOG OLD GROWTH TRAIL HIKE

SAT | OCTOBER 18 | 8:00AM

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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.



STAIRS TO NOWHERE

SAT | OCTOBER 18 | 4:00PM

Down Wind Sports

Why are they there? Where did they go? Time to travel back in time and visit this thriving town and discover what has happened to it.

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CULTURAL TRAIL WALKING TOUR

SAT | OCTOBER 18 | 4:00PM

**Whetstone Brook/
Founder's Landing Park Deck
(640 S Lakeshore Blvd)**

Join us for a guided walk along Marquette's downtown harbor area,

highlighting three sites along the city's new Shoreline Cultural Trail. Along the way, we'll explore stories that connect land, water, and community, with a special stop at The Seven Grandfather Teachings sculpture by Anishinaabeg artist Jason Quigno. The story of this powerful public artwork is also featured as a short in the festival. This is your chance to step into the screen's scene and experience it for yourself!



SUNRISE WITH BUGSY

SUN | OCTOBER 19 | 7:45AM

McCarthy's Cove

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MARQUETTE HARBOR TOUR

SUN | OCTOBER 19 | 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.

OUTDOOR TOURS



HISTORICAL HOMES TOUR / LONGYEAR MANSION

SUN | OCTOBER 19 | 8:00AM

Down Wind Sports

Explore the rich history of Marquette on a captivating walking tour of its historic homes. This guided

experience takes you through charming neighborhoods, showcasing beautifully preserved architecture from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Learn about the stories of influential residents and the city's vibrant past while admiring stunning Victorian, Colonial Revival, and Craftsman-style homes. As you stroll along tree-lined streets, you'll uncover the unique character of Marquette, making it a perfect blend of history, culture, and community.

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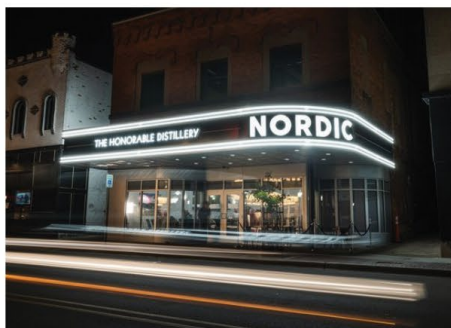
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