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12th Annual One Earth Film Festival theme 'Let's Get Loud!' calls on audience to advocate with gusto for the climate emergency

Exclusive Preview Party Thursday, Jan. 26, 7 p.m. at the Matthew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center

OAK PARK, IL Jan. 11, 2023 – One Earth Film Festival returns March 3 to 12, 2023 for its 12th festival season with thoughtfully curated film events that will be streamed online, with a number of in-person screenings and events that highlight the importance of speaking out and taking action on climate change. Expert panels and workshops will allow attendees to learn and participate in the fight for a sustainable future.

The Festival chose the theme "Let's Get Loud!" to amplify the urgency for a broader responsibility to advocate for the climate emergency. "Let's Get Loud!" are the words of <u>Dr. Katherine Hayhoe</u>, a renowned climate scientist who said that the most important action we can do to fight climate change is to talk about it. Through invigorating and thought-provoking films and discussions, the Festival calls on audiences to join the fight, speak up, and get loud about climate change.

The 2023 Festival kicks off with an exclusive Preview Party on Thursday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Matthew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center, 6100 North Central Ave. in Chicago. This elegant event space is accented by beautiful, high wooden ceilings and is hidden in the Forest Preserves of Cook County overlooking the Edgebrook golf course. <u>Tickets are available</u> to sponsors, donors and members for virtual and in-person attendance.

"Since its inception, One Earth has stressed the importance of taking collective action," Festival director Ana Garcia Doyle said. "Film is a powerful catalyst to spur social change and collective action. Much environmental communication heavily depends on data, but that's not going to change hearts. The stories told through film invoke our empathy and spur our will to act. We must pull together—and be loud about it. Our planet demands it."

To learn more, visit www.oneearthfilmfest.org/.

One Earth Film Festival is the Midwest's premier environmental film festival, creating opportunities for understanding climate change, sustainability and the power of people. It showcases top-issue, thought-provoking environmental films, leads audiences in interactive post-film discussions focused on solutions, and offers concrete actions people can take. One Earth Film Festival is a production of One Earth Collective.