

# Blue Water Film Festival, in celebration of UN - World Oceans Day, Announces 2023 Global Guardian Award & Film Slate

*Blue Water Film Festival announces its honorees and film line-up taking place June 8th - 11th, 2023, in celebration of UN - World Oceans Day*

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[Yvon Chouinard](#) to receive Global Guardian Award



Blue Water Film Festival Official Poster by Marsel Van Oosten

San Diego, California – The 2023 Blue Water Film Festival (BWFF) presented by the Blue Water Institute announces its honorees and film lineup for its 4th Annual Blue Water Film Festival, taking place June 8th - 11th, 2023 in celebration of United Nations World Oceans Day. The event will feature a total of 35 films; 12 feature films, 19 shorts, and 4 animated short films.

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We are delighted to showcase an amazing environmental lineup for the 4th Annual Blue Water Film Festival”

*Greg Reitman, Founder of Blue Water Film Festival.*

## GLOBAL GUARDIAN AWARD

Yvon Chouinard will receive the Global Guardian Award, which is presented to an industry leader whose contributions to the protection of the natural laws of the

environment and the world and has changed the industry for the better. The award will be presented online on Sunday, June 11th, as part of the [Blue Water Awards](#) show.

FEATURED FILMS

BWFF kicks off on June 8th with the opening night screening of Matthew Mishory's WHO ARE THE MARCUSES?, presented by the Israeli Consulate at the Museum of Photographic Arts in Balboa Park. The festival will also showcase a National Geographic feature documentary, BOBI WINE: THE PEOPLE'S PRESIDENT, and a Patagonia feature film, CORAZÓN SALADO. The centerpiece presentation will be the feature documentary, PATRICK AND THE WHALE directed by Mark Fletcher. The festival will close with the Australian feature film, BLUEBACK, directed by Robert Connolly.

#### FEATURE FILMS AT BWFF:

BLUEBACK, Director Robert Connolly  
BOBI WINE: THE PEOPLE'S PRESIDENT,  
Director Christopher Sharp and Moses  
Bwayo

CORAZÓN SALADO, Director Dani  
Casado

HAVANA LIBRE, Director Corey  
McLean

MENTAWAI - SOULS OF THE FOREST,  
Director Joo Peter

PATRICK AND THE WHALE, Director Mark Fletcher

THE SAND EATING SHARK, Director Bertrand Loyer

THREE MOONS OF BIYANGDO, Director Jon Cleave and Lucy McIntosh

WATERMAN, Director Isaac Halasima

WAVES OF GRATITUDE, Director Louie Schwartzberg

WHO ARE THE MARCUSES?, Director Matthew Mishory

WILD ISLES, Director Jon Cleave

#### SHORT FILMS AT BWFF:

ALOHA EL DÁTIL, Director Michael Stewart

CREATION THEORY, Director Ben Sturgulewski

DAUGHTER OF THE SEA, Director Nicole Gormley and Nancy Kwon

ENTRE 2 EAUX (IN BETWEEN TWO WATERS), Director Caroline Ragusa



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GENERATION IMPACT: THE SCIENTIST, Director Stephanie Wang-Breal  
HOT PINK DOLPHINS, Director Nicole Gormleyn and Peter Goetz  
IMOX, Director Gustavo Salazar  
JALPI, Director Nicole Gormley  
MAPPING THE REEF: CLOUDBREAK, Director Cliff Kapono  
SWIM THROUGH, Director Robert Whitney  
THE FARM UNDER THE CITY, Director Brett Chapman and Jordan Carroll  
THE FOREST GUARDIAN, Director Anthony Ochieng Onyango  
THE GOOD DOLPHINS, Director Pedro Furtado  
THE GREEN WAVE - MAUI, Director Emmanuel Bouvet  
THE SEA TURTLE ARRIBADA, Director Robert Whitney  
THE SHARK WITH A THOUSAND NAMES, Director Hendrik and Sebastian Schmitt  
THE WATER WALKER, Director James Burns  
TIGEREYES, Director Martina Trepczyk  
TWO KINDS OF WATER, Director Dan McDougall  
ANIMATED FILMS AT BWFF:  
A POLAR BEAR STORY, Director Vanessa Nilsson  
THE FLOATING WORLD, Director Hiroshi Yokota  
THE SNAIL AND THE WHALE, Director Max Lang and Daniel Snaddon  
WATER = LIFE, Director Mohammed Zare  
LOCATIONS:

The feature, shorts and animated films will screen at the La Paloma Theater in Encinitas, Digital Gym at UCSD Park & Market Street, Museum of Photography (MOPA) in Balboa Park and virtually at Blue Water Streaming.

#### SUPPORTING FILMMAKERS

The Blue Water Film Institute supports the Blue Water Film Festival as an emerging festival whose intention is to bring greater awareness to and engagement for our big blue planet's precious life supply of water—our oceans, aquifers, rivers, dams, lakes, streams, and waterway systems through cinema and engagement. BWFF, known for its environmental programming, works to provide opportunities for support and mentorship of the emerging voices of up-and-coming environmental filmmakers. It is quickly becoming known as the festival for Environmental Filmmakers; a boutique event beloved by conscious and environmental film fans and auteurs alike. Over 80% of the films in the 2023 BWFF slate will have filmmakers in attendance and online participating in Q&As following the screenings.

Passes for the 2023 Blue Water Film Festival can now be purchased at [www.bluewaterfilmfestival.org](http://www.bluewaterfilmfestival.org).

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## About Blue Water Film Festival

Founded in 2020, the Blue Water Film festival celebrates the United Nations World Oceans Day, June 8th. The Blue Water Film Festival takes place in San Diego, home to the Scripps Oceanographic Institution. The theme of the Blue Water Film Festival is about our Blue Planet; the festival purpose is to encourage attendees to think broadly about how climate change affects planet Earth and deeply about the universal concerns and actions needed to bring us into balance. About 50% of all film selections are non- US productions, helping to fulfill the festival mission of promoting cross-cultural understanding through film.

BWFF is an official 501(c)(3) non-profit. Learn more at [bluewaterfilmfestival.org](http://bluewaterfilmfestival.org).

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## About the Blue Water Institute

The year-round Blue Water Institute's purpose is to innovate for ocean-based solutions and to develop the next set of environmental filmmakers for industry change. Blue Water Institute is a non-profit organization committed to the preservation of the planet and the need to nurture the next generation of environmental filmmakers. The Institute is driven by its environmental programs that discover, innovate and support the next generation of environmental filmmakers from all over the world.

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