

# REEL EARTH

FOURTH NELSON ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL 28 August – 5 September 2010



Presented by the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust, Nelson Environment Centre and State Cinemas  
At the **Suter Cinema**, 208 Bridge St, Nelson

## ***A Fund raising event for the Brook Sanctuary and Nelson Environment Centre***

**Prices:** Gala Opening \$20. Other sessions: Adults \$14.50 & \$11.50 before 5pm; Seniors & Students \$11.50; Children (under 16) \$9; Family \$40; (2ad, 4 chd). Bookings at State Cinemas, Nelson, ph 03 548 3885 or book online [www.statecinemas.co.nz](http://www.statecinemas.co.nz)  
Advance bookings can be collected from the SELF TICKETING KIOSK located in the foyer of the State Cinemas.  
Door sales available from the Suter Cinemas from 15 mins before the advertised start time.

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### **GALA OPENING**

**Saturday 28 August 7.30pm** Wine, juice and nibbles. Guest speaker. Films start at 8pm.

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**Sunday 29 August 4pm** Total: 1hr 28

**Flood Children of Holdibari** Director: Mary Matheson :: Bangladesh :: 2008 :: 5 mins  
Bangladeshi children look at practical measures on their river island to make life easier during the floods that have become more extreme with climate change. Eye-opening maturity in eye-watering circumstances makes for compelling watching.

**Milking the Rhino** Director: David E Simpson :: USA :: 2008 :: 83 mins :: 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Feature – Reel Earth 2010  
This myth-busting film gives the Masai of Kenya and the Himba of Namibia – two of the oldest cattle cultures – their own voice in conservation and offers "... complex, intimate portraits of rural Africans at the forefront of community-based conservation: a revolution that is turning poachers into preservationists and local people into stewards of their land". A thought-provoking film that might permanently change your perspective on indigenous conservation.

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**Sunday 29 August 6pm** Total: 1hr 23

**Rethink the Shark** Director: Erica Brumage :: South Africa :: 2008 :: 1 min  
Fear of JAWS is omnipresent but is that fear justified? Expect to see more of this little beauty.

**End of the Line** Director: Rupert Murray :: UK :: 2009 :: 82 mins :: Best Environmental Sustainability Film – Reel Earth 2010  
Based on the book by investigative journalist Charles Clover, this film highlights the plight of the world's fisheries with many, such as bluefin tuna, being on the brink of extinction. It shows how desperate the situation is, how and why it's happening and, perhaps more importantly, what can be done – including specific actions each of us can take.

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**Call of Life** Directors: Monte Thompson & Chera Van Burg :: USA :: 2008 :: 89 mins :: Best Science Communication – Reel Earth

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## Thursday 2 September 8pm Total: 1hr 32

**The Bill** Director: Peter Wedel :: Germany :: 2009 :: 4 mins :: Best Ultra Short Film – Reel Earth 2010

These German blokes in a pub talk like us, but get the bill presented in a whole different light. Bring your wit and speed reading glasses, and be sure to see this one!

**The Age of Stupid** Directors: Fanny Armstrong & Lizzie Gillette :: UK :: 2008 :: 88 mins :: Best Feature – Reel Earth 2010

This cleverly structured and extraordinarily thought-provoking take on modern civilisation's oil-fuelled drag race against planet Earth. In the devastated world of 2055, the curator (Pete Postlethwaite) of an archive of relics from the last days of human civilisation asks while looking at footage from our present, "Why didn't we stop climate change when we had the chance?" Another chance to see this powerful and essential film.

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## Friday 3 September 6pm Total: 1hr 38

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**Rethink Happiness** Director: Choom Lam :: Canada :: 2009 :: 2 mins

Do all these wonderful products really make our life better? Rethink your lifestyle; rethink happiness.

**Lines of Flight** Directors: Sal Brown & Martin Wood :: UK :: 2009 :: 22 mins

The adventure and sheer joy of escape through the physically and mentally demanding world of solo rock climbing and the northern England landscape of wilderness and industrial towns provide the context for this magnificent and thoughtful meditation on environment, place and humanity. As for the climbing – it's for the utterly fearless or foolish!

**CUD** Director: Joe York :: USA :: 2009 :: 16 mins

Grass-fed beef, the family farm and a dog called Possum – it could be in NZ, but this is the USA. This frank and refreshing film is guaranteed to dismay vegetarians and horrify vegans, but offers a different perspective on agriculture.

**Homegrown Revolution** Director: Jules Dervaes :: USA :: 2009 :: 16 mins

An urban homesteader pioneers a journey toward self sufficiency in Los Angeles, inspired by a stint on the West Coast of New Zealand. The story of how a vision for sustainability can enrich a person, a family and community. An inspiration for kitchen gardeners and sustainability enthusiasts alike.

**Dark Clouds** Director: Peter Szewczyk :: UK :: 2009 :: 2 mins

A beautiful animation of rain that shatters flora and fauna. Be grateful this is not screened in 3D!

**The Hidden Life of the Burrowing Owl** Director: Mike Roush :: USA :: 2008 :: 5 mins

This little animated owl takes on his biggest predator in the real world. Will he successfully avenge his mate?

**A Simple Question: The Story of Straw** Directors: Kevin White & David Donnenfield :: USA :: 2009 :: 34 mins :: Best Short Film – Reel Earth 2010

A child's innocent question spawned an amazing response that restored not only a natural area network but also helped restore and connect a community. Starring a tiny shrimp, a massive watershed, politicians, mothers, farmers and youth, this hopeful story shows how a trickle of inspiration can develop into a cascade leading to healthier communities and streams.

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### Friday 3 September 8pm Total: 1hr 23

**Soil in Good Heart** Director: Deborah Koons Garcia :: USA :: 2008 :: 13 mins

This sampler of a forth-coming documentary celebrates the beauty of soil and plant production in a sustainable organic context and points the way to sustainable food production for the future and the profitability it creates.

**Fresh** Director: Anna Sofia Joanes :: USA :: 2009 :: 70 mins

With a charming mix of humour and pragmatism, *Fresh* celebrates the farmers, thinkers and business people across America who have begun to change the industrial model of food production to a healthier, sustainable system. Can we avoid repeating the mistakes in the USA and learn from the examples and people featured in *Fresh* – people who show that producing good, healthy, bountiful food doesn't have to cost the Earth.

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### Saturday 4 September 4.30pm Total: 1hr 10

**The Legend of the Pale Male** Director: Frederic Lilien :: Luxembourg :: 2008 :: 70 mins :: 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Feature – Reel Earth 2010

When a wild red-tailed hawk, dubbed "Pale Male" because of his colouring, settled in New York's Central Park in the early 1990s he became a celebrity. For nearly 20 years a young Belgian documented Pale Male and the effect he had on humans, including the outrage when the rich occupants of the apartment building tried to get the nest that Pale Male and his partner had set up removed. A beautiful, subtle and sometimes humorous story about hard-nosed New Yorkers discovering environmental consciousness.

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**My Crisis** Director: Joseph Procopio :: Canada :: 2009 :: 4 mins

Joseph (14) examines the oil crises for a school project and wonders if there will be a water crises in his lifetime.

**Blue Gold: World Water Wars** Director: Sam Bozzo :: USA :: 2008 :: 89 mins

Using a skilful blend of expert commentary and documentary footage, this film builds a convincing and often shocking tale of how climate change, population growth, politics, greed and ideology are already combining to create catastrophes of the highest order. With Government imposed changes in the management of Canterbury water and talk of privatising water supplies, this might prove to be one of the most topical films of the festival.

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