

World Water Day @ 7 pm

Urban Waters and City Dwellers

Day 2 of Water Docs focuses on water and people who live in cities.

Co-presenter: [MINT Film Festival \(Made In Toronto\)](#) , with monthly screenings and events

Co-presenter: [Lost River Walks](#), including schedule of upcoming walks in Toronto

Featured environmental NGO: [Toronto Green Community](#)

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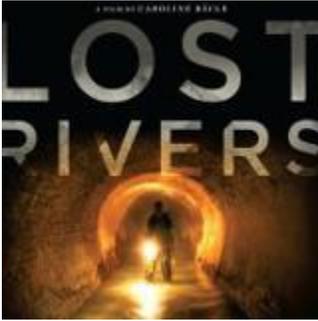
Live Musical Performance by Toronto Band H2O (30 minutes)



H2O is a high energy 9-piece Toronto-based band founded by Made IN Toronto Festival Director Glen Alan. H2O is committed to raising public awareness on the issue of water and is proud to be the featured musical act for the “Lost Rivers” event. An *a cappella* quartet of H2O members Glen Alan (vox), Dylan Bell (vox + percussion), Mary Panacci (vox) and Suba Shankaran (vox) will be joined by drummer Tony Nesbitt-Larking (drums) to perform a short water-themed musical concert prior to the screening of the night’s feature documentary *Lost Rivers*. H2O will be joined by some surprise musical guests, so don’t miss this very special concert that kicks off the festival weekend.

Following the movie there will be Q&A and discussion with producer Katarina Soukup and filmmaker Kevin Caners.

Lost Rivers (2012 – 72 minutes)



By filmmaker **Caroline Bâcle** and producer **Katarina Soukup**

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Once upon a time, in almost every industrial city, countless rivers flowed. We built houses along their banks. Our roads hugged their curves. And their currents fed our mills and factories.

But as cities grew, we polluted rivers so much that they became conduits for deadly waterborne diseases like cholera, which killed hundreds of thousands throughout the 19th century. Our solution two centuries ago was to bury rivers underground and merge them with sewer networks. Today, under the city, they still flow, out of sight and out of mind... until now.

This feature documentary takes us on an adventure down below and across the globe, retracing the history of these lost urban rivers by plunging into archival maps and going underground with clandestine urban explorers. We search for the disappeared Rivière St-Pierre in Montreal, the Garrison Creek in Toronto, the River Tyburn in London and the Bova-Celato River in Bresica, Italy. There, urban explorers actually work in collaboration with their Italian municipality, surveying fluctuations in water levels and educating citizens about the history of their city's buried Roman rivers. Along the way, we meet visionary urban thinkers, activists and artists from around the world.

Playing with the mystery of urban landscapes in constant transformation, *Lost Rivers* asks important questions as to the future of our disappeared urban waterways. Cities must act urgently to better manage the effects of climate change and extreme weather events. We also want to create urban

green spaces and biodiversity; not only to better manage our water, but celebrate it. Could answers be... right beneath our feet? In Seoul, Korea, a river once buried under an 8-lane highway has been resurfaced and made the centrepiece of an 8 km green space. A similarly ambitious “daylighting” project was recently completed in Yonkers, New York. Ardently supported by Mayor Boris Johnson, the London Rivers Action Plan aims to restore 15 km of ‘lost’ and neglected rivers by 2015 to protect the British capital from the devastating impacts of flooding due to climate change. Is this the wave of the future? Can we imagine an innovative future city that paradoxically moves forward by digging up the past? Universal questions about how we shape our built environment haunt and inspire. Could we bring our lost rivers back to life? (Source: press release)

The film is in original English, French, Italian, and Korean, with subtitles.

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