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**HARPETH CONSERVANCY
BRINGS WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL
TO THE HISTORIC FRANKLIN THEATER
ALONG WITH LOCAL FILMS
FROM BATTLE GROUND ACADEMY STUDENTS**

FRANKLIN, TN (April 4, 2019) – Harpeth Conservancy is hosting Wild & Scenic Film Festival again on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at the historic Franklin Theater in downtown Franklin.

Wild & Scenic Film Festival On Tour, one of the largest environmental film festivals in North America. The Wild & Scenic Film Festival works with environmental groups across the globe to host the film festival to outreach into their communities and bring together a diverse audience. The goal is to use film to inspire activism and increase better community understanding of the connection we share with the planet and our role as stewards to keep it healthy for future generations.

“This is our fifth Wild & Scenic Film Festival, and we are so excited about the programming this year. The eight short films are great examples of action being taken in other areas that are very similar to our work on the State Scenic Harpeth, such as nutrient pollution. Others focus on contaminated drinking water in Flint, MI; keeping rivers Wild & Scenic and more,” states Dorie Bolze, President and CEO of Harpeth Conservancy. She also adds, “We also love hosting this event in downtown Franklin, around which the Harpeth River flows.”

Local sponsors of the event include: Paddle Dog Adventures (who will be distributing promotional coupons for summer floats), Cumberland Kayak, Nantahala Outdoor Center, Rock City Construction, Village Real Estate, Puckett’s Boat House, Mississippi River Network and the Barbara J. Mapp Foundation.

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In addition to nationally selected films, this event will showcase short films from students at Battle Ground Academy. The films will highlight ways that the campus is working with Harpeth Conservancy to better the environment and campus, reduce waste and improve the health of the rivers. “It has been a true joy watching our students partner with the Harpeth Conservancy this year through BGA's Institute of Emphasis program. The Harpeth River borders our Lower School campus and is an essential component to one of our most treasured Upper School traditions - the Tug. To help take actionable steps that will make a global impact is a responsibility we are excited to help fulfill. Harpeth Conservancy has been a great Institute of Emphasis for our students and our school this year, and these student-created films are just a small sample of what they have learned and accomplished,” comments Tom Evans, Director of Advancement for Battle Ground Academy.

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival is a great family event where people can learn more about how and why to protect your rivers and environments. Soil kits, information on how to become a Citizen Scientist and more will also be available. Door prizes from Nantahala Outdoor Center, Merridee’s Breadbasket and national partners will be given out at the end of the films.

EVENT DETAILS:

Date and Time:

Thursday, April 25, 2019
Doors open at 6:30pm and shows start at 7:00pm.

Venue Name and Address: Franklin Theatre, 419 Main Street, Franklin

Ticket Prices:

\$10 in advance and \$12 day of the event
(\$5 Member pricing is available for Harpeth Conservancy Members)

To Purchase Tickets:

Online <http://www.harpethconservancy.org/events/wild-and-scenic>

Box Office:

Sunday-Monday, noon-5:00pm
Tuesday-Saturday, 11am-6:00pm

For questions, to volunteer or learn other ways to get involved with Harpeth Conservancy, please visit www.harpethconservancy.org or call 615-790-9767.

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About the Wild & Scenic Film Festival

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival is a collection of films from the annual festival held the third week of January in Nevada City, CA which is now in its 17th year! Wild & Scenic focuses on films which speak to the environmental concerns and celebrations of our planet. The Wild & Scenic Film Festival was started by the watershed advocacy group, the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL) in 2003. The festival's namesake is in celebration of SYRCL's landmark victory to receive "Wild & Scenic" status for 39 miles of the South Yuba River in 1999. The 5-day event features over 150 award-winning films and welcomes over 100 guest speakers, celebrities, and activists who bring a human face to the environmental movement. The home festival kicks-off the international tour to communities around the globe, allowing SYRCL to share their success as an environmental group with other organizations. The festival is building a network of grassroots organizations connected by a common goal of using film to inspire activism. With the support of National Partners: Peak Design, CLIF Bar, EarthJustice, Klean Kanteen, and Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, the festival can reach an even larger audience. "In recent years, the festival and its On Tour Program has grown to more than 230 events, supporting organizations and their local community causes through outreach, fundraising, and education.

About Harpeth Conservancy

Founded in 1999 as the Harpeth River Watershed Association, Harpeth Conservancy's mission is to restore and protect clean water and healthy ecosystems for rivers in Tennessee by employing scientific expertise and collaborative relationships to develop, promote and support broad community stewardship and action. Harpeth Conservancy works with landowners, businesses, community, local, state, and federal decision makers and others to foster solutions that reduce pollution and maintain healthy areas. www.harpethconservancy.org

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