

THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**FREELAND  
FILM FESTIVAL**



**EndPandemics**  
Investing in Planetary Health

**A BETTER WORLD:**

**BEYOND  
PANDEMIC**

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**“Lake”**

**Sept 10-11, 2021**

**Green Lake, Wisconsin**

## WELCOME

All of us could use more good news following the devastating impacts COVID-19 had on our personal and professional lives in 2020 and 2021. So, this year's Freeland Film Festival offers you stories and panels that explain why this all happened, and how we can prevent it from happening again. "A Better World, Beyond Pandemics" features contemporary documentaries and local and global experts who will illustrate the drivers of zoonotic outbreaks and the solutions to prevent them from occurring in the first place. This year's fest builds on EndPandemics, of which Freeland is a leading partner. EndPandemics was established a week after the virus got its name and has been actively raising awareness around the globe ever since, teaming up with legislators in Asia, NGOs in Africa and South America, the Vatican in Rome, and more to come. Freeland and our partners in EndPandemics aim to make our world safe from more outbreaks by pooling already available expertise and tools at the local and global levels that can make our world resilient. Let's create a planetary immune system that drives away the cancers threatening earth, and ensure a safe and happy world for future generations and all of us.

- Rich Christian and Steve Galster  
Executive Producers

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\*We require that all attendees wear masks,  
regardless of vaccination status.

# FESTIVAL PROGRAM

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 10**

At Town Square Ballroom

6:30pm

Live Music with bsR Trio – Folk rock

7:00pm

Welcome. This year's theme: Freeland Founder, Steve Galster presents "A Better World: Beyond Pandemics"

7:25pm

**Opening Night Film – "Human: The World Within – Defend"**



Featured on Netflix, this program goes inside the human body and shows the connection between the resiliency of people and the potential resiliency of our planet.

8:15pm

Q&A with Producer of Defend, Dan Bromfield

8:45pm

After Party at Town Square Tap: drinks and music

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11**

At Town Square Ballroom

10:00am

Live Music with Saji Villoth – Guitar and vocals

10:30am

**PANEL – Regenerative Agriculture – Feeding People and Mitigating Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss, Soil Depletion, and Pandemics**

**Moderator:** Dr. Tom Eddy.

**Panelists:** Dr. Roger Leakey, Marc Eberle, Mat Boerson, Ken Bates

**11:30am**

**Living Soil**



A 60-minute documentary about soil health featuring innovative farmers and soil health experts from throughout the U.S. This documentary was directed by Chelsea Myers of Tiny Attic Productions and produced by the Soil Health Institute through the generous support of The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation.

12:30pm

Lunch break for one hour

1:30pm

**PANEL – Making Wildlife Traffickers Pay**

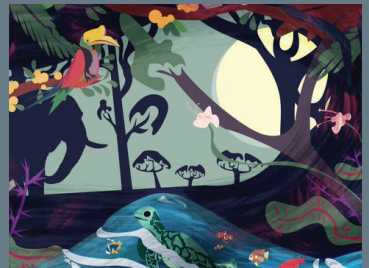
**Moderator:** Steve Galster

**Panelists:** Christina Scaringe, Jacob Phelps, Stephen Kohn

**FEATURED SHORT – Pongo the Stolen Orangutan: How Law Can Heal**

**Director:** Colin Sytma

This short explores how conservation lawsuits may help remedy harm caused by illegal traders.



2:30pm

Live Music with Brian Drow – Acoustic, harmonica and vocals



**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11**

At Town Square Ballroom

3:00pm

**TALK – Native American Perspective on the Pandemic** by Dylan Jennings, an enrolled member of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe.

4:00pm

**The Return** followed by a discussion with 3 National Geographic Explorers.



A family in the Ecuadorian Amazon seeks refuge from COVID-19 in the jungle, leading to a reconnection with their ancestors and nature. As lockdowns end, will the family stay?

5:30pm

Snacks and break for dinner

6:45pm

Live Music with Brian Drow – Acoustic, harmonica and vocals

7:00pm

**Fantastic Fungi**



Fantastic Fungi is a descriptive time-lapse journey about the magical, mysterious and medicinal world of fungi and their power to heal, sustain and contribute to the regeneration of life on Earth.

8:30pm

Closing Party TBA

## ABOUT THE PANELISTS

**Professor Roger Leakey DSc, PhD, BSc,** NDA was Director of Research at the International Centre for Research in Agroforestry (1993–1997) and Professor of Agroecology and Sustainable Development of James Cook University, in Cairns, Australia (2001–2006). He is Vice President of the International Tree Foundation.

**Marc Eberle** has been making documentaries for international broadcasters in Southeast Asia since 2000. In 2018 he founded SmartAgro Sustainable Innovations Co. Ltd. to create a driver for change. SmartAgro's mission is to re-design agricultural practices and change the paradigm of how we add long term value to people, small-holder communities and the ecosystem in the farming sector.

**Mat Boerson** is a regenerative farmer engaged with 100 acres of land near Green Lake, Wisconsin. He and his wife have built a diversified farm business focused on grass fed beef and certified organic vegetables. Mathew also serves on the board of the Green Lake Association and is actively involved with the Foxhead Regenerative Agriculture Project.

**Ken Bates** is a Commissioner on the Green Lake Sanitary District and a Board Member of the Foxhead Regenerative Agriculture Program. His personal project is using regenerative agriculture to restore 27 degraded acres.

**Tom Eddy** is a biologist and botanist who serves as an adjunct professor for Marian University and University of Wisconsin. He is a founding member of the Green Lake Conservancy land trust, an appointed member of Wisconsin's Natural Areas Preservation Council, and a board member of Freeland USA.

**Christina Scaringe** is General Counsel for Animal Defenders International, a nonprofit frontline organization with teams in the UK, US, Colombia, Peru, and South Africa. Christina works to further ADI's global ethos of compassion, social justice, and equality, to effect long-term change for non-human Earthlings, and to make our world a better and kinder place for us all.

**Jacob Phelps** is an environmental social scientist with a particular interest in policy, legal and governance dimensions of tropical biodiversity conservation and sustainable resource management. He is Senior Lecturer at the Lancaster Environment Centre in the UK, from where he coordinates conservation-litigation.org.

**Stephen Kohn** is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Whistleblower Center and is the most published author on whistleblower law, writing the first-ever legal treatise on whistleblowing (in 1985). Kohn won the largest-ever tax whistleblower reward (\$104 million) paid to a whistleblower who exposed billions of dollars in illegal offshore accounts held in the Swiss bank UBS.

**Dylan Bizhikiins Jennings** is a member of the marten clan. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin Madison with degrees in Anthropology, Archaeology, Environmental Studies, and American Indian Studies. Jennings served two consecutive terms as an elected Tribal Council Member for the Bad River Tribe.

**Steven Galster** is a Green Lake native and founder of Freeland. He is an expert on transnational organized crime and trafficking. Projects he designed disrupted illicit trades in people and wildlife, enabling the recovery of endangered species and vulnerable communities in Russia, Africa and Asia. Galster and his reports have featured on CNN, BBC, TIME, National Geographic, Discovery, Al Jazeera, and in the New York Times.

**Onkuri Majumdar** is the Deputy Director of Programs at Freeland and has worked on wildlife law enforcement for over a decade in India and southeast Asia, training hundreds of police, customs and forest officers on covert investigation techniques. An Emerging Wildlife Conservation Leader in 2013, and a National Geographic Emerging Explorer in 2015.

**Dr. Juliana Machado Ferreira** founded and serves as Executive Director of Freeland Brasil, whose mission is to conserve biodiversity by ending wildlife trafficking. Ferreira is a TED Senior Fellow and received her Ph.D. in Conservation Genetics from Sao Paulo University.