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Wild Virginia Announces Second Online Festival: ‘Walking in a Winter WILDLand’

After postponing our yearly film festival and the success of our spring online film festival during COVID-19, we are excited to present “Walking in a Winter WILDLand,” an online show featuring beautiful films and musical performances. For those who register here to receive their viewing password, showing will begin at 6 p.m. on December 11, 2020 and the program will be available for viewing through 8 p.m. on December 13th. We hope to bring families some inspiration after a chaotic year, to say the least.

Admission to the Festival is FREE, but we will appreciate any donations anyone can give to help us continue our important work; to connect and protect your wild places. This year, with support from our Wild Virginians, we were able to stop projects like the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and introduce bills that help connect wildlife habitat while keeping drivers safe on our roads. For just $10 during the festival you can become a member of Wild Virginia (or renew your membership) – we’re hoping to sign up at least 100 new or renewing members during the festival.

For our spring festival, we reached over 700 people across our nation, and we are excited to bring beautiful wildlife and local artisans to viewers.

The first 200 people registered have a chance to win wonderful prizes furnished by local merchants, including gift certificates to The Whiskey Jar, Chocolate Bars from Wild Blue Chocolate, Art by Katie Keller, and much more. Everyone who watches the event will have a chance at the grand prize: A guided canoe trip from Friends of the Middle River. Look for the secret code during the show to enter!

Films featured are from Freshwaters Illustrated and local wildlife photographer Steven David Johnson, to help inspire a world that is more conscious of freshwater life and more sympathetic to the cause of freshwater conservation within Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities. Wild Virginia will be showing the feature film “Hidden Rivers”, “Noatak”, “Of a Greater Power” and “Ephemeral.”

To show the love to our local wildlife, the critters at the Wildlife Center of Virginia will be introducing each film! Your kids will not want to miss this.

Musical acts will be shown from ARTivism Virginia, a group that provides a supported connection between artists and activists fighting the Mountain Valley and Atlantic Coast Pipelines. ARTivism showings include “This Fight is Now” and “Fire on the Mountain”. Other musical performances by The Falsies and The Hackensaw Boys.

This online event will bring empowering films and music to Virginia during such uncertain times, showing that our work does not stop for a pandemic. Individuals who are joining us virtually can purchase their special edition ‘Walking in a winter WILDLand’ long sleeve t-shirt from Illumine Collect, an outdoor apparel company that is a dedicated business partner and supporter of Wild Virginia.

Following the event, we will be having an exclusive interview with wildlife photographer, Steven David Johnson, to discuss the creation of his beautiful and fascinating wildlife short films.

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