

Stasis



Maya Watanabe
2018
9:00

Crucian carps can survive winter water temperatures below 0° by adopting a biostasis state, a combination of freeze-tolerance strategies and resistance to oxygen's absence. Under that condition, bodily animation stops, metabolic processes cease, and the cell's energy is decreased to the bare minimum to keep the tissues alive. When the warm months come again and the water melts, carps resume their normal life functions.

Guided by a scientist, *Stasis* creates the conditions for a crucian carp to activate its self-regulating system to undergo cryogenic preservation. By simulating and capturing these conditions, *Stasis* searches for a biological state that hovers between living and non-living.

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Oceanic: Queering The Ocean



micha cárdenas, Gerald Cassel, Cynthia Ling Lee, Susana Ruiz, Huy Trong, Anna Friz
2022
5:44

Three dancers at Natural Bridges Beach reflect on climate change, sea level rise, and personal loss, seeking and imagining queer, trans abolitionist futures.

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The Sunshine State Biodiversity Group depends on donations to do important work to help Florida's environment. Our education and conservation efforts are targeted to fill vital gaps in these areas around the state, with an emphasis on North Florida. SSBG believes in community, wildlife, and creating a sustainable future for Florida.

In 2023, we're curating events with national environmental figures to have important conservation discussions and laying the groundwork for an exciting mini environmental residency. We also are exploring endangered ecosystem conservation opportunities and look forward to undertaking further projects as we grow. Won't you help today?

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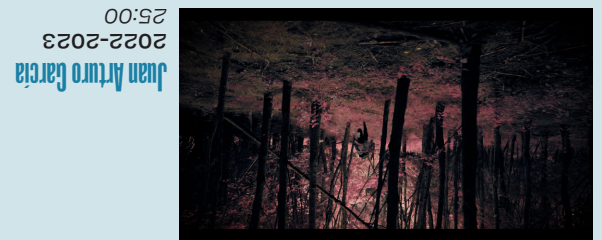
Jeff VanderMeer & Alison Sperling

Cinema at the Residence Inn
600 W Gaines St.

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taxonomiambiguity.com

Taxonomic Ambiguity looks at the grudge between two eighteenth century botanists, Sebastián José López Ruiz & José Celestino Mutis, over the title to the discovery of the cinchona tree in Nueva Granada (today Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador and Panama). The bark of this mysterious tree was once the only known cure for malaria and an extremely valuable commodity that shaped empires' and nations' fates and fortunes, enabled the scramble for Africa, and was at the center of the world's first pharma cartel in the early twentieth century. However obscure, the conflict is important because it outlines a haunting pattern of colonizing power in the history of Latin American science that crosses disciplines and spans centuries.



Juan Arturo Garcia
2022-2023
25:00

Taxonomic Ambiguity

www.lanewtr.com

billbasquin.info

Disappearing Waters is a poetic documentary taking the viewer through a meditative cinematic journey through Lake Jackson's mysterious dry down. Narrated by Susan Anderson, who is a Native American elder and traditional ceremonial person. Susan speaks of the natural mysteries and powerful connections that indigenous people have witnessed and how the cycle of water relates to the cycle of life.

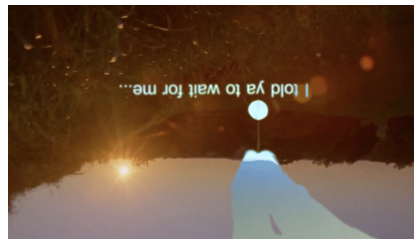


Ian Edward Weir
2022
12:02

Disappearing Waters

skyhopinka.com

Moments of resistance are collapsed and woven together—from documentation of the indigenous led occupation of Alcatraz, to the reclamation of Cahokia and the repatriation of the ancestors, to one's reflections on their body as they exist in the world today. These are gestures that meditate on the cerebral inception and nature of the reservation system, and where sovereignty and belligerence intersect and diverge.



Sunflower Siege Engine

Sky Hopinka
2022
12:25

claviluxarchival.com

An anti-landscape performing its own impossible, inevitable annihilation. The north Florida woodlands fractured by strobe light, offering glimpses of its vitality and fragility. Over time, these flickering slices of the natural world become more corrupted and illegible, decaying into garbled datastreams. As the forest falls to preserve itself, it demands that we re-calibrate our vision. WARNING: contains flashing light which may be harmful to photosensitive viewers.



A Forest

Dave Rodriguez
2022
3:45

sashawortzel.com

This punk rock fairy tale doubles as a portrait of Shooq McDaniel — a fat, queer, and disabled photographer working in and around northern Florida's vast network of freshwater springs, the state's source of precious drinking water. Bringing Shooq's photography to life, the film immerses audiences in a world of fat beauty and liberation, one in which marginalized bodies — including bodies of water — are sacred.

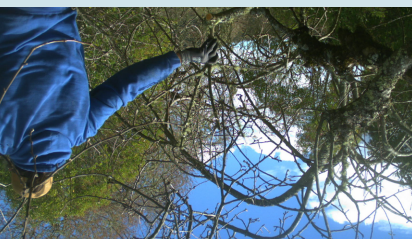


How To Carry Water

Sasha Wortzel
2023
15:11

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The directors find that a collaboration around the orchard initiated by Bill brings up history, anger, colonial violence, and the chance to feel the closeness of relationship. This video is a part of an ongoing conversation around the legacies and forms of settler colonialism, including challenging the trope of the non-white person being the subject, rather than the person having the gaze, opinion and directorial input. This conversation is a longer conceptual work that challenges both directors.



Tending The Orchard

Bill Basquin & Katherine Agard
2023
7:08

The
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and the
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September 2, 2023
1:30pm

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