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URANIUM MINING AND CONTAMINATED WATER— THE HISTORY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT – BONOBO, A RARE BREED OF APES IN THE CONGO—A GREAT 20TH CENTURY INVENTOR NIKOLA TESLA – EATING HABITS IN TEHRAN - COMPLICATED POLITICS OF SYRIA – AND A PANSEXUAL POET ARE UP NEXT ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH AT THE 16TH UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION FILM FESTIVAL

HOT WATER (USA)

The filmmakers of *Hot Water* travel to South Dakota to follow a story about uranium contamination, only to discover that the problem flows much farther and runs deeper than they could have imagined. Three years and thousands of miles later, *Hot Water* tells of those impacted by uranium mining, atomic testing, nuclear energy and the contamination that runs through our air, soil and even more dramatically, our water. Directed by Kevin Flint. 1:00pm *FILMMAKER PRESENT*

A FIERCE GREEN FIRE (USA)

A Fierce Green Fire chronicles the largest movement of the twentieth century and one of the keys to the twenty-first. It brings together all the major parts of environmentalism and connects them. It focuses on activism, people fighting to save their homes, their lives, the future and succeeding against all odds. The film unfolds in five acts, each with a central story and character. 2:30pm *FILMMAKER PRESENT*

THE BONOBO CONNECTION (CONGO/USA)

Most people have never heard of a Bonobo and don't know they exist. Aside from chimpanzees, they are the closest blood relatives to humans, and in the wild they can only be found in one country, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in Central Africa. Bonobos were the last of the great apes to be discovered but could be the first to go extinct due to the dangers they are facing in the wild: deforestation, predation for

bush meat, and their position in the middle of a war zone caused by country's political instability. Directed by Irene Magafan. 4:15pm

TESLA: MASTER OF LIGHTING (USA)

Nikola Tesla was one of the greatest inventors of the 20th century, with over 700 worldwide patents to his name. *Tesla, Master of Lightning*, is a multi-media project that tells the comprehensive story of the life and work of Nikola Tesla for the very first time. The film features many new and unknown details of Tesla's life, including the influence he had on the Strategic Defense Initiative missile defense program. A great deal of the story is told in Tesla's own words, drawn from his autobiographical and scientific writings and performed by actor Stacy Keach. Directed by Robert Uth. 4:50pm
FILMMAKERS PRESENT

MY CITY PIZZA (IRAN/UK)

My City Pizza is a light-hearted, amusing and fast-paced documentary about the eating habits in modern Tehran. It also offers a kaleidoscopic view of Iranian society. Young people, old people, progressive and conservative Iranians tell us what they think about Italian fast food and reveal something about themselves too. Directed by Ala Mohseni. 6:45pm *FILMMAKER PRESENT*

THE SECOND MEETING (SERBIA/USA)

In 1999, the Kosovo War unexpectedly brought two men together, an American F-117A pilot and the Serbian missile officer who shot him down. Their first meeting was on the radar. Twelve years later, these two men, Dale Zelko and Zoltan Dani decided to meet in person and share their stories and cultures. This is a heartfelt story about a unique encounter. Directed by Zeljko Mirkovic. 7:30pm *FILMMAKERS PRESENT*

THE SUFFERING GRASSES: WHEN ELEPHANTS FIGHT, IT IS THE GRASS THAT SUFFERS (SYRIA/USA)

With thousands dead and counting, the ongoing conflict in Syria has become a microcosm for the complicated politics of the region, and an unsavory reflection of the world at large. Against the backdrop of the Arab Spring, this film seeks to explore the Syrian conflict through the humanity of the civilians who have been killed, abused and displaced to the squalor of refugee camps. Directed by Iara Lee. 8:40pm

BIG JOY: THE ADVENTURES OF JAMES BROUGHTON (USA)

Big Joy: the Adventures of James Broughton provides a humorous antidote to the cynicism and materialism of our age. This documentary chronicles, for the first time on film, the groundbreaking influence and artistic achievements of pan-sexual poet/filmmaker James Broughton - who was intimately connected to crucial, artistic figures, including

Pauline Kael, Jonas Mekas, Jean Cocteau, Harry Hay, Stan Brakhage, Lawrence
Ferlinghetti, Anna Halprin and Armistead Maupin among others. Directed by Eric
Slade, Stephen Silha and Dawn Logsdon. 9:50pm