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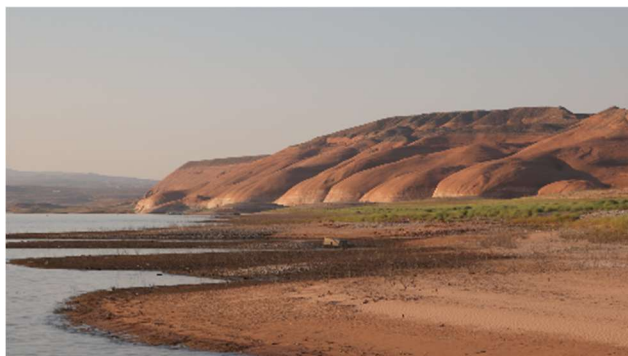
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## **DROPS OF LIFE**

**Denver Botanic Films' First Feature-Length Release**

**Public screenings begin April 1**



The Gardens established Denver Botanic Films®, a small in-house production house, in 2021 to create a storytelling bridge between people, plants and the natural world. *Drops of Life* is the fourth release and the first feature-length film. The 64-minute documentary is centered on how more than any other resource, access to water—or the lack of it—shapes life. *Drops of Life* examines how people utilize and live with water, revealing how this most essential natural resource defines daily rituals, culture and survival.

Through stories and practices from around the world, including the U.S., Mesoamerica and Italy, the film invites viewers to reimagine how we care for and conserve this shared resource that faces ever-growing threats of access and abundance. Daily screenings of *Drops of Life* begin on Wednesday, April 1 in the Gardens' Sturm Family Auditorium and are included with general admission.

The film was created over the course of three years and during that time director Billy Kanaly says, “the more I learn about our relationship with water, the more apparent are the complexities, the injustices and the impact of this vital resource.” He goes on to say, “As access to water grows ever scarcer, I find it troubling that many people assume their water supply is guaranteed. I hope this film opens doors of dialogue and action on how we think about and use this precious natural resource.”

**Production credits:**

Director, Billy Kanaly

Executive Producer, Brian Vogt

Producer, Jennifer Riley-Chetwynd and Dan Domagala

Director of Photography, Rhett Cutrell

Editor, Justin Lewis

Previous Denver Botanic Film releases are *A Cup Named Joe* (2025, 27 min), *A Branch of Us* (2024, 36 min) and *Amache Rose* (2023, 32 min). These films have been accepted into film festivals across the country including Denver Film Festival, Colorado Dragon Boat Film Festival, Orlando Film Festival and the St. Louis International Film Festival.

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**About Denver Botanic Gardens:** Green inside and out, Denver Botanic Gardens celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2026 and is considered one of the top botanical gardens in the United States and a pioneer in water conservation. Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, and the American Public Gardens Association, the Gardens has a robust living plant collection, natural history collection and art collection along with temporary art exhibitions. The Gardens' Denver location features a 24-acre urban oasis in the heart of the city, offering unforgettable opportunities to flourish with unique garden experiences— as well as world-class exhibitions, special events, education and plant conservation research programs. Additional sites extend this experience throughout the Front Range: Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms is a 700-acre native plant refuge with an active farm in Jefferson County; Mount Goliath is a high-altitude trail and interpretive site on the Mount Blue Sky Scenic Byway. The Gardens also manages programming at Plains Conservation Center in Aurora. For more information, visit us online at [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org).