

MAYFLY FILM FESTIVAL

2026 FILM PROGRAM

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The Mayfly Film Festival features a diverse program of international short films showcasing stories of sustainability, stewardship, and the environment. This year's program presents 8 short films the focus predominantly on humans and some animals that are facing climate change either as activists, or as it affects them.

The Mayfly is very vulnerable to pollutants. When researching water quality, the presence of Mayflies can indicate that the water has less pollution or is getting better. We believe that this sensitive and ancient species is a perfect mascot for our delicate environment and all the issues surrounding its survival. They have existed since before the dinosaurs, and we hope that our actions will lead to seeing them around well into the future.



Ephemeral - 7:00

Italy

Directed by: Daniela Aurora Echvearria, Nicolò Dugnani

This short documentary is a reflection on our relationship with other forms of life. It confronts us with mayflies, tiny insects that go largely unnoticed. Shot in a torrent in Curone Park, Lombardy, the film is an invitation to pause and observe, to become more aware of how we coexist with other non-human beings.



Abalone Eyes - 10:15

United States: California

Directed by: Jazmin Garcia

Told through the efforts of Danielle – aka Abalone Eyes, or Ducky to her friends –, this poetic document in film follows her plight to protect the Trinity River that flows the length of Hoopa lands. Retracing Danielle's activism journey through conversations with elders and honored rituals, Abalone Eyes looks to shed light on the intersections of water justice, native justice, climate justice, and mental health – telling how the Hoopa's deep connection with the land, and struggle to protect it, runs as deep as the Trinity River that has served as the life force of the community for generations.



Glacier Exit - 5:15

United States: Alaska

Directed by: Raphael & Kristin Rogers

In Seward, Alaska, Exit Glacier is melting at an astonishing rate. Local guide Rick Brown has witnessed first-hand how the glacier's rapid disappearance has affected the local community. This stunning short film examines Exit Glacier's dramatic impact and gives a voice to one of the many people affected by climate change.

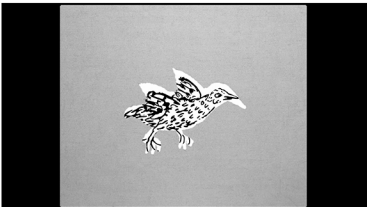


On The Stream - 10:00

United States: Indiana

Directed by: Grant Michael

A documentary film about Al White, an Indiana flyfisherman whose journey to the river becomes a reflection on life. Al's transition from a turbulent youth to finding peace in fly fishing is both deeply personal and universally human. He finds that the water can be a place of healing, that community can come from unexpected places, and how important it is to encourage others to find their own way to have peace in a chaotic world.



EX-Tract - 3:04

Switzerland

Directed by: Marcel Barelli

Inspired by cine-tracts from the 1960s and animated with water, Ex-tract is a reflection on our memory and the ongoing extinction. "When I was a child, I didn't know I was living during a mass extinction."



The Man With the Magic Brush - 7:40

Canada

Directed by: Nate Laverty

Mark Hobson is an award-winning, world-renowned painter who has spent the past thirty years capturing the pristine natural beauty of Vancouver Island's rugged West Coast.

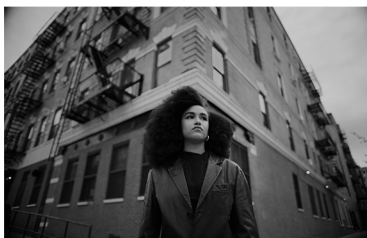


The Dancing Bees - 2:10

United Kingdom

Directed by: Gwilym Evans

A visual poem woven from a man's love of beekeeping. Cornish beekeeper Jo Widdicombe has been keeping bees for 50 years. Through a chance experience, Jo discovered the thought-extinct European Dark Honey Bee (*Apis mellifera mellifera*), and recultivated it back into its native Cornwall.



Young Lordes Collective - 8:37

United States: New York

Directed by: Jazmin Garcia

With still photography by Carlos Jaramillo, and cinematography by Edson Reyes, The Young Lordes Collective captures New York City through the eyes of a new generation – for whom, driving social and environmental change is safeguarding their own future. Contributing to an ongoing fight for the survival of a declining planet, soon to be under their care, the film explores the fragility of earth as it stands, and the collective strength of the YLC in its efforts to sustain it.