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## The Portland EcoFilm Festival Returns to the Hollywood Theatre for its 12th Season, March - June 2025

PORTLAND, OR – The Portland EcoFilm Festival, the Pacific Northwest’s premier ecological and environmental film festival, returns to the Hollywood Theatre for its 12th season, running from March through June 2025. This year’s program features regional and USA premieres of 40 of the world’s best new ecological films from more than a dozen countries, including thirteen films in the festival’s Indigenous Voices series.

A signature program of the Hollywood Theatre, the festival utilizes the power of cinema to nurture an active, inspired, and diverse community of environmental advocates and ecologically minded people. Much more than just a showcase of nature documentaries, the Portland EcoFilm Festival is known for dynamic, imaginative storytelling about ecology, environmental justice, frontline communities, activism, and conservation.

In addition to screenings, the festival offers community conversations with filmmakers and participants and opportunities to engage with local organizations working on broad-based, multifaceted ecological solutions. One such conversation will feature Dollie Burrell and Cameron Oglesby, co-recipients of this year’s EcoHero Award, who are featured in the documentary *OUR MOVEMENT STARTS HERE*, which explores the birth of the environmental justice movement in the USA.

“There’s something special about this season,” says Festival Director and Programmer Rozzell Medina. “Every year we receive more and more ecological films from around the world, and this year, we received more submissions than ever before. This tells us that more filmmakers are dedicating their time, money, and resources to telling these important stories for life on Earth. We want to do even more to uplift this global community of ecological filmmakers and invite more people into these stories in imaginative ways. That’s why we’re launching a podcast—the first of its kind—to do just that.”

### **A Season of Storytelling, Impact, and Engagement**

This year’s festival will feature:

- The U.S. and regional premieres of some of the world's most compelling new environmental films
- The annual Indigenous Voices series, featuring 13 new films centering Indigenous wisdom, accomplishments, and struggles
- Community conversations with filmmakers, film subjects, and local organizations tackling ecological challenges
- Special screenings of beloved films with environmental and ecological themes
- Festival awards, including Best Short Film, Best Feature Film, Visionary Film Award, EcoHero Award, and Best Conservation Film

### **A Dynamic Opening Weekend: March 6–8**

Unlike most festivals that present dozens of films in just a few days or weeks, the Portland EcoFilm Festival unfolds over several months. This unique format allows these powerful films to be meaningfully integrated into the Hollywood Theatre's programming, making them more accessible to a diverse audience with varying levels of ecological awareness and engagement.

- The festival kicks off with a diverse weekend of programs, including:
- A special 20th-anniversary screening of Wes Anderson's [THE LIFE AQUATIC WITH STEVE ZISSOU](#) on 35mm film (March 6)
- [QUEER ECOLOGY](#)—a program of three films exploring intersections of queer and Indigenous identity with naturalism and ecology (March 7)
- The festival's 2025 Best Feature Film Award Winner: [WAYS TO TRAVERSE A TERRITORY](#) (March 8)

For more information, including the full lineup and ticket details, visit [portlandecofilmfest.org](http://portlandecofilmfest.org).

### **About the Hollywood Theatre:**

The Hollywood Theatre is a not-for-profit, three-screen historic movie house in Portland, Oregon. Its mission is to entertain, educate, inspire and connect the community through the art of film, while preserving a historic Portland landmark. Since 1997, the Hollywood has earned a national reputation for a unique combination of award-winning film and event programming and fiscal sponsorship services for local filmmakers. In 2018, after a successful crowdfunding campaign, the Hollywood took over operations of legendary Portland video store Movie Madness and its collection of more than 90,000 movie titles. For more information, call 503-281-1142 or visit [hollywoodtheatre.org](http://hollywoodtheatre.org).

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