

Selma Rubin and Community of Life

A documentary by
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Beezhan Tulu's Filmography, Biography, & Mission Statement

FILMOGRAPHY:

- 2014, "Selma Rubin and Community of Life", **OFFICIAL SELECTION, Santa Barbara International Film Festival**
- 2014, "Soil Synergy"
- 2013, "350, The Most Important Number", **WINNER OF AWARD OF MERIT, Accolade Competition**
- 2013, "Cancer. What Is The Truth?", **WINNER OF AWARD OF MERIT, Accolade Competition**
- 2013, "Cafe Gratitude"
- 2012, "Seedling"
- 2012, "Passive House, A Building Revolution" (Cameraman)
- 2011, "Power", (Developing editor and developing cameraman)
- 2008, "Warner Brothers online TV shows" (Editor/P)
- 2007, "Technostorks", (Editor), **WINNER OF BEST HEALTH DOCUMENTARY, NY Film Festival**
- 2006, "Racer Girlz", **SCREENED AT Discovery Channel International**
- 2005, "The American Elm" (Editor), **OFFICIAL SELECTION, Berkshire Film Festival**
- 2004, "Flight", (Filmmaker), **OFFICIAL SELECTION, Takoma Park & DC Film Festival**
- 2003, "The Fire Inside" (Filmmaker), **OFFICIAL SELECTION, Takoma Film Festival.**

BIOGRAPHY:

Beezhan Tulu, an independent filmmaker began his work as a freelance journalist at age 16. He traveled around the world as a freelance Editor and Director of Photography for many years, producing a weekly program that aired in 42 different cable TV stations. His work has been aired in Discovery Channel, online Warner Brother TV shows, NBC, CNN, and French TV Channel TF1. His next projects include a documentary on compost tea (about how it can replace synthetic chemical fertilizers and also Earth Medicine (about how to reconnect to our planet and each other).

MISSION STATEMENT:

Living Web Films uses the art of film making to create a healthier planet for all species. We focus on stories with bright solutions. We commit to make honest, deeply researched, and groundbreaking films that can nurture and evolve our culture. We do our best to showcase most reliable and proven options for advanced transportation, housing and food and we commit to share that with the world.



Film Synopsis & Selma Rubin

SYNOPSIS:

When Selma Rubin, the environmental legend in Santa Barbara California, finds out that a developer is planning to build 1500 homes in one of the most pristine areas on our planet, decides to stop him. She uses the power of community and saves the Gaviota Coast. Gaviota Coast by Channel Islands is considered a hot spot that is very crucial to the overall health of our planet. Selma Rubin - intuitively - recognized that building of 1500 homes in that area will have a huge effect on the health of our planet and she encouraged and mobilized 1000s of people to write the history.

One-Line SYNOPSIS:

Determination of one responsible person can be the spark of many progressive movements.



Selma Rubin: Environmental legend, Ms. Rubin moved to Santa Barbara in 1964. During her long and active life, she was a catalyst for change in local politics and environmental issues. She played an integral role in establishing The January 28 Committee formed in response to the 1969 oil spill, which went on to become the Community Environmental Council. On March 16, 1970 CEC became a legal non-profit, and Ms. Rubin served as the Treasurer, as well as serving on numerous other CEC committees during her many years of service. In 1970, she played a primary role in halting the proposed development slated to build 1,500+ homes on the Gaviota Coast. In 1995 she received the SB Independent Hero Award recognizing her many contributions. Ms. Rubin has been honored with numerous prestigious environmental awards over the years. She remained active on the CEC Board continuously from 1970 until March of 2006. Ms. Rubin was a Santa Barbara legend and treasure, and has been a founder and/or Board member of at least 42 organizations, including the Environmental Defense Center, Fairview Gardens, the American Civil Liberties Union, SBCAN, PUEBLO, Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee and many other community organizations supporting Santa Barbara's social and environmental wellbeing. Selma passed at age 96 on March 8th, 2012.

Film Characters



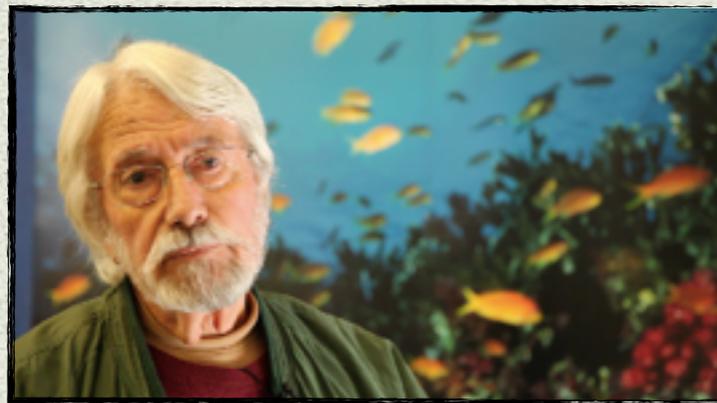
Dave Davis: Dave Davis is the CEO/Executive Director and a board member of the Community Environmental Council (CEC). Dave currently serves as the Chair of the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District Board of Directors, the provider of regional transit services to the Santa Barbara South Coast and a national leader in the electric bus technology. Dave also serves on the boards of the UCSB Economic Forecast Project and the Santa Barbara Built Green Advisory Council. Dave served as the City of Santa Barbara's Community Development Director and City Planner for almost 25 years before retiring from public service. He has also taught planning and environmental studies at UCLA and Moorpark College. Dave has received numerous awards, including national recognition for planning innovation from the National League of Cities, social advocacy from the American Planning Association, and lifetime achievement from the American Institute of Architects. He has been named "Planner of the Year" by the Santa Barbara Citizen's Planning Association as well as "Citizen of the Year" by the Santa Barbara Downtown Organization. Dave has been recognized for distinction by the Pacific Coast Business Times in "Who's Who in Clean Tech and Sustainability." Dave received his B.A. and M.A. in Economics from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Chris Mobley: Channel Island National Marine Sanctuary Superintendent. Chris began his NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) career in 1987 as a commissioned officer in the NOAA corps, serving aboard the NOAA ship Malcom Baldrige as deck officer, working diver, and shipboard computer manager. He then worked for ten years in NOAA fisheries' Santa Rosa, California field office, focusing on the conservation and restoration of marine and freshwater fish habitat. For the last three years as Pacific Salmon Coordinator for NOAA Fisheries office of protected Resources in Silver Spring, Maryland. Chris has worked on policy, funding, and administration of Pacific salmon recovery efforts under the Endangered Species Act. During his career, Chris has had extensive experience in building partnerships and collaborating with state and federal agencies, local government, tribes, businesses, non-profit organizations and user groups, often on highly controversial and contentious issues. He has also participated in a number of research projects along the California coast, including kelp diving off San Miguel Island, archeological diving near Santa Cruz Island, field cruises in the Gulf of the Farrallones, and rockfish dive surveys in Mendocino and Sonoma counties. Chris received a B.A. in Biology from Dartmouth College, an M.S. in Oceanography from the University of Washington, and an M.B.A. from Sonoma State University.



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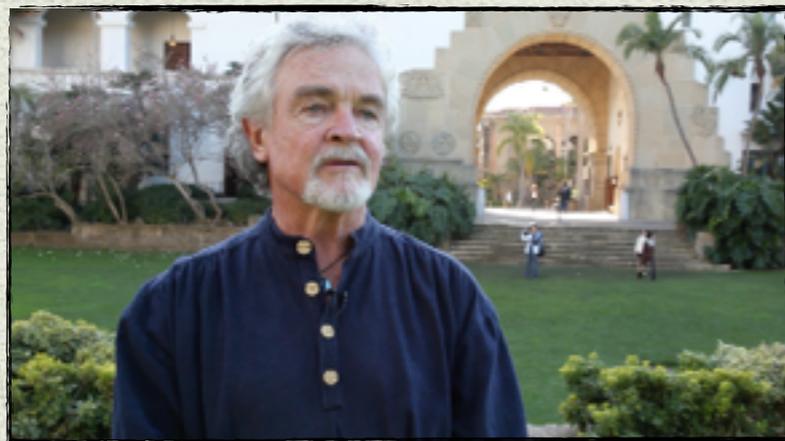
David Landecker: David Landecker served as the Executive Director of Environmental Defense Center from 2007 to 2012. He was the C.E.O. and manager of only non-profit environmental law firm between L.A. and S.F. dealing with local environmental issues including coastal, marine, open space, wildlife, human and ecological health concerns. Increased staff, programming and endowment in midst of major national recession. The Environmental Defense Center protects and enhances the local environment through education, advocacy, and legal action. EDC has empowered community based organizations to advance environmental protection. Their program areas include protecting coast and ocean resources, open spaces and wildlife, and human and environmental health. They primarily work within Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo counties.



Jean-Michelle Cousteau: Chairman of the Board and President of Ocean Futures Society, Explorer. Environmentalist. Educator. Film Producer. For more than four decades, Jean-Michel Cousteau has dedicated himself and his vast experience to communicate to people of all nations and generations his love and concern for our water planet. In recognition of his many and diverse contributions to learning, Pepperdine University awarded Jean-Michel an Honorary Doctor's Degree in Humane Letters in 1976. He has received DEMA's 1994 Reaching Out Award and the 1995 NOGI Award from the Academy of Underwater Arts and Sciences. In 1996, Jean-Michel was awarded the SeaKeepers Award from Showboats International, and the John M. Olguin Marine Environment Award from the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. In 2003, he was inducted into the International Scuba Diving Hall of Fame and became a Trustee of the British Virgin Islands National Parks as well as being the first recipient of the Ocean Hero Award from Oceana. He has also received the Poseidon/Lifetime Achievement Award from Reef Check and been elected to the Global Green Board of Directors. In 2008, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Jules Verne Adventures and the National Marine Sanctuaries Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award.

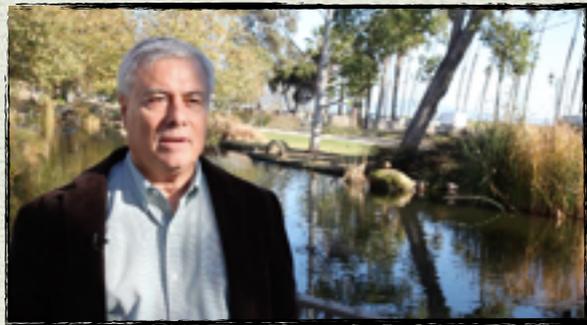
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Linda Krop: Linda has worked at EDC as a staff attorney since 1989 and as Chief Counsel since 1999. Her main focus has been on open space protection, coastal preservation and beach access, marine issues, and offshore oil and gas development. Linda represents the conservation community on the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council and teaches at the University of California at Santa Barbara. Linda has received the Sierra Club Award of Appreciation for Outstanding Achievement, U.S. Senator Boxer's Conservation Champion Award, Environment Now Wells Family Award, League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara Achievement Award, Citizens Planning Association Community Services Award and Environmental Leadership Award, Jim Ryerson Environmental Award, UCSB Environmental Studies Community Services Award, Coastal Protection Award, and Santa Barbara Independent Local Hero Award. Linda earned a bachelors degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara, and a law degree from the Santa Barbara College of Law.



Marc McGinnes: J. Marc McGinnes retired from his regular teaching duties in 2005 as a Senior Senate Lecturer in the Environmental Studies Program, capping a distinguished teaching career at UCSB that began in 1972. He developed and taught ten courses in the areas of environmental law, policy, dispute resolution, and ecopsychology, including the longest running undergraduate course in environmental law in the United States. He also taught courses in the Law and Society Program and the Global Peace and Security Program. He was the recipient of numerous teaching honors and awards, including the UCSB Alumni Association Outstanding Teaching Award. In addition to his teaching, Mr. McGinnes has pursued parallel careers as both an environmental lawyer (one who applies legal principles to environmental problems) and a legal ecologist (one who applies ecological principles to legal problems). In 1970 he led the founding of one of America's first ecology centers, the Community Environmental Council of Santa Barbara, and in 1977 one of the first public interest environmental law firms, the Environmental Defense Center. He is a former director of Congress on Optimum Population and Environment, Chicago, and Earth Island Institute, San Francisco. As a legal ecologist, Mr. McGinnes' presentations on Using and Practicing Law as a Healing Art have been featured at numerous conferences on peacemaking, conflict resolution and environmental law. He is a founder and director of the Peaceful Resolutions Institute and Community Mediation Program of Santa Barbara.

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Paul Relis: Paul Relis became the founding Executive Director of the Community Environmental Council in 1970, a year after the infamous Santa Barbara Oil Spill of January 28, 1969. Mr. Relis, his wife Kathy, and his colleagues established the Santa Barbara Ecology Center that included a bookstore that featured an outpouring of new environmental literature, a public meeting center and environmental displays. The Ecology Center was the headquarters for the CEC magazine, "The Survival Times" that offered readers in-depth stories on local, regional and national environmental literature. In quick succession, Mr. Relis led the CEC to establish the Chapala Garden, an organic garden in the heart of the downtown, Santa Barbara Earth Day, the El Mirasol Polyculture Farm, an environmental education center. In the mid 1970s Mr. Relis worked with CEC's then co-director and later Santa Barbara Mayor, Hal Conklin to develop recycling in Santa Barbara and later an environmental think tank, the Gildea Center. It was CEC's pioneering work in developing recycling programs and policies that led Governor Pete Wilson to appoint Mr. Relis to the California Integrated Waste Management Board, an executive position in the California Environmental Protection Agency where he oversaw the implementation of California's far reaching recycling and composting programs from 1991-1998. Since 1998 Mr. Relis has served as Senior Vice President of an environmental services company in Southern California where he has led the development of technology to convert the organic portion of municipal waste to renewable natural gas and soil products-a zero waste technology. Mr. Relis served as a Board Member of the CEC from 1998 until 2010, and served as Board President from 2005-2006.

Mike Lunsford: Mike Lunsford who is a second generation native Californian, hails from San Diego, where exploring the hills and beaches from an early age, made him an avid hiker and surfer. After 5 years of military service where he flew helicopters, Mike attended San Diego State College, graduating with honors with a major in geography and minors in history and anthropology. He became a State Park Ranger in 1975, working 22 of his 25 years of service on the Gaviota Coast, where he initiated and managed the planning, construction and maintenance of Gaviota State Park's trail system. Mike was recruited to the Santa Barbara County Trails Council in the early 1980's where he continues to serve on the Board of Directors. Recently, he was instrumental in the reorganization of the Trails Council into a public benefit non-profit serving the interests of all trail users. After many years as a guest presenter and hike leader, Mike became the Santa Barbara Area Coordinator for Coastwalk in 2006. He oversees the organizing of week-long, group hiking events to promote awareness of the California Coastal Trail and the coastal resources it reveals. A growing awareness of the significance of the Gaviota Coast led Mike to become more involved in the community. After attending the Santa Barbara College of Law, and becoming a member of the state bar, he became engaged in community environmental matters. He is a charter member of the Gaviota Coast Conservancy Board of Directors, where he serves as president.



Music

Mary Isis: Mary Isis sings her prayers, to reverberate eternally through the cosmos. With Joy, she transforms her vision and soul progression into sacred melodic soul songs rich with personal and universal meaning. Her voice is her first instrument. At 7 she began piano lessons and was trained to learn by ear which helped her greatly in teaching herself ukelele and guitar in her adult years. Her passion for percussion also keeps her connected to Spirit and the sacred rhythms of life. The creative force that flows within is blessed and nurtured by her wild imagination and deep reverence for nature, as well as by her passion; protecting the environment, promoting sustainability, maintaining wellness in body and mind, and working with plant medicine. She has deep roots on the big island of Hawaii, having lived there most of her life, producing Sacred Art and Music as well as mentoring children and young adults for over ten years. She is the founder of Nectarian Music and work with vigilance in the support and production of sacred medicine music as well as ceremonial music events that honor and celebrate the blessing of life. For more information visit MaryIsisMusic.com



Omra Fochtman: Kubby is a visionary artist and musician. She spent her childhood in Virginia and has always been an artist. In 1994 she moved to the Big Island after traveling the U.S. for a year and a half, learning various crafts ranging from stone carving to jewelry. She then started her studies as a healer, learning under three mentors, Beatrix Phleiderer P.H.D., Holotropic Breathwork and "Tara" developer; Kahu orenyatenya, Maori shaman and Temple Lomi Lomi master; and Hoku Okalani, Native American and Hawaiian Kahuna elder. These studies, along with the use of plant medicine, permaculture and esoteric studies, shaped her work into extraordinary paintings. She is able to portray her visions to you on canvas through the array of colors from acrylics, pastel and pen. Her fascinating images have won awards in various shows. Omra has also illustrated her first children's book "What 's on the other side of the rainbow" for author Carla Masterson, of Harmony Soup. Her first child, Aeron, is a character in the story. Her music is just as mystical as her paintings, with the tunes as her paints, she creates a dreamlike atmosphere for you to experience. Earthy, rhythmic, and relaxing. Recently, she has finished a collection of 44 cards with her paintings on the front, and a positive message on the back. She calls this "The Visions Oracle". For more information visit omra-art.com

Selma Rubin and Beezhan Tulu at El Capitan



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