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EIGHTH ANNUAL CINEMA VERDE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL FILM AND ARTS FESTIVAL RELEASES ITS SCHEDULE

Cinema Verde International Environmental Film and Arts Festival will be held February 9-12 at the historic Hippodrome in downtown Gainesville, Florida. The eighth annual festival will feature 45 films from all over the world including Australia, Indonesia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, China, Japan, Pakistan, Iran and one from Florida. There will be full length feature films, documentaries, shorts and music videos. Please join us at this iconic Gainesville location for an amazing film and environmental education marathon!

PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD:
Directors are available for interviews, film press materials are available.

We are excited to announce a few highlights of the four day festival at the Hippodrome Cinema!

Thursday February 9:

● 7:00-8:00 pm - VIP Opening Night Reception

Friday February 10:

● Waste Not Want Not screening with special guest director and college student Scott Schimmel

● Una Perla de la Revolución (A Pearl of the Revolution) screening with special guest director Michael Brims and Joni Ellis of Optics for the Tropics

Saturday February 11:

● Noon - 5 EcoFair (outside Sun Center Plaza) * Butterfly plant sale
● Food and Sustainable farming films with discussion.
• **Resilience USA** screening with a discussion panel organized by **Peace4Gainesville, an initiative of the River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding.**

• **The Mystical Migration of the Monarch** with directors Fairn Whatley and Suzanne Damrich

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Sunday February 12:

• Noon - 5 EcoFair (outside Sun Center Plaza)  * Butterfly plant sale

• **Call of the Forest, The Corridor** and **Accidental Parkland** screening with a discussion about the importance and value of urban green space and how innovative stormwater management systems can protect our natural landscapes with **Chris Bird, Director of Alachua County Environmental Protection Department.**

• Energy and fracking will be the focus of several films, including **Our Last Refuge, 100 Short Stories, Facing the Surge** and **Saving Jamaica Bay.**

• **Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson**, of the **Sierra Club** and the organizer of the Sabal Trail Pipeline protests will lead a discussion on renewable energy, fracking and pipelines in Florida in conjunction with these films.

• **Strange Days on Planet Earth** screening **Troubled Waters** with discussion featuring **St. John’s Riverkeeper and Florida Defenders of the Environment**


- Ticket options: $100 All Access VIP Pass - includes all films, receptions and events ($245 value - 22 film blocks/45 films and VIP Opening Night)
- $25 Opening Night Reception Thursday Feb. 9, 2017 @ 7:00 Hippodrome Cellar – party and films: [http://www.cinemaverde.org/tickets/](http://www.cinemaverde.org/tickets/)
- Single General Admission Tickets $10/ FILM BLOCK (~ 2 hours) @ The Hippodrome

Saturday and Sunday Feb.11-12 will be the EcoFair around the Hippodrome at the Sun Center Plaza featuring local organizations and businesses, information tables, local food groups, activities, environmental authors/writers from noon - 5. These are free and are first-come, first-served tabling opportunities. Please let us know if you are interested by emailing your info with day(s) you want to bring your own table and chair.

There is still time and many ways to be a part of Cinema Verde:

- Sponsor an event or film
- Partner with us
- Buy a program ad
- Make an in-kind donation
- Buy tickets for your employees, friends or favorite charity

[http://www.cinemaverde.org/support/](http://www.cinemaverde.org/support/)

Please share with your friends and organizations! We know what a great festival line-up we have, but to have YOU and the community join us is really what makes it memorable and empowering! See you there!!

Many thanks,

Trish*
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