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PHILADELPHIA ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL NAMES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Philadelphia, PA —Debra Wolf Goldstein, of West Mt. Airy, has co-founded the first Philadelphia Environmental Film Festival, launching Earth Day weekend (Thursday, April 20 to Sunday, April 23) at the Prince Theater in Center City. Goldstein, a Philadelphia-based environmental attorney, will serve as executive director of the inaugural Festival.

Co-founder Alexandra Drobac Diagne, of Wyncote, will serve as the Festival's artistic director.

Goldstein heads Conservation Matters, a firm that provides legal, policy and strategic planning services to environmental organizations and government agencies. She served as director of Delaware Canal 21, a fundraising and advocacy group for the historic 60-mile long Delaware Canal and recreation path, part of the East Coast Greenway. She was regional advisor for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, general counsel at Heritage Conservancy, and an attorney with the law firm of Wolf Block. As chair of the Land Use Committee of the Philadelphia Commission on Parks & Recreation, she drafted the city's first parkland protection ordinance. Debra also served as vice president of the Fairmount Park Commission and is on the board of the Fairmount Park Conservancy.

With over a decade of experience in the film industry, Diagne helped Hollywood director James Cameron launch Lightstorm Entertainment and produce "Terminator 2: Judgment Day," assisted with post-production of "The Abyss" and research on "Titanic" and "Avatar." Diagne oversaw international production of multimedia programs for Pantheon Studios and was post-production manager on Gregory Nava's "A Time of Destiny." She also produced the documentary "Sistuhz," about women in South Central Los Angeles. Alexandra is a judge for the Greater Philadelphia Film Office's annual "Set in Philadelphia" screenwriting competition and serves on the Cheltenham Human Relations Commission.

The Festival's board of directors includes Kathy Anderson, who worked in the Hollywood film industry for 20 years; Darcie Goldberg, photographer; Tigre Hill, writer, producer and director; criminologist Ellen Kurtz; Carrie Rickey, former Philadelphia Inquirer film critic; Emmy-award-winning environmental film producer Tim Schlitzer; and Leslie Seitchik, director of marketing at Spring Garden Lending.

ABOUT THE PHILADELPHIA ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL

The [Philadelphia Environmental Film Festival](http://www.philaenvirofilmfest.org) showcases powerful films from around the world that entertain, inform and inspire personal action. The Festival also includes a launch party, an opening night dance party, a juried competition, awards, and opportunities to meet the filmmakers. The 2017 Philadelphia Environmental Film Festival – a “WXPN Presents” event -- is supported by lead sponsor The Nature Conservancy, together with other generous donors. See www.philaenvirofilmfest.org.

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