

Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Ocean Film Festival 2013

Thursday, September 12

6:30 – 8:45 pm

Opening Night

Telfair Museums' Jepson Center
207 W. York Street, Savannah, GA

- 6:30-6:50 *Your National Marine Sanctuaries: NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries*
A short introduction to America's national treasures. Our 14 marine sanctuaries.
- Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary: NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries*
TAGGED-YOU'RE IT! This short film takes viewers beneath the surface of Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary, and reveals how researchers are using technology to learn more about the habits of the fish species that spend time in the sanctuary.
- 6:50-7:15 *Oceans at the Tipping Point: Ocean Health Index, Narrated by Harrison Ford*
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- 7:15-7:20 *The Majestic Plastic Bag: A Blue Ocean Film, A Heal The Bay Production*
An exploration into the life cycle of an illustrious creature, this short film follows the plastic bag on a mighty journey to its home, the Pacific Ocean.
- 7:20-7:30 **Break**
- 7:30-8:30 *Plastic Paradise: The Great Garbage Patch: Journalist and filmmaker Angela Sun*
Thousands of miles away from civilization, Midway Atoll is in one of the most remote places on earth, and yet it's become ground zero for The Great Pacific Garbage Patch, syphoning plastics from three distant continents. In this independent documentary film, journalist/filmmaker Angela Sun travels on a personal journey of discovery to uncover this mysterious phenomenon. Along the way she meets scientists, researchers, influencers, and volunteers whom shed light on the effects of our rapid plastic consumption and learns the problem is more insidious than we could have ever imagined.

8:30-8:45

Q&A with Independent filmmaker Angela Sun

Angela Sun is a television host and journalist with a passion for storytelling and love for the oceans. Her call for adventure has led her to field research on the Great Barrier Reef and a survey of the coral reefs of the Andaman Sea. An avid surfer and scuba diver who loves to chase stories, sharks, sunsets and surf around the world, she has produced/hosted a suite of sports and travel shows on a popular television networks.

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Friday, September 13

7:00 – 9:15 pm

Lucas Theatre for the Arts

32 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA

- 7:00-7:20 *Your National Marine Sanctuaries: NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries*
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- 7:20-8:05 *A Penguin's Life: National Geographic filmmaker Greg Marshall*
A Penguin's Life chronicles the everyday struggles of a colony of Emperor penguins. See firsthand how these penguin parents raise their chicks in just one season to survive on their own in the sea before the ice starts to melt.
- 8:05-8:15 **Break**
- 8:15-9:00 *Project Shiphunt: Featuring shipwreck explorer James Delgado*
Five high school students team up with experts in ocean exploration to hunt for a shipwreck, investigate its identity, and document it in 3D for future generations. Join this team as they solve a hundred year old mystery in the adventure of a life time.
- 9:00-9:15 **Q & A with National Geographic filmmaker Greg Marshall**
Greg Marshall is a marine biologist, a filmmaker, and an executive producer for National Geographic Television. Greg invented and continues to lead development of Crittercam, a system of animal-borne cameras that capture video showing the world through animals' eyes. His work has been featured in numerous films covering more than 40 species from fur seals to blue whales. Greg uses media to connect audiences to wildlife with the aim of inspiring a conservation ethic and call to action.

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Saturday, September 14
1:00 – 9:30 pm
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- 1:00-1:20 *Your National Marine Sanctuaries: NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries*
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- 1:20-2:20 *Otter 501: Directed by Bob Talbot*
A young woman finds a stranded baby sea otter on a windswept beach after a storm. Peering down at the damp, shivering fur ball, she grabs her cell phone and makes a call, setting in motion a story about the otter's struggle for survival and humans' efforts to protect an iconic species.
- 2:20-2:30 **Break**
- 2:30-2:40 *Lifeline: A Chesapeake Oyster Documentary: Independent filmmaker Adrian Schwarz*
Through oyster harvesting in the Chesapeake Bay, this documentary paints a broad stroke on the effects that Industrialism has had on coming generations.
- 2:40-3:20 *Shellshocked: Independent filmmaker Emily Driscoll*
Following efforts to prevent the extinction of wild oyster reefs, which keep our oceans healthy by filtering water and engineering ecosystems, scientists, government officials, artists and environmentalists, are fighting to bring oysters back to the former oyster capital of the world – New York Harbor.
- 3:20-3:30 *Savannah College of Art and Design: A Digital Field Guide of Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary*
Students from the Savannah College of Art and Design collaborated with the staff of Gray's Reef to create a digital field guide to raise awareness of this National Marine Sanctuary and to illustrate the beauty and value of this near-shore live-bottom reef, located off the Georgia coast.

- 3:30-3:40 **Break**
- 3:40-5:40 **Showcasing of student films in the *Dr. Robert O. Levitt 2013 Emerging Filmmakers Competition*.**
 Film students from across the nation, many from the Savannah College of Art and Design, competed in the 2013 Emerging Filmmakers Competition. Top films are showcased in our 2013 Ocean Film Festival.
- Finding Sanctuary*: Alexandra Patterson (10.02 minutes)
- Eternal Darkness*: Mike Potter (14.52 minutes)
- Overgrown Kingdom*: McKenzie Roberts (10.40 minutes)
- Okefenokee: The American Amazon*: Joey Katz (3.35 minutes)
- My Side of the Falcon*: Marc Murano (15.00 minutes)
- Cheek by Jowl*: Mike Potter (12.06 minutes)
- We Easily Forget*: Robert Sud (5.53 minutes)
- The Dolphin Project*: Shea Lord (11.51 minutes)
- Okefenokee: The Land of Trembling Earth*: Molly Mayo (11.00 minutes)
- Back on Track*: Kara Colvin (10.56 minutes)
- OCEARCH*: Courtney Roth (14.23 minutes)
- 5:40-6:00 **Announcement of winners and presentation of awards of the *Dr. Robert O. Levitt 2013 Emerging Filmmakers Competition*.**
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- 6:45-7:45 ***Sharks of Lost Island*: National Geographic filmmaker Enric Sala**
 National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Dr. Enric Sala journeyed to the Pitcairn islands to document life in the sea and on land with the hope of turning this ocean environment into a protected marine reserve. Sala is hoping that the same isolation that has kept Pitcairn's inhabitants so removed from the rest of the world may also have protected the population beneath the waves. This is exploration at its most extreme and isolated.

7:45-8:00 **Break**

8:00-9:15 ***Chasing Ice***. Photographer James Balog, Directed and Produced by Jeff Orkowski
The story of one man's mission to change the tide of history by gathering undeniable evidence of our changing planet, environmental photographer James Balog headed to the Arctic on a tricky assignment for National Geographic: to capture images to help tell the story of the Earth's changing climate. A skeptic about climate change, the trip north opened his eyes to the biggest story in human history and sparked a challenge within him that would put his career and his very well-being at risk.

9:15-9:30 **Q & A with Local Climate Experts:**
Skidaway Institute of Oceanography professors Clark Alexander and Marc Frischer, whose research includes changing landscapes and shorelines, sea level history and human impacts on our coasts, and the effects of a warming climate on marine food webs, will be joined by Tybee Island City Councilman and member of the GA DNR Coastal Advisory Council Paul Wolf, and WTOC-TV Chief Meteorologist Pat Prokop to answer questions related to the film and to the issue of rising sea level and its potential effects on Coastal Georgia.

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Sunday, September 15

2:00 pm – 6:20 pm

Jewish Education Alliance

5111 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA

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- 4:40–5:00 **Break**

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