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Proudly presents the first
South African Animal Rights Film Festival
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FILMS

BEHIND THE MASK (72 MINS)

The Courage to free the innocent.

Written, directed and produced by Shannon Keith.

The Animal Liberation Front, made up of clandestine animal rights activities, is now labeled the number one domestic terrorist threat by the FBI.

Director Shannon Keith goes “behind the mask” and captures the hearts and souls of men and women who unveil their individual struggles for animal liberation. People of all ages and backgrounds from all over the globe tell their tales of liberation, incarceration, sacrifice, and determination, while exclusive underground footage reveals heart-thumping action sure to leave you on the edge of your seat.

At times inspiring, at times heart-breaking, but always riveting, this documentary is a must see.

WITNESS (43 MINS)

A miracle is a change in perception.

Best Documentary Award

Canyonlands Film Festival

Crested Butte Reel Fest

Brooklyn Film Festival

How does a construction contractor from a tough Brooklyn neighbourhood become an impassioned animal activist?

*“You could perhaps call *The Witness* a story about a man and a cat. Or maybe you could say it is really a story about advocacy. Or about what lurks behind the doors of the fur industry. All these descriptions fall painfully short of the richness contained in this remarkable*

*documentary. This is a mythic story of relationship – about how the honest and simple affection of a tiny cat grows one man’s heart so big that it spills its compassion all over the city of New York.” SUSAN McELROY, AUTHOR OF NY TIMES BESTSELLER *Animals As Teachers & Healers*.*

THE EMOTIONAL WORLD OF FARM ANIMALS (2004, 52 MINS)

A co-production of Animal Place and Earth View Productions JERRY MASSON, author of *WHEN ELEPHANTS WEEP* and *DOGS NEVER LIE ABOUT LOVE*, leads viewers through the personal journey into the sentient, emotional lives of farm animals when he visits animal sanctuaries around the country where caregivers and the animals find themselves tell their harrowing stories of rescue and escape. Masson interviews experts in animal behaviour who offer scientific perspectives on these amazing creatures.

EARTHLINGS earth.ling (urth ling), n.1. An inhabitant of earth. Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary, 1989 (USA 93 MINS)
Narrated by Joaquin Phoenix. Music by Moby. Written, produced and directed by SHAUN MONSON.

This is the single most powerful and informative movie about society’s treatment of animals. A must see for anyone who cares enough to know” – WOODY HARRELSON

EARTHLINGS is a feature length documentary about humanity’s absolute dependence on animals (for pets, food, clothing, entertainment, and scientific research) but also illustrates our complete disrespect for these so-called “non-human providers”. The film is narrated by Academy Award Nominee Joaquin Phoenix (*GLADIATOR*) and features music by the critically acclaimed platinum artist MOBY.

With an in-depth study into pet stores, puppy mills and animal shelters, as well as factory farms, the leather and fur trades, sports and entertainment industries, and finally the medical and scientific profession, EARTHLINGS uses hidden cameras and never before seen footage to chronicle the day-to-day practices of some of the largest industries in the world, all of which rely entirely on animals for profit. Powerful, informative and thought-provoking, EARTHLINGS is by far the most comprehensive documentary ever produced on the correlation between nature, animals, and human economic interests. There are many worthy animal rights films available, but this one transcends the setting. EARTHLINGS cries to be seen. Highly recommended!
In 2005, EARTHLINGS premiered at the Artist Film Festival, (where it won Best Documentary Feature), followed by the Boston International Film Festival, (where it won the Best Content Award), and most recently at the San Diego Film Festival, (where it won Best Documentary Film, as well as the Humanitarian Award to Joaquin Phoenix for his work on the film).

VEGAN FITNESS – BUILT NATURALLY (93 MINS)

NUTRITION – TRAINING – LIFESTYLE
Get ready to Challenge Everything Nominated for Best Feature Length Documentary at the 2006 Mid-Valley Video Festival.

Produced by Kyle Bucy. Directed by Robert Cheeke.
The full-length move entitled *Vegan Fitness: Built Naturally*, focusing on the lives of three successful vegan athletes, was written and produced by Corvallis resident Robert Cheeke.

Starring Robert Cheeke, Natural Bodybuilder, Brendan Brazier, Professional Ironman Tri-athlete and Tonya Kay, Professional Dancer, this feature-length documentary shows how vegans live, eat, train and compete in a variety of sports. This move is ideal for anyone interested in living a health lifestyle – vegans, vegetarians, athletes, and anyone who is concerned about health and fitness.

If you want to be inspired to be a healthier person, improve the sustainability of the planet and gain a new enthusiasm for life, then *Vegan Fitness: Built Naturally* is for you.

SPEAKING UP FOR ANIMALS 2 (USA 58 MINS)

Two Keynote Addresses by PETA President Ingrid E. Newkirk (PETA – People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals)

A speaker who inspires compassionate people everywhere to speak up for what they believe in and become active everyday in simple ways. In Newkirk's keynote address at an animal rights conference, you'll learn who America's real "terrorists" are, and find out why it more important than ever before to extend our compassion to "the least of them".

In an address to young people in Washington, Newkirk uses dramatic analogies to illustrate how putting yourself in animals' shoes can give you a different perspective on the urgency of their plight and show you just how easy it is to help them.

In both addresses, although you'll hear of the enormity of animal suffering, Newkirk also imparts her inspiring belief that "the miracle is you" in the form of kind acts chosen and unkind acts rejected in your daily life. Her ability to mix wry humour, wit, and poignant descriptions of animals' plights can move even the hardest of hearts, so plan to listen with family and friends and you could change them forever. Then, pass it on!

NONVIOLENCE INCLUDES ANIMALS (PETA – PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS) (USA 27 MINS)

PETA President Ingrid E. Newkirk, introduction by Dennis Kucinich.

PETA President Ingrid E. Newkirk's address to the International Nonviolence Conference in Bethlehem asks us to open our minds to the idea that the way we treat animals is a reflection of who we are as individuals and as a society. Are we able to grasp the most basic problems facing us as we attempt to resolve conflict? Facing our lack of empathy towards others who are not like us is an interesting exercise that requires us to confront our most ingrained prejudices – even as we challenge others to confront theirs.

A note about the introduction:

Dennis Kucinich was the 2003 recipient of the Gandhi Peace Award and has advocated the creation of a cabinet-level Department of Peace in order to make nonviolence an organizing principle within our society. As a vegan, he acts upon his belief in nonviolence towards all animals and believes that protection of the global environment is fundamental to preserving all species.

CHIMPANZEES: AN UNNATURAL HISTORY (PBS NATURE SERIES – A FILM BY ALLISON ARGOS) (60 MINS)

Thousands of our closest living relatives have lived among us for well over a century, mostly in solitary confinement. We dressed and trained them to be like humans, sent them into space and infected them with diseases. And then, an entire population of these captive chimpanzees was left behind by science, their care neglected, their stories forgotten, their records lost. But today, a few dedicated individuals are working hard to give these long-suffering creatures the freedom and sanctuary they so richly deserve.

Dr Carole Noon, founder and director of the organization Save the Chimps, is one of these individuals. With her group, she is working to create a multi-island habitat in central Florida, the single largest effort on behalf of chimpanzees in North America. Through the story of Lou, a 42-year-old Air Force chimp, we learn how the government eventually leased its chimpanzees to the Coulston Foundation, which was repeatedly fined for violations of the federal Animal Welfare Act.

“MAD COWBOY: The Documentary” WRITER/DIRECTOR: MICHAEL TOBIAS (58 MINS)

“Howard's journey has led him to organic agriculture, vegetarianism, politics, mad cow disease, a landmark law suit, a best-selling book, and founding the non-profit “Voice for A Viable Future”. He is currently traveling the world speaking on issues that affect us all and sustaining Planet Earth.

ANIMAL PEOPLE – THE HUMANE MOVEMENT IN AMERICA

Film b Gary Kaskel, Music by Robert Douglas, 84-minute award-winning documentary includes UNITED POULTRY CONCERNS.

A History of the animal protection movement and the people who made it happen.

Note: Animal People does not show scenes of animal cruelty.

Animal people is the first comprehensive film history and overview of the animal protection movement in America. While the modern animal protection movement has its roots in the Victorian era, concern for the welfare of animals goes back centuries. Animal advocacy spans a wide philosophical spectrum, and this 84-minute documentary examines major players in the animal protection movement past and present.

Among those interviewed are DR KAREN DAVIS, PRESIDENT & FOUNDER OF UNITED POULTRY CONCERNS. Filmed at UPC's headquarters in Machipongo, Virginia Animal People has wonderful footage of our sanctuary where our interview about chickens and UPC's dedication to making their voices heard takes place.

Other people interviewed in the film include Dr. Tom Regan (The Case for Animal Rights), Peter Singer (Animal Liberation), Ingrid Newkirk (PETA), Wayne Pacelle (HSUS), Miyun Park & Paul Shapiro (formerly Compassion Over Killing), NYC Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Dr. Neal Barnard (PCRM), Dr. Elliot Katz (In Defense of Animals), Nanci Alexander (Animal Rights Foundation of Florida), Tippi Hedren (Roar Foundation & star of Alfred Hitchcock's film The Birds) – and more!

DR. STEVEN BEST: DIRECT ACTION AND THE POLITICS OF NATURE (INTERVIEW 38 MINS. COLOUR DVD/VHS VIDEO. NTSC (US/CANADA). ENGLISH 2003).

In this interview Dr. Best explores the issues and tactics of the animal rights movement, analyzes the irony of the Patriot Act, and inspires activists with his philosophical insight and undeniable passion.

“There is a new civil war brewing in America, a war over the politics of nature.”

Dr. Steven Best is an Associate Professor and Chair of Philosophy at the University of Texas, El Paso. He has published numerous books and dozens of articles and reviews in the areas of philosophy, cultural criticism, mass media, social theory, postmodern theory, and animal rights. He is a journalist for Animal Rights Online, and a featured writer for Impact Press. He is also a founding member of the Centre on Animal Liberation Affairs, President of Stop Animals Neglect and Exploitation (SANE).

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A FALL FROM FREEDOM (TITLE 233856. 58 MINUTES FORMAT DVD-R)

Whales and Dolphins have captured the imagination of people all over the world. They have come to symbolize not only an alien form of intelligence, but a sense of ultimate freedom in their marine environment and a comradery among herd mates that we envy and admire.

A Fall From Freedom is the first film to expose the long and controversial history of the captive whale and dolphin industry; a history that continues to this day.

