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One Earth Film Festival Announces Schedule for Year 6

Filmmaker attendance increases, Green Carpet Gala adds music, theatrical artists

OAK PARK—One Earth Film Festival is pleased to announce the schedule for its sixth year of bringing the highest quality and most solution-oriented environmental documentaries and programs to the Chicago region. The festival, expanded to include two weekends for the first time, takes place March 3-12.

This year's festival will present 30 films in 47 screenings at 39 venues. More filmmakers than in past years will attend, giving audiences first-hand insights into their creative processes and environmental activism. Confirmed filmmakers, as of this date, are Paula Kirk and Pam Tanner Boll, ("A Small Good Thing"), Catherine Zimmerman ("Hometown Habitat"), Cidney Hue ("Shark Loves the Amazon"), Alex Halkin ("Tierralismo"), and Tom Desch and Patricia Wisniewski ("Shifting Sands"). Other films on this year's schedule are: "The Age of Consequences," "Before the Flood," "SEED: The Untold Story," "Can You Dig This?" "Crying Earth Rise Up" and "Dive!"

"We strive to bring a rich viewing experience, combined with meaningful opportunities to take action on issues that resonate with audience members, no matter where they are on the environmental sustainability spectrum," says festival director Ana Garcia-Doyle. "The environment is our shared responsibility. When people come together at events like this festival, they can see that more clearly."

The **Green Carpet Gala**, the festival's signature opening event, will feature sustainability-inspired performances by local musical and theatrical artists, visual displays and chances to test drive Nissan's energy-efficient electric vehicle. It will be held at the beautiful Gratz Center of Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago Church, 115. E. Delaware Place, in the Magnificent Mile neighborhood.

Through its programming, One Earth Film Festival addresses issues surrounding water, energy, transportation, food, waste and recycling, environmental advocacy, social justice and climate change—today's major environmental topics. Programs are built around full-feature or a mix of short films, followed by action-oriented discussions led by environmental experts and advocates.

Screenings are held in cultural centers, museums, churches, schools and universities, libraries and other easily accessible public spaces. Advance tickets to the Green Carpet Gala are \$70. Most screenings are free with a suggested \$6 donation. Reservations for all events can be made through Eventbrite.

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