

Information

Addicted to Plastic Addicted to Plastic is a documentary focusing on the worldwide production and environmental effects of plastic. The host takes a 2-year trip around the world to give us a better understanding of the life cycle of plastic. It's probably fair to say that we all believe buying goods (pencils, food, electronics, etc.) with less packaging is a good thing, and when we separate our trash and drop the plastic rubbish into the blue box for the morning pickup, it all gets recycled, and we can feel confident we've done our part for the environment. The development of degradable plastics is a good thing, but a lot of what we use – new trash as well as old – has penetrated some very disturbing levels of the food chain and the ecosystem, and it makes the case that all is not well in our world via a simple boat trip to the North Pacific Central Gyre, aka the Eastern Garbage patch, where air pressure and rotating water currents swirl and push all kinds of floating trash to the water's surface.

Technical Specs

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- Video Codec: x264 CABAC
- Video Bitrate: 1274 Kbps
- Video Aspect Ratio: 1.778:1
- Video Resolution: 832x468
- Audio Codec: AC3
- Audio Bitrate: 192 Kbps CBR 48KHz
- Audio Channels: 2
- Run-Time: 85.Mins
- Framerate: 29FPS
- Number of Parts: 1
- Part Size: 894 MB
- Source: DVD
- Encoded by: Harry65

AWARDS

Mostra de Ciencia e Cinema, A Coruña, Galicia, Spain
- Winner - Youth Award

FICMA 2009 International Environmental Film Festival, Barcelona, Spain
- Winner - Golden Sun Award - Best International Documentary

Sarajevo's Eko-Okolo Environmental Film Festival
- Runner-up - Silver Snow Flake Award

Vancouver International Film Festival
- Runner-Up - Audience Award for Most Popular Documentary Film
- Runner-Up - NFB Most Popular Canadian Documentary Award
- Runner-Up - VIFF Environmental Film Audience Award

Amazonas Film Festival, Brazil
- Winner – Audience Favourite for International Documentary
- Winner – Jury Award for International Documentary

Festival International du Film d'Environnement, Paris
- Winner - Coup de Coeur du Personnel de la Région Île de France

FILM FESTIVALS

Vancouver International Film Festival – September 25 – October 10, 2008 - www.viff.org

Planet In Focus, Toronto – October 22-26, 2008 - www.planetinfocus.org

Amazonas Film Festival, Brazil – November 7-13, 2008 - www.amazonasfilmfestival.com.br

International Documentary Festival Amsterdam – November 20-30, 2008 - www.idfa.nl

Princeton Environmental Film Festival, New Jersey – January 2-9, 2009 - <http://www.princeton.lib.nj.us/peff/>

Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival Nevada City California USA Jan 9-11 2009

Powell River Film Festival BC Canada Feb 19-22 2009

Environmental Film Festival in the Nations Capital, Washington, DC - March 11-22, 2009 - www.dcenvironmentalfilmfest.org

AFI DALLAS International Film Festival - March 26 - April 2, 2009 - www.afidallas.com

Yale Environmental Film Festival USA April 16-19 2009

Hamilton ECO Film & Arts Festival April 21st to April 25th <http://www.ecofilmartsfestival.com>

Documenta Madrid International Documentary Film Festival of Madrid May 01-10 2009

International Documentary Film Festival DOCVILLE in Leuven, Belgium May 2-9 2009

Dok.Fest 2009 - Munich, Germany - May 6 - May 14, 2009 - www.dokfest-muenchen.de/

Reel Earth Film festival - New Zealand - May 17 - May 30, 2009 - www.reearth.org.nz

Kiev International Film Festival - May 29 - June 3, 2009 - www.kievfilmfest.com

FICMA 2009 International Environmental Film Festival Barcelona Spain May 29- June 07 2009

Dutch Environmental Film Festival - Amsterdam - June 5 - June 6, 2009 - www.strawberryearth.com

Ecofilms Rodos International Film Festival - Greece - June 23 - June 28, 2009 - www.ecofilms.gr

Tri Continental Film Festival Cape Town SA Sept 2009

EBS Doc fest Korea 2009 September 22-28 2009

TV BROADCAST DATES

New Zealand: Documentary Channel - www.documentarychannel.co.nz

AlJazeera Satellite Channel (Arab speaking World) - www.aljazeera.net

ETB/ Euskal Tebista Spain - www.kftv.com

YLE Finland - <http://yle.fi/fbc>

Multicanal Spain - <http://www.multicanaltps.com>

RTE Ireland - www.rte.ie

TV3 / Televisio de Catalunya Spain - www.tv3.cat

Australia Network Asia/Pacific - australianetwork.com

Bayrischer Rundfunk + Arte Germany - www.br-online.de

Sundance Channel USA - Premieres April 28, 2009, at 10PM - <http://www.sundancechannel.com>

Australia Network - aired April 6, at 7:30PM - <http://australianetwork.com>

Airs Monday January 5, 2009 at 10 P.M. on CBC Newsworld – The Passionate Eye.

VRT Belgium – aired July 21st, 2008 - www.vrt.be

YES/DBS Israel – No air date assigned yet - <http://www.yes.co.il>

Planete Cable France - October 15th, prime time 8:45 pm - www.planete.tm.fr

Swedish Educational Broadcasting (UR) - 18th of October - www.ur.se

Channel EBS, Korea – No air date assigned yet - www.ebs.co.kr

Planete Poland – No air date assigned yet - www.planete.pl

REVIEWS

#1

"For anyone who's wondered what eventually happens to all the plastic in water bottles, packaging, and hundreds of other everyday uses, the feature-length documentary Addicted to Plastic offers a visually compelling, entertaining, ultimately frightening explanation...Candid interviews, especially a particularly revealing one with a representative of the industry's American Plastics Council, permit viewers to form their own opinions. Connacher's on-screen presence as a curious, energized hipster on a plastic road trip lends immediacy to his narrative and enables him to filter complex information and hypotheses into a manageable form that will provoke viewers without confusing them. All in all, Addicted to Plastic is an absorbing, shocking, only partially reassuring odyssey." Jeffrey L. Meikle, Professor, American Studies, University of Texas at Austin, Author, American Plastic: A Cultural History

#2

"Addicted to Plastic was a wake-up call for me as a marine scientist. This film presents the viewers with a grim, realistic look at how the food chain is being affected due to plastic confetti invading nearly every square centimeter on earth. This documentary is a sort of eco-horror movie, detailing how persistent plastics sprinkled throughout the ocean and land carry chemical compounds up the food chain and onto our dinner plates. The word 'bioaccumulation' truly strikes home in a frightening and understandable way after viewing this film. Addicted to

Plastic is a sobering must-see and needs to be shown at every educational level globally!" Dr. James M. Cervino, Assistant Professor, Biology and Health Sciences, Pace University, Visiting Scientist, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Department of Marine Chemistry

#3

"Addicted to Plastic is a journey of discovery of what happens to the various plastics we use and what we can do about them. The documentary is riveting, disturbing, and even sometimes comforting. Everyone should see this important film." Reah Janise Kauffman, Vice President, Earth Policy Institute

#4

ADDICTED TO PLASTIC! The Rise and Demise of a Modern Miracle 85 min., Canada, **dir. Ian Connacher** | Reviewer J H Stape Sat, 4 October at 9.30pm Empire Granville 7 Theatre 2 Sun, 5 October at 4.30pm Empire Granville 7 Theatre 2 Thurs, 9 October at 9.30pm Vancity Theatre Slick, hard-hitting, and even witty, this film with a message begins with a horror story -- the pollution wrought by petrochemical plastics and their worldwide dispersal -- and ends with a slim glimmer of hope in the work of scientists on bio-plastics. And when you see your first bio-degradable cellphone, you know this is, if not quite, round the corner at least in prospect of "the next decade or so" kind.

Brilliantly edited, with a crisp text, and impressively filmed, this is a minor classic of its kind, avoiding easy targets (well, we're all involved, even if you say "Paper" at the local shop) aside from the plastics industry, whose greed of course knows no bounds, but that, so it is predicted, will end up paying like the tobacco industry: in the meantime, of course, birds and fish ingest it, the oceans are becoming a chemical soup, the well-intentioned are conned: recycling makes nary a dent, because the stuff just won't disappear, it comes baaack from the dead even as more and more is created everyday!

Polished and informative, this is a must see for anyone with the slightest grain of environmental concern. You do wonder though about the size of this film's own "carbon footprint" as it flips from Holland to India to Africa. That worry aside, Ian Connacher packs a real punch as director-narrator. And, yes, I said "NO!" to plastic at Choices Foodstore today. After seeing this film, you will too.

<http://www.crypticmoth.com/plastic.php>