



NEW RELEASES

Conscientious Protectors

Conscientious Protectors puts you right in the middle of the beginnings of the Extinction Rebellion movement. The film follows the founding members of the non-violent direct action climate change group XR, from their first public meetings in October 2018 through to their shutdown of London in April 2019.

With unrestricted access, director Leigh Bloomfield and producer Jeff Emerson followed key members of Extinction Rebellion as they demanded that governments around the world acknowledge Climate Change as a global emergency. One that needs to be addressed with the same seriousness as war, famine and natural disasters.

In October 2018, Leigh received a letter through his letterbox (yes, a physical letter not an email) from Extinction Rebellion to attend one of their evening meetings. At that meeting he was introduced to Roger Hallam and others, where they gave talks on the state of the environment and the climate crisis the world is facing, and how civil disobedience has been used to great success throughout history to change the tide on many important issues. Having never been involved with movements or protests before, Leigh felt compelled to film and document this movement and see how far they could go. Leigh describes himself as an environmentalist and connected strongly with the passion he saw in that meeting, for more action to be taken for our environment. The only thing he didn't know: 'Was civil disobedience going to work in this day and age?' *Conscientious Protectors* is his answer to the question.

Documenting the incredible story of how Extinction Rebellion took over central London in 2019, bringing it to a grinding halt and refusing to leave until their list of demands were met, the film introduces the founders of the movement and details their audacious plan to hold the city to ransom until the powers that be agreed to help avert the impending climate catastrophe.

Bloomfield says: 'With exclusive access to the Extinction Rebellion movement, this fly on the wall documentary tells their story. This monumental feat took months and months of planning, and we followed the key co-founders of XR, Roger Hallam, Gail Bradbrook, Clare Farrell, Stuart Basden and Larch Maxey through the planning and onto the streets. This film delves into the inner workings of XR's decision making, their methods, their stresses and strains, as they took hold of five sites in London during the April 15th rebellion.'

With all the tension of a heist thriller, as the countdown to the rebellion starts, the film is also an inspiring portrait of people prepared to risk and sacrifice in order to make a change for the better – defying authority and corporate might with breathtaking courage.

Production notes

CONSCIENTIOUS PROTECTORS:**A STORY OF REBELLION AGAINST EXTINCTION**

Directed by: Leigh Bloomfield

Presented by: Leap Productions

Executive Producer: Roger Graeff

Produced by: Jeff Emerson, Leigh Bloomfield

Camera Operators: Leigh Bloomfield, Jeff Emerson, Amin Mueller,

Charlie Wharton, Felix Schmilinsky, Fergus MacGregor,

Alexi Phillips, Thomas William Watson

Graphics: Philip Gooch, Leigh Bloomfield

Film Editor: Leigh Bloomfield

Additional Editing: Dan Lincoln

Music by: Hollie Buhagiar

Sound Mixer: Chandra Nair

Archive Photography: Tomm Morton

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A Demand Film UK release

The screening on Mon 1 Aug will feature a Q&A with director Leigh Bloomfield

NEW RELEASES**Hit the Road (Jaddeh Khaki)**

Continues from Fri 29 Jul

Conscientious Protectors

From Mon 1 Aug

The Feast

From Fri 19 Aug

Where Is Anne Frank

From Fri 19 Aug

Queen of Glory

From Fri 28 Aug

RE-RELEASES**The Big City (Mahanagar)**

Continues from Fri 22 Jul

Paris, Texas

Continues from Fri 29 Jul

The Harder They Come

From Fri 5 Aug (+ intro by season curator and author Lloyd Bradley on Fri 5 Aug 18:15)

Burning an Illusion

From Fri 19 Aug

IN PERSON & PREVIEWS**BFI Expanded: Child of Empire**

1-7 Aug 14:00-21:00

BFI Expanded: World Premiere: Lost Migrations

Mon 1 Aug 17:30, 19:30

TV Preview: The Sandman + Q&A with creator Neil Gaiman and cast member Tom Sturridge

Wed 3 Aug 19:00

Being Blacker + Q&A with Molly Dineen, Blacker Dread and Naptali

Tue 9 Aug 20:30

Preview: My Old School + Q&A with director Jono McLeod and actor Alan Cumming

Fri 12 Aug 18:15

Tony Hancock: Oddities and Rarities

Sat 13 Aug 12:00

RRR

Sat 13 Aug 19:00

TV Preview: Am I Being Unreasonable? + Q&A with writer/actors Daisy May Cooper, Selin Hizli and exec producer Jack Thorne

Wed 31 Aug 18:15

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