
Natural Heroes at SolFest 2010

Summaries of films shown Sept. 25-26

Films will show in series twice daily, beginning at 11 am and again at 1:30 pm

THE SERIES IS PRODUCED BY VALERIE LANDES AND KRCB-TV.
MORE INFO FOR ALL FILMS FEATURED: WWW.NATURALHEROES.ORG



Brower Youth Awards

This film features six extraordinary young people who are recognized for their outstanding activism and achievements in the fields of environmental and social justice advocacy. Earth Island Institute established the Brower Youth Awards to honor founder and legendary environmental activist, David R. Brower and to call forth a new generation of leaders. “My secret,” Dave Brower has said, “is to surround myself with bright, young people, stand back, then wallow in their accomplishments.”

This film features 2008 award winners. This year’s Brower Youth Award winners will be honored on October 19 at the Herbst Theatre in San Francisco. Tickets are free for this energizing event. More information is available at www.earthisland.org.

Global Oneness

Five inspiring short films from across the globe encourage harmony between people, and connectedness with every living thing. Oneness proposes that all beings as part of a vast family, calling us to be responsible for this family and care for the land with unconditional love and responsibility.

More information, and more inspiring films about our connectedness at globalonenessproject.org

Voyage of the Vézo

The Vézo (Vay-zoo) are the coastal society of southwest Madagascar. Maro fishes the reef every day. As he begins to catch fewer and smaller fish, Maro and his young nephew question whether the Vézo's relationship with the ocean has fallen out of balance. Sailing from village to village on a personal journey with master and apprentice, Maro teaches his nephew the Vézo way. *Voyage of the Vézo* is a vibrant and intimate view of Vézo society, and their delicate relationship with the sea.

This film was not created for us, an American audience. It was created for and with the Vézo communities, encouraging conservation in their relationship with the sea.

The Story of Stuff

The Story of Stuff is a fast-paced, fact-filled look at the underside of our production and consumption patterns. It exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental and social issues, and may change the way you look at all the stuff in your life forever.

Over 10 million people have watched The Story of Stuff online. TheStoryofStuff.com now features The Story of Bottled Water and Cosmetics. I encourage you to view and share these mini “wake-up calls” with others. <http://www.storyofstuff.com/> Teachers have actually been suspended because they showed this film in their classrooms, after parents complained that this film is anti-consumerism, so it must be anti-American!

The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil

Cuba, an isolated island nation, rebuilt its quality of life following the collapse of cheap oil, supplied by the former Soviet Union. This fascinating and empowering film shows how communities pulled together, created solutions, and ultimately thrived in spite of their decreased dependence on imported energy.

Cuba became a living example of how a country can successfully traverse what we all will have to deal with sooner or later, the reduction and loss of finite fossil fuel resources.