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### ***REEL NW* RETURNS TO KCTS 9!**

Northwest film series streaming online now

New indie film celebration premiering July 18 - 24 on KCTS 9

**SEATTLE**—KCTS 9's popular indie film series [\*\*\*REEL NW\*\*\*](#) is back, to the delight of film buffs throughout the Pacific Northwest. From thought provoking feature documentaries to narrative shorts, animations, and student films, *REEL NW* showcases our region's talents, stunning environment, and the issues that affect us. This summer, *REEL NW* offers a slate of brand-new films which will air on KCTS 9 July 18 – 24 and stream at [KCTS9.org](http://KCTS9.org). *REEL NW* films are made by Northwest filmmakers, shot in the Northwest, or feature a Northwest subject.

"Seattle is home to a strong independent film community and we are honored to play a role in it by providing a vital platform to local indie filmmakers from across the Pacific Northwest," said *REEL NW* series producer Laila Kazmi. "The diverse films selected for this year's lineup celebrate local artists, challenge our perceptions of global issues, and enlighten us about our communities and our environment."

[\*\*\*REEL NW\*\*\*](#) champions the work of a talented local independent filmmaking community by bringing the work of the best and the brightest filmmakers to public television audiences here in the Northwest, and across the country. In 2010, KCTS 9 launched *REEL NW* to broadcast and stream the best features, documentaries and short films in Washington state, British Columbia and beyond. Since then, *REEL NW* films have earned seventeen Northwest Regional Emmy® Award nominations and received four Northwest Regional Emmy® Awards.

Watch films and get to know the filmmakers through interviews available online at [KCTS9.org/reelnw](http://KCTS9.org/reelnw). Throughout the year, exclusive online content will include behind the scenes glimpses, interviews with the filmmakers and web extras.

The lineup includes:

**July 18, 10:00 pm:**

- **FINDING HILLYWOOD** (Feature): The power of cinema to heal a man and his nation. Filmmakers: Leah Warshawski, Chris Towey
- **FROM THE SKY**: An Arab father and his son meet two strangers in a region frequented by drone strikes. Filmmaker: Ian Ebright
- **SHADE OF MUSIC**: An unlikely friendship between two elderly neighbors reveals the healing power of kindness, love and music. Filmmaker: D. Mitry
- **CHASING THE SUN**: Two siblings face off with despair and hope on an ill-conceived road trip. Filmmaker: Jeremy Mackie

**July 19, 10:00 pm:**

- **HER AIM IS TRUE** (Feature): A self-taught, middle-aged fashion photographer captured some of the most memorable rock and roll photographs of the '60s. Filmmaker: Karen Whitehead
- **RANDY PARSONS – AMERICAN LUTHIER**: Seattle guitar maker whose clients include Jimmy Page. Filmmaker: David Aldrich
- **PRESENT MOMENT**: Witness a family's celebration of life, as they negotiate the realities of Parkinson's Disease. Filmmakers: Aimie Vallat, Noah Dassel
- **GYRE: CREATING ART FROM A PLASTIC OCEAN**: Scientists and artists come together to raise awareness about the impact of garbage on oceans and wildlife. Filmmaker: J.J. Kelley
- **SHELL GAME**: A poet reflects on the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, where she once worked as an engineer. Filmmaker: Lou Karsen

**July 20, 10:00 pm:**

- **A LOT LIKE YOU** (Feature): Eliaichi returns to her father's town in Tanzania to discover her roots. What she learns makes her examine the meaning of multicultural identity and the complex ties that children have to the cultures of their parents. Filmmaker: Eliaichi Kimaro
- **MAIDEN OF DECEPTION PASS**: Long ago, a maiden named Ko-kwahl-alwoot risked her life to save the Samish people from starvation. The documentary tells the story of how tribal history inspires generations of Samish people. Filmmakers: Tracy Rector, Lou Karsen
- **THE THINGS WE KEEP**: While on a yearly sojourn into the Coconino Forest to collect firewood, a former sawmill worker recounts his life and connects with his roots. Filmmaker: Rosalie Miller

**July 21, 10:00 pm:**

- **48 HOUR FILM-OFF – HIGH SCHOOL SHORTS**: A selection of shorts from the 48 Hour Film-Off featuring entries from high school film programs from across Washington state, presented by the National Film Festival for Talented Youth (NFFTY) and Cornish College of the Arts.
- 10:30 pm: **EVERYTHING WILL BE** (Feature): Vancouver's once-thriving Chinatown is in the midst of a transformation that plays out across many ethnic enclaves in North America. Filmmaker: Julia Kwan

**July 22, 10:00 pm:**

- **BIG JOY: THE ADVENTURES OF JAMES BROUGHTON** (Feature): A celebration of the life of experimental filmmaker, poet and queer activist James Broughton, a key figure in the San Francisco Renaissance and a precursor to the Beat poets. Filmmakers: Eric Slade, Stephen Silha, Dawn Logsdon
- **EL CAMINO SOLO**: Stranded in the desert, a man is forever changed by a random act of kindness. Filmmaker: Shawn Telford
- **JULIA'S FARM**: Julia finally gets a farm, but not exactly the one she dreamed of owning. Filmmaker: Sudeshna Sen
- **THE BIG SAYONARA**: After losing his job to the financial meltdown of 2009, a former Wall Street trader finds himself out of money, out of gas, and out of his element in tiny Rosalia. Filmmaker: Don Hamilton
- **THE PARK BENCH**: Particular about his daily routine, Simon is forced to change it — with possibly life-altering results. Filmmaker: Kendra Ann Sherrill

**July 24, 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm**

- **REEL NW SHORTS**: Binge Watch! (Check the KCTS 9 [online schedule](#) for details).

For press screeners or to arrange an interview with a *REEL NW* filmmaker, contact [Hilda Cullen](#). [Visit REEL NW online](#) to watch previews, view films, read directors' statements and learn more about each film.

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