

Whales of Gold Free Showing at New Bedford Historic Park

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues Friday, December 21st at 7 p.m. with Whales of Gold, introduced by the award-winning film maker, Lucia Duncan. Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the Working Waterfront Festival. Films about the working waterfront are screened on the third Friday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. All programs are open to the public and presented free of charge.



Whales of Gold (42 minutes) explores the impact of eco-tourism on a traditional fishing village. Every winter, following the migration of gray whales, tourists, scientists, and conservationists descend upon the San Ignacio Lagoon in Baja California, Mexico. Their presence – and the establishment of Latin America's largest biosphere reserve – brings profound change to the lagoon's small fishing community. Twelve-year-old Antonio negotiates between the different points of view of locals and outsiders about the changes and what the future will bring. Whales of Gold raises questions about how to conserve habitat and species in a way that also sustains the livelihoods of local people. Whales of Gold was named best documentary at the UFRAME and NEXT FRAME film festivals in 2009. Film Maker Lucia Duncan will introduce the film and take questions following the screening. Ms. Duncan has produced and directed films in the U.S., Mexico, and Brazil about topics such as labor, immigration, tourism, culture, and the environment. Her films have screened at festivals worldwide

and have received awards from the International Documentary Association, CINE, the International Labor Communications Association, and the Angelus Student Film Festival.