

## 2010 Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival - Don't Miss it!

Wild Virginia is proud to be hosting the 2010 Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival "On Tour." The festival spans two evenings and two venues in two cities: Wednesday, March 24, at the Vinegar Hill Theater in Charlottesville, and Thursday, March 25, at the Visulite Cinema, in Staunton. Screenings will be at 7pm. We will be showing 16 different films in all, with an entirely different slate of films at each venue.



**The Last Descent**, 2009, Kathryn Scott, Charlie Center, Scott Ligare, Directors

Wild and Scenic On Tour brings together a selection of films from the annual festival held in the second weekend of January in Nevada City, California. The films tell a story about our planet, our beautiful and precious wildlands, and the people of the communities who love and defend them. They open our eyes and hearts to fantastic experiences in remarkable places. They beckon us towards action, highlight issues, and provide solutions.

The Charlottesville show will feature a series of short films, including the Wild and Scenic Festival's 2009 People's Choice Award winner, *The Last Descent* which documents a journey by a group of world-class whitewater kayakers to some of the world's most amazing rivers ... descending them possibly for the last time. The Marsyangdi River of Nepal, the Brahmaputra River in India and the White Nile River in Uganda are all threatened

or are in the process of being destroyed by large scale hydroelectric projects. The film closes in California with the Tuolumne River and the growing movement to restore Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite National Park.

We will also be showing *Homegrown Revolution* which tells the story of an urban homestead in downtown Pasadena whose 1/10 acre garden has produced 3 tons of organic food over 20 years while incorporating many back-to-basics practices, as well as solar energy and biodiesel. Our guest Charlottesville emcee will be Paul Wagner, an Academy Award-winning independent filmmaker who has produced and directed over thirty films in his thirty-year career.

The Staunton show will feature *Rita*, winner of the 2008 Young Filmmakers Award at the Wild & Scenic Film Festival 2008 and Best Family Short from the Boulder Adventure Film Festival. *Rita* is a true story of a seven-year-old girl who, during one of her family's expeditions high in the Himalaya of Nepal, befriends a seven-year-old Sherpa girl named Rita. Together they embark on a wild and touching adventure over an 18,000 ft. pass near the base of Mt. Everest.

In addition to a variety of other short films, we will be showing *Division Street* which highlights a new generation of ecologists, engineers, city-planners, and everyday citizens who are transforming the future of the American roads and landscape from



**Homegrown Revolution**, 2008, Jules Dervaes, Director

pristine roadless areas to concrete jungles. The guest emcees for the Staunton evening will be Bruce Dorries and Steve Grande from Mary Baldwin College.



**Papiroflexia**, 2007, Joaquin Baldwin, Director

**Door prizes and a raffle!**

**Admission \$8 each night.**

**Advance tickets in C'ville at Blue Ridge Mountain Sports.**

**Advance tickets in Staunton at Mint Spring Frame Shop.**

**We will be offering \$10 memberships at the door.**

**This is an event the whole family will love!**

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