

Wild & Scenic Film Festival On Tour – Flussfilmfest Berlin

20–22 January 2017, Kino Moviemiento, Kreuzberg

An environmental film festival featuring river advocacy and ventures into the aquatic world

GRÜNE LIGA and partners will present **Flussfilmfest Berlin** in January 2017 – bringing the “Wild & Scenic Film Festival On Tour” to Europe for the second time. The three day event combines the screening of around 40 films with talks and discussions led by scientists, film makers and activists. Five thematic sessions will feature the beauty of free-flowing rivers, paddling adventures, the call to save the last wild rivers in Europe’s mountain regions – from the Alps to the Carpathian mountains and the Balkans – and ways to oppose the global boom of hydropower dam construction.

The **Wild & Scenic Film Festival** was started in 2003 by the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL), a nonprofit river conservation organization located in Northern California in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. The festival celebrates its annual event in Nevada City every January featuring over 100 award-winning films and welcoming filmmakers, celebrities, and activists who bring a human face to the environmental movement. Other organizations are taking the film festival On Tour to 150+ communities worldwide. The tour is building a grassroots network of organizations connected by a common goal of using film to inspire activism – www.wildandscenicfilmfestival.org/on-tour. The name alludes to the “wild and scenic rivers” of the US, a network of free-flowing rivers of outstanding ecological, scenic or recreational value, and strongly protected under federal or state law.

“Wild & Scenic is a call to action. We show environmental and adventure films that illustrate the Earth’s beauty, the challenges facing our planet and the work communities are doing to protect the environment.”

Take a look at the **20 Wild & Scenic films** for Berlin: www.wildandscenicfilmfestival.org/events/grune-liga.

Among two dozen other films we will screen [THE BREACH](#) and [BELO MONTE: AFTER THE FLOOD](#), as well as kayak videos from the [Balkan Rivers Tour 2016](#).

Partners

The festival in Berlin is be presented by **GRÜNE LIGA** (Green League), an environmental non-profit based in Berlin. GRÜNE LIGA's Water Policy Office works on water protection, living rivers and water policy in Germany, Europe and internationally – www.wrrl-info.de. The festival is funded by the Federal Environment Agency (UBA) and the Federal Environment Ministry (BMUB).

Berlin based **Leibniz Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries (IGB)** will provide scientific views on river management and aquatic sciences as IGB scientists participate in discussions. IGB will also present the winning films of its river film competition “FlussFilmWettbewerb”: www.igb-berlin.de.

Patagonia supports the festival within its “One Percent for the Planet” initiative. River advocacy is a focus of Patagonia’s support for environmental grassroots organisations, which includes funding for a number of film projects: www.patagonia.com.

The “Save the Blue Heart of Europe” campaign of **Euronatur** and **RiverWatch** and partners is an effort to protect rivers in the Balkan region from excessive hydropower development and dam construction. Euronatur will be present at the festival – www.balkanrivers.net.

Further inputs to the thematic sessions are provided by **GETIDOS**, initiators of the **Big Jump Challenge** connected to the European River Swimming Day – www.getidos.net – www.bigjumpchallenge.net, by **GegenStrömung – CounterCurrent**, an initiative advocating human rights and environmental protection with regard to the involvement of German companies and government agencies in hydropower dam projects (e.g. Belo Monte) – www.gegenstroemung.org and by **ASW**, a German development NGO, that supports the movement of Xingu Vivo para and the resistance to the dam-buildings on the Tapajos river in Brasil. www.aswnet.de.

Program

Friday, 20 January 2017

18:00 – 23:00 Wild & Scenic Opening Night

- 18:00 – 18:15 Opening
18:15 – 19:30 SHORT FILMS: Wild & Scenic Shorts
PADDLE FOR THE NORTH (Canada 2015)
Break
20:00 – 21:00 SHORT FILMS: Salmon, fish migration and river continuity
Discussion with Dr. Christian Wolter, IGB
Break
21:30 – 23:00 THE BREACH (USA 2014)
23:00 Get-Together, Movimento lounge

Saturday, 21 January 2017

15:30 – 18:00 Aquatic Sciences Morning Edition: Films and Discussions with IGB Scientists

SHORT FILMS: River restoration, water uses and conflicts, reintroduction of fish species
FREIHEIT FÜR DIE FLÜSSE. NATURSCHUTZ ODER KLIMASCHUTZ? (Germany 2016)
Presentation of **FlussFilmWettbewerb** –river film competition WINNING FILM

18:30 – 22:00 Alpine Wild Rivers of Europe – Last Chance to See?

- 18:30 – 19:45 SHORT FILMS on hydropower conflicts: Alps, Balkans, Carpathian Mountains
Discussion with Theresa Schiller, EuroNatur's Balkan rivers campaign „Save the Blue Heart of Europe“, Mihela Hladin, Patagonia and Dr. Rafael Ziegler, GETIDOS
Break
20:30 – 22:00 TIMELESS RIVER (Slovenia 2010)
Get-Together, Movimento lounge

Sunday, 23 January 2017

11:00 – 14:00 Wild Rivers & Wild Creatures

- 11:00 – 12:30 SHORT FILMS: Blautopf Cave exploration, Black Bears, Osprey, Salamanders
12:30 – 13:00 AUGEN DER LANDSCHAFT (GDR 1983)
13:00 – 14:00 DER BAYERISCHE LECH – GEFÜRCHTET, GELIEBT, GEFANGEN (Germany 2015)
Discussion with Heinz Förder, film author

18:00 – 21:00 Rivers for Life: International Dam Conflicts

- 18:00 – 19:30 BELO MONTE: AFTER THE FLOOD (Brazil/USA 2016)
Discussion with Christian Russau, CounterCurrent and Silke Tribukait, ASW
SHORT FILMS on dam conflicts in Latin America and Africa
20:15 – 21:00 SEARCHING THE HUCK (Romania 2016)
21:00 Get-Together, Movimento lounge

All films will be screened in their original version (mostly English/with English subtitles).

Film synopses and further information: www.wrrl-info.de

Tickets online: www.movimento.do