

LET'S TALK ABOUT WATER and MAYORS MAKE MOVIES



PROUDLY ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS OF THE 2024 LATIN AMERICAN PRIZE FOR SHORT FILMS ABOUT WATER AND SCIENCE

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A WORD FROM THE ORGANIZERS

Thank you for joining us on this journey through our newsletter, on Instagram, and through your wonderful submissions! The inspiration for this year's **Latin American Prize for Short Films about Water and Science** came from the First Latin American Water Forum, held in Aracaju, Brazil in 2023. This competition focused on regional stories.

As citizens of a climate-challenged planet, the first step in solving our problems is to start in our own watersheds—our own backyards, so to speak. We must open our eyes and hearts to the realities of our current world to address these challenges together, transcending political boundaries.

I believe in the power of film as a way to do exactly this. The winners of this competition have just proven that right through their stories and their voices. They have merited their laurels after being judged by a panel of professionals and we thank both the participants and the judges immensely.

These winning films will have their World Premiere at the [UNESCO/IHP](#) meeting to be held in Puntarenas, Costa Rica, November 4th and 5th, and it will be live on our **Mayors Make Movies YouTube** channel. We will keep you up to date on the details of the award ceremony. Keep following us on [Instagram](#) and watch [our website](#) for further information.

Thank you! You made it all happen! So, let's keep it going, **Let's Talk About Water!**

Linda Lilienfeld

Founder and Director of *Let's Talk About Water* and *Mayors Make Movies*

<https://letstalkaboutwater.com/>

<https://mayorsmakemovies.org/>

FIRST PRIZE WINNER



TITLE: **The Suffocated Voices of the Mantiqueira Streams**

DIRECTOR: **Wilson Fábio Godofredo**

COUNTRY: **Brazil**

SECOND PRIZE WINNER



TITLE: **Chalón Sombrero (Paint it White)**

DIRECTOR: **David Valcarcel**

COUNTRY: **Brazil**

FINALISTS



TITLE: **LAS NAVES, A Living Body Short Film**

DIRECTOR: **Ana Cristina Benítez Guerra**

COUNTRY: **Ecuador**



TITLE: Echoes of the Lake

DIRECTOR: Nico Muñoz

COUNTRY: Argentina



TITLE: Las Loicas

DIRECTOR: Bernardo Blanco

COUNTRY: Argentina



TITLE: The Planet of Water

DIRECTOR: Leonardo G3mez Gil

COUNTRY: Mexico



TITLE: La Serpiente de Shelmeca

DIRECTOR: Laura Bermudez

COUNTRY: Honduras

HONORABLE MENTIONS



TITLE: **The Firefighter**
DIRECTOR: **José Mozart Albuquerque**
COUNTRY: **Brazil**



TITLE: **The Infinite Browns of the Paraná River**
DIRECTOR: **Mario Schreider**
COUNTRY: **Argentina**



TITLE: **HIDRONAF - Watershed: from the Source to the Mouth and Beyond the Banks**
DIRECTOR: **Francisco César Dalmo and Luan Brioschi Giovanelli**
COUNTRY: **Brazil**

AWARD CEREMONY

The award ceremony and the premiere of the winning films will be held at the **XVI Meeting of National Committees and Focal Points of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme of UNESCO for Latin America and the Caribbean (IHP-LAC)**, in Puntarenas, Costa Rica, November 4th and 5th, 2024.

