

ECHO PARK FILM CENTER

5th Annual 2005 Human Rights Film Festival

You are cordially invited to the 5th Annual Human Rights Film Festival! The goal of the festival is to highlight global issues that many of us are not aware of. We aim to present an engaging variety of documentary films that highlight national and international events and themes.

Basic human rights, including the right to peacefully assemble, the right to religious freedom, the right of political sovereignty and the right to life and liberty, are often taken for granted in Western industrialized nations. In the post-9/11 landscape, issues of human rights are more crucial and close to home than ever before.

We urge you to participate and take ownership of this festival, deconstructing the traditional barriers between filmmaker and audience. The films presented here are vehicles to promote thought, discussion, debate and action.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

OPENING NIGHT FILM & SPEAKER (8pm – 11pm)
Everyone their grain of sand by Beth Bird (87 mins.)

In *Everyone Their Grain of Sand*, Bird introduces audiences to the fiercely determined citizens of Maclovio Rojas, a low-income community just east of Tijuana, Mexico, whom the state government wants to evict from their land to make way for industrial development. Community members, most of whom earn subsistence wages working at local factories run by multinational corporations, have banded together to struggle for self-determination and to create a better life for their children. But as they face-off against a mind-numbingly bureaucratic and seemingly corrupt government, the citizens of Maclovio Rojas find themselves on the front lines of the battle for global economic justice.

Reception to follow with Beth Bird in attendance

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

THE CHANGING URBAN LANDSCAPE:
Gentrification, Development and Urban Renewal (Noon – 1:30pm)

Bristol Brawl by Ernest Savage (8 mins.)

Dodger Blues by Gabriel Perez (6 mins.)

All for the Taking: 21st Century Urban Renewal (58 mins.)

**US FOREIGN DIPLOMACY:
The War in Iraq and our need for Oil**

(1:30pm – 3:30pm)

Not my war by Ava Hess (8 mins.)

The Road to Falluja by Mark Manning (18 mins.)

The Oil Factor: Behind the War on Terror by Ungerman & Brohy (93 mins.)

**IT'S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL:
Globalization and the failure of the WTO**

(3:30pm – 5:00pm)

Seeds of Change by New York Kids (3 mins.)

This is What Free Trade Looks Like! by the Activist Media Project (60 mins.)

**NO DIRECTION HOME:
Examination of the poverty and homelessness**

(5:00pm – 7:00pm)

Out of the Cage by Matthew Marchisano (63 mins.)

Ties on a fence: Women in Downtown Speak Out by Corina Gamma (56 mins.)