

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL
HOUSING, HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH AND CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 2PM, DECEMBER 8TH, 2010

Film Forum

Screenings of Films Relating to the Work of the Seattle City Council

Curated by **Adam Sekuler**
Today's Filmmaker is **SJ Chiro**

SJ Chiro's 2006 short film, *Little Red Riding Hood*, has been shown at festivals internationally, garnering awards for Best Live Action Short at Cinema K (Seattle's Children's Film Festival) and Best Cinematography at the San Francisco Woman's Film Festival. Her 2008 Hitchcockian Sci-fi film, *Third Days Child* was named one of the top 20 short films at SIFF in 2008. In 2009 *A Water Tale*, an environmental fairy tale, was commissioned by Seattle Public Utilities. She is currently putting the finishing touches on *Howard From Ohio*, a short film based on the story of the same title by Keri Healey. SJ graduated from Bennington College with a degree in theater and French literature. In Seattle she has worked extensively with Annex Theatre where she acted, directed and championed new work, eventually becoming Artistic Director.

Today's Screening: "**A Water Tale**"

by SJ Chiro, Seattle, 2009

3 minutes

(Excerpted from her 14-minute film)

A young girl is transported to an underwater kingdom, where the "Kingfish" informs the girl of the impact of pollution - caused by increased storms and storm water runoff - on the sea.

Film Forum Curator: **Adam Sekuler**

Adam Sekuler serves as the program director for Northwest Film Forum located on Capitol Hill. Before arriving in Seattle he was programmer for the nation's first and only dedicated non-fiction theatre, The Bell Auditorium. He is co-founder of Search and Rescue, an ongoing effort to present and preserve discarded archives of 16mm films. He also programmed for the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Film Festival and Sound Unseen. In his early years he booked music for the Whole Music Club, Minneapolis' only all ages venue. During his spare time, Adam makes short films that have screened at festivals and museums. You can find him scheming about bus cabarets and penciling in words on crossword puzzles on the weekends.