

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival was started in 2003 by the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL, pronounced 'circle'), a nonprofit river conservation organization located in Nevada City, CA in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. The organization was formed in 1983 when a small group of concerned citizens banded together to fight against several proposed dams. The festival's namesake is in celebration of achieving Wild & Scenic status on 39 miles of the South Yuba River in 1999. The festival celebrates its annual event in Nevada City and Grass Valley, CA each January featuring more than 100 award-winning films and welcoming filmmakers, celebrities, and activists who bring a human face to the environmental movement.

SYRCL's Wild & Scenic Film Festival is a call to action! Films can serve as a potent tool to educate and inspire activism and growth, and Wild & Scenic is committed to offering programming that addresses environmental injustice, racism, and inequity as well as lack of representation in the outdoors and environmental movements. The films chosen by WSFF illustrate not only the challenges facing our planet but the work communities are doing to protect the environment and the places we love. The stories give us a sense of place and what it means to be responsible stewards of the earth.

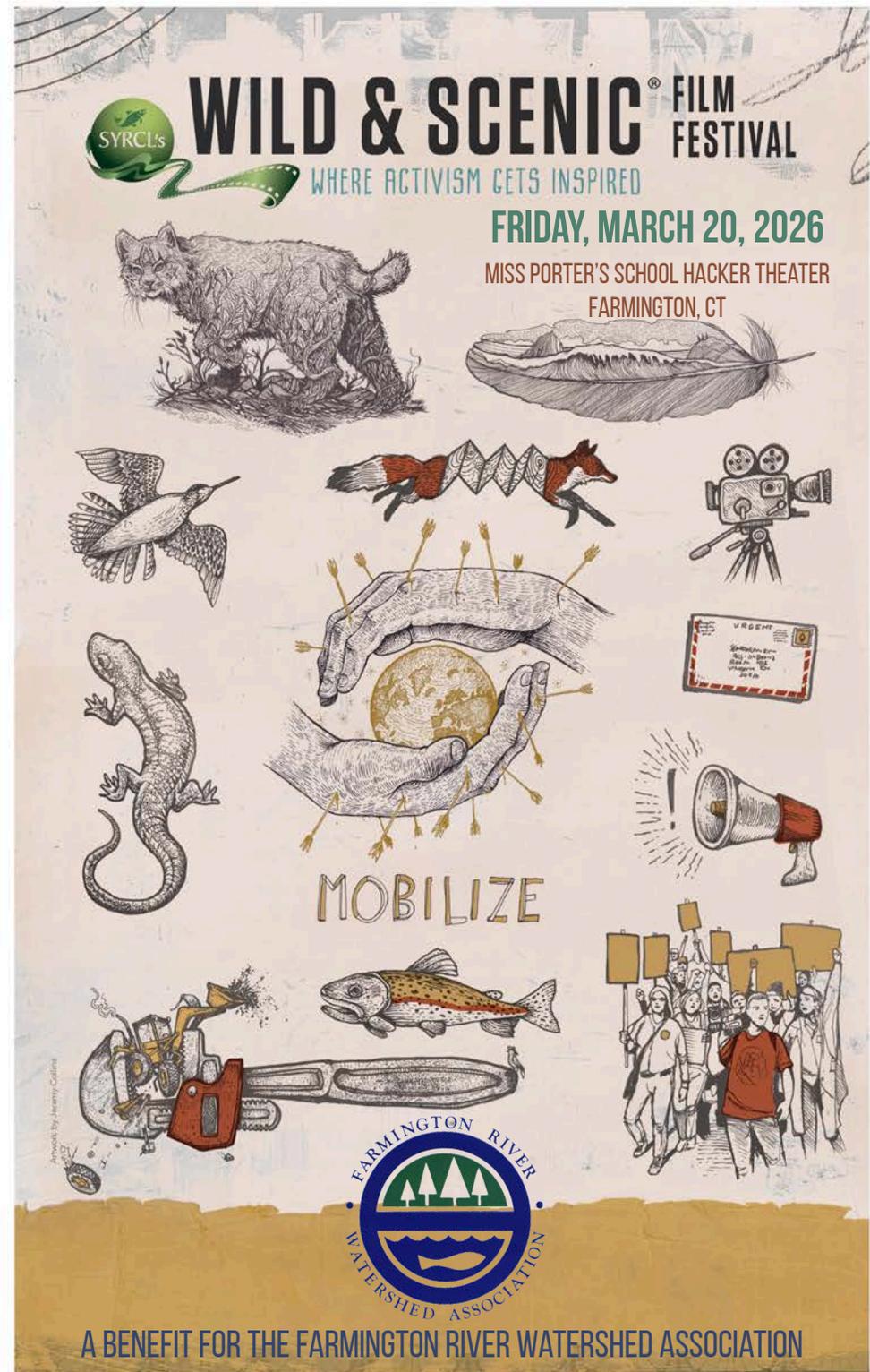
Once the curtain closes in Nevada City and Grass Valley, SYRCL shares their success with other organizations by taking the film festival On Tour to over 100 communities across the continent. The tour, now reaching over 30,000 people a year, is building a grassroots network of organizations connected by a common goal of using film to inspire activism. The festival's National Partners: Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Tangled Bank Studios, Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, Earthjustice, and Nia Impact Capital have joined together to support this campaign. They help to bring these inspiring and provocative films to communities across the globe.

Enjoy the festival!



For more information about  
Wild & Scenic's flagship festival and SYRCL:  
[wildandscenicfilmfestival.org](http://wildandscenicfilmfestival.org)  
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The Farmington River Watershed Association (FRWA) is excited to bring you some of the favorite films of the Wild & Scenic Film Festival, the largest festival of its kind in the United States.

FRWA is a citizen-based, non-profit organization. It was founded by concerned local residents in 1953 to address the critical water quality problems of that era.

Today, FRWA leads in addressing Farmington River issues through research, education, outreach, and advocacy.

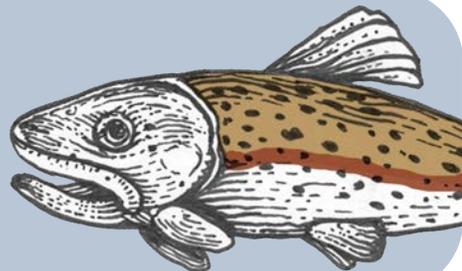
We work with federal, state and local governments, business and industry, and with people in the watershed's 33 communities in CT and MA to protect the river and its surrounding landscape.

With the help of members, supporters and partners, we look after the river that connects us all, with a wide range of programs and projects. We invite you to join us in this important effort!



Learn more at [frwa.org](http://frwa.org)

**Enjoy the festival!**



**Thank you to our dedicated staff, Board of Directors, sponsors and donors, members and volunteers for making the Farmington River Watershed a better place for all - now and for the future!**

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## TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

### WELCOME



**Fall into Winter** 6min

**It's Time** 4min

**Friends of Frogpool Lane** 7min

**Flora, Fauna, Funga** 17min

**Don't Doubt the Trout** 13min

### INTERMISSION

**FRCC River Stewards** 4min

**Beyond Beliefs** 5min

**A Home in the Grass** 6min

**Judy's Creek - Discovering the Secret Life of the Streambed** 6min

**Native to the Klamath** 14min

**A Little Story About Forever** 10min

### RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWING

Tonight's program is available as **Video-On-Demand** to you until midnight on 3/26!



**"Fall into Winter"** embraces a change of seasons in the Farmington River Valley. Stunning landscapes from Simsbury to Riverton and a close-up look at the some of our local wildlife are a reminder of the treasure that is our own wild and scenic river. Imagery by FRWA member Rick Warters is set to an original score by Board Member David Donaldson. Rick and Dave hope you'll take a moment to steep in the beauty in our own back yard and reflect on our responsibility to protect and preserve it for generations to come.



All the music played during the festival is music composed and performed by David C. Donaldson and Marc Shulman and Mixed and Mastered by Larry Saltzman at Electric Larryland Studios.

Set in the early spring thaw, **"It's Time"** weaves together maple syrup harvesting, Indigenous wisdom, and environmental awareness on the banks of the Sangamon River. Through mesmerizing visuals and flute melodies, this poetic film celebrates ancient traditions while awakening viewers to nature's delicate balance and our role in preserving it.



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The Farmington River is among the first "Partnership Wild & Scenic Rivers" with the original designation on the Upper River in 1994. Protection comes from federal, state and local town governments and other organizations with a vested interest in the health of the river.

Today, 78.6 miles of the Farmington River are protected through two different designations: The Upper Farmington River with 15.1 miles and the Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook protecting 61.7 miles.

To be considered "Wild and Scenic" a river must have at least one "outstandingly remarkable" natural, cultural or recreational value pursuant to the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Learn more at [farmingtonriver.org](http://farmingtonriver.org) and [lowerfarmingtonriver.org](http://lowerfarmingtonriver.org)





### Judy's Creek - Discovering the Secret Life of the Streambed

Follow ecologist, educator, and author, Dr. Judy Li, into the world of caddisflies, the artisans of the aquatic world. With contagious passion, Judy shares how her childhood curiosity led to a career in freshwater science, and how she has found ways to share the joys of science with audiences of all ages.

### Native to the Klamath

Told through the voices of the salmon people, this powerful story explores one of the largest river restoration efforts in history. Weaving together environmental restoration, reconciliation ecology, social justice, and traditional ecological knowledge, the film shares the renewal of the Klamath River through the sacred stewardship of the Klamath River peoples.

FRWA worked with Miss Porter's School and Princeton Hydro in September 2025 to remove the Grist Mill Dam on the Farmington River!



### Friends of Frogpool Lane

Follow a group of vigilante crossing guards as they help frogs and salamanders navigate a busy road on a rainy spring night—ensuring these determined amphibians safely reach the unique wetland critical to their life cycle.



FRCC funding a **fungus diversity study** of the Upper Farmington River in 2023. Visit [FarmingtonRiver.org](https://FarmingtonRiver.org) to read the report!



### Flora, Fauna, Funga

This visually stunning film follows mycologist Giuliana Furci's search for new mushrooms in far southern Chile. Joined by biologist and author Merlin Sheldrake and mycologist Toby Kiers, the trio illuminates how fungi underpin every ecosystem on Earth through nutrient cycling and essential plant relationships—and outline a strategy for greater fungal inclusion in conservation policy.

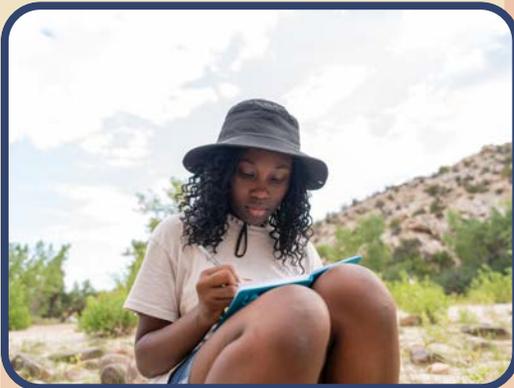
### Don't Doubt the Trout

Bernard and Rebecca of the surf rock band Par Avion are also passionate fly fishing anglers and conservationists. As ambassadors for CalTrout, they document the health of Southern California waterways and advocate for the removal of Malibu's 100-foot Rindge Dam—an obstacle to endangered Steelhead trout. Demolition is planned to begin in 2028, marking a hopeful chapter for river restoration.



### FRCC River Stewards

The upper Farmington River was designated Wild & Scenic in 1994; it flows through Colebrook, Hartland, Barkhamsted, New Hartford, and Canton Connecticut. In this short film, you will hear from the 2025 Farmington River Steward team about the remarkable values for which this 15.1-mile stretch of river was designated.



river trip through the wild Green River's Gates of Lodore Canyon. The only catch ... she doesn't know how to swim and is terrified of water. Join Danielle and her peers on this wonderful journey, and bear witness to her inspiring first-hand account of what it took to go beyond her beliefs about water, and how that expanded the vision for her future.

### Beyond Beliefs

A young woman from Cleveland, Ohio earns a scholarship to attend a 4-day

### A Home in the Grass

Since 1970, North America has lost 3 billion birds. As grassland bird populations continue to decline, one conservationist's act of devotion represents hope in a world where natural habitats are disappearing every day.



### A Little Story About Forever

This short film about forever unfolds from the POVs of father (Max) and son (Kip) as they attempt to write a book about what forever means. The father feels overwhelmed by all of the threats to forever, like forever chemicals, and calls an unlikely hero – Mark Ruffalo – to ask for help seeing the big picture.