



Amazing Earthfest

Celebrating the Land and Life of the Colorado Plateau

16th Amazing Earthfest 2022 Schedule of Events **(Delivered Online during the Covid pandemic)**

Documentary Film - The Third Harmony: Nonviolence and the New Story of Human Nature

Available OnDemand all week!

Date: Sunday, 5/8/2022

Time: 12:00 am

Nonviolence is the greatest overlooked resource in human experience. By revealing the convergence of modern science and the world's great wisdom traditions, the film also explores the important role that nonviolence plays in the wider struggle to develop a "new story" of human nature, that, contrary to the "old story", scarcity, competition and violence are not inevitable. Rather the universe is conscious and purposeful; we are spiritual beings, and cooperation and collaboration are natural ways of interacting. (44 min)

Watch at your convenience throughout the duration of the festival, May 8-14. It is available for on demand viewing all week!

[Watch the Trailer](#)

Documentary Film - No Time to Waste: The Urgent Mission of Betty Reid Soskin

Available OnDemand all week!

Date: Sunday, 5/8/2022

Time: 12:00 am

Join Amazing Earthfest in celebrating legendary 100-year-old National Park Service ranger Betty Reid Soskin's inspiring life, work and urgent mission to restore critical missing chapters of America's story. At the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park, Betty illuminates the invisible histories of African Americans and other people of color. Her efforts have changed the way the National Park Service conveys this history to audiences across the U.S., challenging us all to move together toward a more perfect union.

“.... "A warm, wonderful, delightful, and moving portrait of one of the most interesting and charismatic people in the National Park Service. The film tells how Betty Reid Soskin has helped teach National Parks how to tell America's history while including the stories of Americans who have traditionally been left out”. Mark Stoll, Professor of Environmental History, Texas Tech University, Co-editor, *To Love the Wind and the Rain: African Americans and Environmental History*. (55 min)

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Documentary Film - Aware: Glimpses of Consciousness

Available OnDemand all week!

Date: Sunday, 5/8/2022

Time: 12:00 am

Explore boundary-pushing research in the understanding of consciousness. Follow six brilliant researchers approaching the greatest of all mysteries from radically different perspectives, from within and without: through high-tech brain research and Eastern meditation, by scientifically exploring inner space through psychedelic substances and by investigating the consciousness of plants. Scientists are arriving at new insights - some have been integral to Indigenous knowledge for millennia. AWARE opens as a science film but emerges well beyond the explicable, ultimately leading one on a voyage upon the ocean of consciousness, a contemplative, sensual, cinematographic meditation. (102 min)

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[Watch the Film Trailer](#)

Documentary Film - The Divided Brain

Available OnDemand all week!

Date: Sunday, 5/8/2022

Time: 12:00 am

A pioneering exploration of the differences between the brain's right and left hemispheres and their effects on society, history, and culture. Take a mind-altering odyssey through one man's quest to prove a growing imbalance in our brains, and to help us understand how this makes us increasingly unable to grapple with critical economic, environmental and social issues; ones that shape our very future as a species.

“... a very powerful documentary that has not shied from including critical voices. It conveys, with great clarity and conviction, the immeasurable dangers of the colonization of the brain by the left-brain hemisphere.” Sunil Kumar, PhD, former dean, London School of Economics and Political Science. (78 min) Watch at your convenience throughout the duration of the festival, May 8-14. They are available OnDemand all week!

[Watch the Film Trailer](#)

Growing Native Plants and Seed Saving from a Southern Paiute Perspective

Video Available OnDemand all week!

Date: Sunday, 5/8/2022

Time: 12:00 am

Learn about the seed saving methods of the Southern Paiute along with information about water resource areas that have been utilized by Paiute people for growing food in Southern Utah and Northern Arizona. The presenter in the video, Autumn Gillard will also share information about the native heritage garden at Pipe Spring National Monument, and how it contributes to the interpretation of the region's fascinating cultural history.

This video will be available to view at your convenience for the duration of the festival beginning Sunday, May 8th. It is available for on demand viewing all week!

Documentary Film - Entangled

Available OnDemand all week!

Date: Sunday, 5/8/2022

Time: 12:00 am

Learn how climate change has accelerated a collision between one of the world's most endangered species, North America's most valuable fishery, and a federal agency mandated to protect both. There are now estimated to be about 350 right whales, making them among the planet's most endangered species.

Entangled chronicles the efforts to protect North Atlantic right whales from extinction, the impacts of those efforts on the lobster industry, and how the National Marine Fisheries Service has struggled to balance the vying interests. (75 min)

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[Watch the Film Trailer](#)

Invocation to Sustainability

Date: Sunday, 5/8/2022

Time: 1:00 pm

Gather virtually for a hearty welcome to the 16th annual Amazing Earthfest in this opening event combining music, poetry, meditation and stories.

Keynote speaker Blake Spalding, co-owner/co-chef of the nationally known [Hell's Backbone Grill & Farm](#) in Boulder, Utah shares how one rising restaurant operates amid the beauty of the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument while following Buddhist principles, expressing its commitment to sustainability, environmental ethics, and social and community responsibility.

Kane County, Utah's [Willow Wind Poets](#) offer their perception and insight, while soul stirring music by varying artists bookend this event.

The Effects of Climate Change on our National Parks

Date: Sunday, 5/8/2022

Time: 3:00 pm

Climate change is the greatest threat the national parks have ever faced. Nearly everything we know and love about the parks — their plants and animals, rivers and lakes, glaciers, beaches, historic structures, and more — is already under stress from these changes, which together amount to a state of crisis for our public lands. Parks can help us understand what is at risk if we fail to seriously address the climate crisis. The unique legal protections and cultural significance of parks can also help drive broader climate solutions.

Join Cassidy Jones and Mark Mesle of the National Parks Conservation Association to examine how climate change is affecting the parks and what it will take protect these places in perpetuity.

Ruins and Rock Art of the Kayenta Area

Date: Sunday, 5/8/2022

Time: 6:00 pm

Retired high school English teacher Richard Jenkinson taught at Monument Valley High School in Kayenta, Arizona from 1980 to 1994. During those years he hiked throughout the area, a region very rich in Ancestral Pueblo ruins. This presentation will look at some of his older photos of ruins and rock art from sites both famous and obscure. Richard is a member and past president of the [Utah Rock Art Research Association](#).

Community Conversation on Climate Change

Date: Monday, 5/9/2022

Time: 6:00 pm

As the climate crisis grows ever more more urgent, many wonder why our society doesn't seem to be engaged in resolving the issue. This puzzling and pervasive passivity has aroused a very real sense of foreboding for younger generations who expect, and increasingly are demanding responsible solutions from the generations who created the problem that assure a livable future.

Inspired by the renowned climate scientist [Katharine Hayhoe](#)'s new book titled, [Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World](#), Amazing Earthfest convenes an online community conversation to explore why, according to Hayhoe, "In the U.S., seven out of ten say they wish they could do something to fix it but half of them don't know where to start and only 35% say they ever talk about it, even occasionally".

As a focal point for participating in this conversation, we suggest festival participants listen to the recent recorded interview with Katharine Hayhoe on the University of Utah's Radio West program with Doug Fabrizio, titled, *Saving the Future with Katharine Hayhoe*. Here's the link to listen: <https://radiowest.kuer.org/post/saving-future-katharine-hayhoe> (51 minutes)

Let's get together to share our personal thoughts, questions and concerns about what *we can do* to help reduce the worsening impacts of Earth's climate crisis.

Owls!

Date: Tuesday, 5/10/2022

Time: 6:00 pm

Join [Wasatch Mountain State Park](#) ranger, [Kathy Donnell](#), as she educates us on the importance of owls in the ecosystem, how owls contribute to a healthy planet, and explores ways that people of all ages can protect the future health and prosperity of owl populations. She will be accompanied by her co-host, Athena, a Great Horned Owl, during her live demonstration!

Extreme Dinosaur Diversity on Laramidia's Southern Frontier: New Discoveries from Utah's Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument

Date: Wednesday, 5/11/2022

Time: 6:00 pm

During much of the Late Cretaceous, Laramidia, the western landmass of North America isolated by the Western Interior Seaway, hosted some of the most diverse dinosaur ecosystems ever uncovered. In addition to spectacular dinosaurs, these fossil assemblages include first appearances of many modern groups of plants and animals, including alligators, birds, and flowering plants, making the sequence and timing of their radiations consequential for understanding the origins of modern ecosystems.

[Joe Sertich](#), Curator of Dinosaurs at the [Denver Museum of Nature & Science](#), will present on recent work by the Denver Museum of Nature & Science and other collaborating institutions that have uncovered troves of new fossils from central and southern locations on Laramidia, notably on the Kaiparowits Plateau of southern Utah in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. A decade of fieldwork in the Kaiparowits and Wahweap formations has revealed new fossiliferous intervals hosting dozens of new dinosaurs, many of them challenging previous hypotheses of dinosaur distribution!

[You can read more about the Laramidia project here.](#)

In Pursuit of Dark Skies

Date: Thursday, 5/12/2022

Time: 6:00 pm

Planning on visiting a dark sky park in Utah? Cool! Lets talk about some of the differences in the parks, where to find the best spot to view the stars, and what kind of equipment would work best for observing the night sky at each location. Which parks are better throughout the year? What are some things you should be aware of when visiting? What about traveling through several parks for a Utah dark sky tour? Join [Paul Ricketts](#), from the University of Utah's [South Physics Observatory](#) for this fascinating and informative presentation.

The Living Earth – Ancient Perspectives

Date: 5/13/2022

Time: 6:00 pm

From three continents, advocates for the natural world come together in a series of short videos, to take us on a fascinating journey, reminding us of more ancient ways of connecting with nature – in which we recognize ourselves as belonging to the earth, rather than as dominating the earth.

A live discussion will follow the engaging videos noted below (will be shown during the presentation),

with opportunities to ask questions -- to focus on what we, in the modern world, can learn from the respect in which ancient cultures held the living earth -- seeing trees, wildlife, and all of nature as living beings to be revered and protected. Perhaps if we, as a society, start with deepening our own perceptions of nature, that may be the key to saving the earth, our home.

Dr. Nanditha Krishna, whose organization has restored 53 sacred forests in India, well-known author of over twenty books, will talk with us about how the culture of India has, for five to seven thousand years, been intertwined with the world of nature – and how this enchanting worldview sees plants, trees, animals, rivers, mountains, and all of nature as sacred.

Joshua Nunez, a Native American of the Seminole nation, the Oklahoma band, will tell us charming, insightful stories about plants and animals. These are from his family ties to the Acjachemen Nation from San Juan Capistrano and were passed down to him by his grandmother and now shared with us.

Musuni Letura, of the Masai people, tour guide to Kenyan nature reserves, will give us a glimpse of the traditional Masai view of nature, in which harming wild animals is forbidden and the land itself is to be protected.

Chris Gorzalski, one of the leaders of the St. George, Utah, chapter of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness will tell us about their work restoring wilderness areas, cleaning up graffiti, and being an energetic part of the movement to treasure and preserve Utah's wild lands.

Bobbi Chaney – musical interludes

Discussing the Documentaries – What Did We Learn?

Date: Saturday, 5/14/2022

Time: 1:00 pm

The 16th Amazing Earthfest 2022 hosts an open group conversation about the ideas and implications expressed in this year's documentary film, *The Divided Brain*, along with the other films available for free on-demand viewing during the week of the 16th annual festival. As you watch our 2022 selection of award winning documentaries, jot down your thoughts and reactions to the content presented in each. Then gather in a round table discussion with others across the world to share their particular meaning and impact upon you.

Kanab and the Milky Way, a Love Affair

Date: Saturday, 5/14/2022

Time: 6:00 pm

The area around [Kanab, Utah](#) is a terrestrial wonderland; one that pairs extremely well with our galaxy, the Milky Way. Join master astrophotographer Dave Lane for a presentation that will focus on some of his favorite shots in the area and the backstory for capturing those shots. This session will include

videos of setting up at night on the edge of thousand foot cliffs, daytime shots of the area, and pictures of the rigging needed to gather raw images of the night sky and landscapes that are forged into the stunning works of art for which Dave Lane is renowned. Come visit Kanab virtually in a new and interesting way and share Dave's love for the dark skies and memories of southern Utah.