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11-13 September 2026

LANDXSEA

SCOTLAND'S ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL



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At Montrose Playhouse

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FILMFEST

Welcome to the 4th Annual Montrose LandxSea Film Fest!

This year, we **hold fast** to the places we love, the communities that sustain us and the belief that change is still possible.

Our most ambitious programme yet brings **22 bold films** to Montrose from Scotland and around the world. Highlights include the funny and moving Opening Night film **Derek vs Derek**; Jeanie Finlay's powerful coastal story **All Rivers Spill Their Stories to the Sea**; the urgent lithium documentary **Materia Prima**; and a very special live-score performance of the 1929 silent masterpiece **Finis Terrae**. We'll also return to the wild with the 4K restoration of **Watership Down**, swim against sewage pollution with **Jo in the Water**, and travel deep into forests, landscapes and ideas.

Selected from more than 260 submissions, this year's programme explores resilience, resistance and what we choose to protect. Across Scottish premieres, international guests, filmmaker conversations, workshops and family events, these films remind us that holding fast does not mean standing still. It means staying connected, speaking up and finding the courage to act.

LandxSea is never only about watching. Join the conversation. Meet the people behind the films. Make something. Challenge an idea. Come for a beach dook. Bring your curiosity, and perhaps a towel.

This year's festival reaches beyond the cinema too, with our Festival Preview Week at the PoP Shop on Montrose High Street, a growing schools programme and new international collaborations. It reflects how far LandxSea has come: from a grassroots weekend to an increasingly ambitious home for environmental film, creativity and action on Scotland's northeast coast.

Heartfelt thanks to our brilliant team, volunteers, filmmakers, guests, partners, audiences and supporters. We are especially grateful to Screen Scotland and Film Hub Scotland, whose support helps us keep growing, and to the British Council and Independent Cinema Office for supporting this year's international exchange.

Welcome to LandxSea. We can't wait to share it with you.

Warmly,

Rachel Caplan, Co-Founder & Festival Director

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FESTIVAL CALENDAR

16-22 August

All Day Festival Preview Week
at the PoP Shop, Montrose

Thursday 10 September

6:30pm Dram of Science in the Playhouse Bar

Friday 11 September

10:00am Free Schools Programme:
North Sea, Nature Untamed

Opening Night

7:30pm Derek vs Derek

Until Late Opening Night Drinks

Saturday 12 September

09:30am Singing Workshop: Songs of the Land
and Sea in the Activity Room

10:00am Hold Fast! Short Films from
Land and Sea

12:15pm Materia Prima
+ Short You Told Us to Talk About
the Weather

2:55pm Expressing the Earth
+ Short Paradise

3:30pm After the Credits: From Story to
Action in the Activity Room

5:25pm Jo in the Water
+ Short Will the People
Possess the Wind

8:30pm Finis Terrae + New Live Score

Sunday 13 September

9:30am Montrose Beach Dook

11:30am Watership Down

1:35pm All Rivers Spill Their Stories to the Sea
+ Short Ain't No Fish

4:30pm Hope Is a Word
+ Short Sikoqqinngisaannassooq
+ Q&A

Closing Night

7:30pm Whispers in the Woods
+ Short The Herring Queen
+ North Light Award Presentation

Until Late Closing Night Drinks
in the Playhouse Bar

Box Office

In person: Montrose Playhouse,
The Mall, Montrose DD10 8NN
Online: landxsea.org/playhouse
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Tickets & Passes

All seating is reserved. Advance booking recommended.

£18.00 Supporter
£12.00 Standard
£9.50 Senior
£9.00 Student
Free Ages 18 & under, carers and essential
companions, and Community Tickets

6-Ticket Bundle — £60
Book six different screenings and pay for five.

Weekend Pass — all 10 screenings

Supporter £144.00
Standard £96.00
Senior £76.00

More workshops, activities and special events in the Activity Room are still to be announced. Please check landxsea.org, follow @landxseafest or look out for updates at the venue during the festival.

You can view the festival screenings at www.landxsea.org/schedule if you want to check which films have Q&As, premiere status etc.

Cinema should be for everyone. Free Community Tickets are available if cost is a barrier — no explanation needed. Book online, by phone or at the box office.

Prices include a £1.50 administration fee per ticket, supporting Montrose Playhouse Project SCIO. Supporter Tickets and Passes include an additional donation helping LandXSea provide free tickets to young people and anyone facing financial barriers.

Tickets can be shown on your phone, printed at home or collected from the box office, which opens 30 minutes before the first screening each day. Screenings start promptly, with no trailers or ads. Most screenings include Q&As; guest appearances are subject to change. LandXSea is not included with Montrose Playhouse memberships. All sales are final. Unused paid tickets or passes are treated as donations supporting year-round programming.

Montrose Playhouse is fully accessible, with step-free entry, a lift, accessible toilets on every level and a Changing Places facility. Each screen has wheelchair spaces, and four disabled parking bays are available. Carers and essential companions attend free. International-language films have English subtitles, with additional subtitling provided wherever possible, as noted in online listings. All introductions and post-film Q&As are live captioned (CART). Hearing loops and quiet spaces are available. For specific access needs, please ask at the box office or contact us in advance. More info and accessible programme formats: landxsea.org/access

BIG NIGHTS

Opening Night : **Derek vs Derek** + Q&A with director James Dawson.

Scottish Premiere



James Dawson · UK · 88 min · 15

11 Sept – 7:30pm

On a country road in Devon, two farmers — both called Derek — are locked in a dispute over the future of their land. One runs an intensive dairy farm; the other is turning his fields over to beavers, wild boar and native wildlife. This is environmental storytelling at its most human: messy, affectionate, argumentative, and full of life.

Opening Night Drinks

After the screening, join us in the Playhouse Bar to meet festival filmmakers and special guests, and help us kick off the weekend in style.

Closing Night : **Whispers in the Woods**

Scottish Premiere



Vincent Munier · France · 93 min · U

13 Sept – 7:30pm

Deep in France's Vosges forests, celebrated photographer Vincent Munier journeys with his naturalist father and 12-year-old son in search of lynx, deer, owls and the elusive capercaillie. More than a nature film, this is a hushed family portrait: a meditation on patience, inheritance and learning to listen.

+ Short **The Herring Queen**

Closing Night Drinks

It's a wrap! After the screening, gather with filmmakers, guests and fellow festivalgoers in the Playhouse Bar for a celebratory nightcap to close the 2026 Festival.

FESTIVAL FEATURE FILMS



Materia Prima

Jens Schanze · Germany · 89 min · English, Spanish, Aymara & Quechua (with English subtitles) · 12A
12 Sept 12:15pm

The Bolivian Andes hold vast lithium reserves that Europe wants. As diplomats and entrepreneurs pursue the "new gold", Indigenous and rural communities, led by women, resist this familiar, colonial pattern of extraction. **Q&A with** impact producers Marcela Lizcano and Tatiana Vila (South America) and Ben Kempas (Europe).

+ Short **You Told Us To Talk About The Weather**



Jo in the Water

Pip Piper · UK · 87 min · 12A
12 Sept 5:25pm

Sea swimmer Jo Bateman never planned to be an activist. But when sewage pollution threatens the waters she loves, she is drawn into a fight for the right to swim safely, against one of the UK's biggest water companies. Urgent and uplifting. **Q&A with** director Pip Piper and swimmer & campaigner Jo Bateman.

+ Short **Will The People Possess The Wind**



Watership Down

Martin Rosen · UK · 92 min · PG
13 Sept 11:30am

When their warren is threatened with destruction, a band of rabbits goes in search of a new home. This landmark 1978 adaptation of Richard Adams' beloved novel is one of British animation's most enduring achievements: beautiful, brutal and mythic, now in stunning 4K.



Hope is a Word

Maria Galliani Dyrvik · Norway/Italy/Nigeria · 82 min · English, Pidgin, Khana & Tae (with English subtitles) · 15
13 Sept 4:30pm

Decades of oil extraction have poisoned Nigeria's Niger Delta. Poet-activist Nnimmo Bassey has spent a lifetime speaking out. Now he invites younger voices to come together and explore poetry as healing, testimony and resistance, to pass hope on. **Q&A with** director Maria Galliani Dyrvik and producer Anita Vedå.

+ Short **Sikoqqingngisaannassooq**



Expressing the Earth

Glenda Rome · UK · 78 min · 12A
12 Sept 2:55pm

Through Scotland's coastlines, forests and rock, *Expressing the Earth* explores geopoetics: Kenneth White's vision of language in conversation with landscape. Marking the 300th Anniversary of James Hutton's birth, this debut feature explores his ideas of deep time and how geology shapes us. **Q&A with** director Glenda Rome.

+ Short **Paradise**



Finis Terrae + New Live Score

Jean Epstein · France · 80 min · U
12 Sept 8:30pm

Jean Epstein's 1929 silent classic, dazzlingly restored to 4K. Accompanied by a bold new score by a Scottish-French composer duo. A quarrel between seaweed farmers turns to tragedy on a remote Breton island. **Performed live by** Dan Abrahams and Philippe Boudot. **Presented by** Cinetopia.

+ **Seaweed Tasting nibbles from Rae's Montrose.**



All Rivers Spill Their Stories to the Sea

Jeanie Finlay · UK/Germany · 99 min · 12A
13 Sept 1:35pm

Stan Rennie's family has fished this coastline for generations. Then, overnight, thousands of crabs wash up dead: an alarm bell. As officials dodge questions and his health falters, Stan begins a fight for answers.

+ Short **Aint No Fish**

SHORT FILMS SCREENING WITH FEATURES



You Told Us to Talk About the Weather

Harry Tomlin · UK · 5 min · PG
12 Sept 12:15pm

On a rewilded farm, a child's climate anxiety is voiced by a new generation of farmers, reflecting on the future. Narrated by Michael Sheen.
Q&A with director Harry Tomlin.



Paradise

Iso Attrill · UK · 5 min · PG
12 Sept 2:55pm

A poetic portrait of trans/non-binary artist and gardener Mol Benge and their relationship with the natural world; a space for growth, identity and becoming.
Q&A with director Iso Attrill.



Will the People Possess the Wind

Nell Houquez, James Marriott, Lauriem Mompelat · UK · 17 min · PG
12 Sept 5:25pm

A lyrical sail through the Thames Estuary asks who owns the wind, and can renewable energy become a force for public good.
Q&A with directors Nell Houquez, James Marriott and Lauriem Mompelat.



Ain't No Fish

Miki Cash, Tom Gasek · USA · 4 min · U
13 Sept 1:35pm

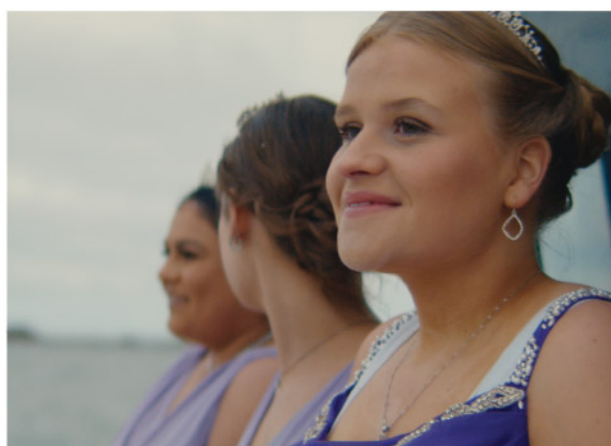
A classic stop-motion short with bite! As hungry Arctic seals croon happy vintage songs, the sea beneath them reveals a much darker world.
Q&A with directors Miki Cash & Tom Gasek



Sikoqqinngisaannassooq

Adam Sébire · Norway · 16 min · Kalaallisut (with English subtitles) · PG
13 Sept 4:30pm

In North-West Greenland, Indigenous children create new words and carve them into glaciers, to name what is being lost; imagining a future without ice.
Q&A with director Adam Sébire.



The Herring Queen

Eilidh Munro · UK · 12 min · PG
13 Sept 7:30pm

In the face of an uncertain future, a Scottish fishing community continues its cherished tradition of crowning its Herring Queen.
Q&A with director Eilidh Munro.

Short Films Programme

HOLD FAST!

Short Films from Land and Sea

12 Sept 10:00am

Across threatened landscapes and changing communities, six inventive short films explore what we hold fast to, what we risk losing and how we adapt when familiar worlds shift.



Arubara

Manuel Alberto Maia · Indonesia · 12 min · Bahasa (with English subtitles) · PG

When damaged coral reefs threaten an Indonesian fishing community’s future, the village takes a difficult gamble to protect the sea it depends on.



Asparagus Bear

Ivan Grgur · Croatia · 18 min · Croatian (with English subtitles) · PG

A sleepy Croatian coastal town is thrown into rumour and suspicion when a bear is reportedly spotted in the middle of wild asparagus season.



Beneath Which Rivers Flow

Ali Yahya · Iraq · 16 min · 12A without dialogue

In the marshlands of southern Iraq, a quiet young man finds solace in his bond with a buffalo as ecological collapse threatens the world they share.



Bone a Cod

Marie-Chantal Hamrock · UK · 16 min · PG

A formally inventive documentary dives into Aberdeen’s fishing history, where oral memory, labour and extraction meet. **Q&A with** director Marie-Chantal Hamrock.



Children & Animals

Walker Kalan · USA · 12 min · 12A

A 12-year-old farmer brings his favourite goat to compete at a country fair in Maine, where a conversation about death changes everything.



Community Theatre

Lewis Baillie · UK · 13 min · 12A

In Buckhaven, a local community theatre brings three generations of working-class stories to life on stage.

MORE THAN MOVIES. A MOVEMENT.

Beyond the screen, join conversations, workshops and special events that turn ideas into action.

PoP Shop Festival Preview Week



16–22 Aug
54 High Street, Montrose

Get an early taste of LandxSea with a week of creative workshops, talks, family activities and community events inspired by this year's festival films and themes. Drop into the PoP Shop to meet the LandxSea team, explore the programme and help create artworks and decorations that will appear at Montrose Playhouse during the festival.

Montrose Beach Dook



13 Sept 9:30am
Montrose Beach

Our beloved Beach Dook returns! Join fellow festivalgoers for a bracing dip in the North Sea and a joyful celebration on Montrose Beach – whether you are taking the plunge or cheering from the dunes.

After the Credits: From Story to Action



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12 Sept 3:30pm
Activity Room, Montrose Playhouse

What happens after the credits roll? Join the impact team behind **Materia Prima** for a hands-on session exploring how films can turn awareness into action.

Session with impact producers Marcela Lizcano and Tatiana Vila (South America) and Ben Kempas (Europe)

More To Discover



All Weekend throughout
Montrose Playhouse

Beyond the cinema enjoy workshops, conversations and community activities throughout the festival. Meet James Hutton Institute experts at our Dram of Science event, join a land-and-sea-themed singing workshop, browse Ink & Quill's pop-up bookshop, connect with our local 'Take Action' partners and discover community art.

FESTIVAL AWARDS 2026

Audience Award

You Decide! Vote after each screening to help choose this year's Audience Award winner.

North Light Award

Our annual juried award celebrates bold Scottish filmmaking that reimagines our relationship with the natural world. The winning filmmaker receives £500, with the award presented at Closing Night.

Awards handmade in Montrose by Irene Hughes Pottery & The Clay Half

2026 Jury

Amanda Thomson – Artist and author

Rachel Sarah – Filmmaker, photographer and 2024 North Light Award winner

Till Dietsche – Director, CINEMARE Intl, Ocean Film Festival Germany

Films in Competition

Bone a Cod

Community Theatre

Expressing the Earth

The Herring Queen

LIGHTS! CAMERA! TAKE ACTION!

Keep the story moving after the credits.

Visit landxsea.org/takeaction to make your Green Pledge, connect with local partners, explore our film archive and find year-round ways to protect the places we love.

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FESTIVAL AWARDS 2026

Schools Programme



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Young People Attend Free Everyone aged 18 and under can attend LandxSea screenings free across the Festival, with tickets available online or from the Montrose Playhouse box office. Subject to film age ratings and availability.

North Sea, Nature Untamed

Mark Verkerk · Netherlands · 88 min · U
11 Sept – 10:00am

Dive beneath the waves with underwater cameraman Peter van Rodijnen in a thrilling big-screen journey through the wild North Sea. Presented in a new English-language version created for schools, the film will be followed by a live discussion and Q&A.

Suitable for ages 7+, including schools, colleges, youth groups and home-educating families. To bring a class or group, contact hello@landxsea.org or visit landxsea.org/youth

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