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13th Annual One Earth Film Festival Theme 'Reel Stories. Real Change.' Inspires Climate Action Through Storytelling

One Earth Film Festival and the City of Chicago present action opportunities in celebration of Earth Day, April 17-23, 2024

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CHICAGO, IL – One Earth Film Festival returns April 17 to 23, 2024, in partnership with the City of Chicago’s Department of Environment for its 13th festival season. Five days of in-person screenings at over 14 locations across the greater Chicago area will be followed by two days of virtual screenings. The 2024 festival kicks off with its annual opening night launch party at the LEED Certified B-Corp **Radio Flyer** Chicago headquarters on **April 17**, offering both in-person and virtual participation.

In observance of Earth Day 2024, One Earth will co-host an annual **park clean-up** at Columbus Park in Chicago’s Austin community on **April 20** at 9:00 a.m. with BUILD Chicago, Chicago Park District, the Field Museum, NCH2, Columbus Park Naturalists/Stewards, and Interfaith Green Network. The annual Earth Day action fair and indoor market at the Chicago Cultural Center will precede the acclaimed film, “**Common Ground**,” and offer opportunities for community activism on **April 21**.

The Festival chose the theme “**Reel Stories. Real Change.**” to encapsulate the power of storytelling to effect meaningful shifts in attitudes and behaviors towards climate change and the fight for environmental justice. By sharing authentic human experiences and truths about climate change, these stories hold the power to catalyze real change across all spheres.

This year’s films highlight revolutionary climate action on topics ranging from water and energy conservation; to the fights against environmental racism in the U.S., Central America, and Africa; and sustainable food and regenerative agriculture. Post-screening panel discussions with distinguished experts feature diverse voices, including leading climate scientists, passionate grassroots community activists, inspiring film subjects, and visionary filmmakers. These conversations shed light on pressing environmental issues and empower audiences with action steps to confront climate change and champion environmental justice in their communities.

“Since its inception, and in this crucial election year, One Earth has stressed the importance of taking collective action,” said Ana Garcia Doyle, Executive Director of One Earth Collective. “Film is a powerful way to spur us toward 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 to make a real impact. The urgency is now.”

Official selection and schedule

New screenings are being added. Schedule subject to change. Most events are free. Please see www.oneearthfilmfest.org/films-by-date for trailers, tickets, and the most updated information. Check website for early opening times, with the chance to enjoy refreshments and tabling with action partner organizations.

[Opening Launch Party](#)

April 17, 6 p.m. CDT | Radio Flyer

[Upstream Downriver + Wings of Dust](#)

April 18, 5 p.m. CDT | Epiphany Center
April 18, 5:15 p.m. CDT | Good Shepherd Lutheran Church | 5 p.m. Park Ridge Community Church

[Earthbound: Nzambi Matee + A Good Neighbor](#)

April 19, 6 p.m. CDT | Unity Temple, Triton College and "View & Brew" at Kehrein Center

[Columbus Park Clean-Up](#)

April 20, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. CDT

[Young Filmmaker Voices](#)

for Families with Kids Age 7 to 12+ | April 20, 1:30 p.m. CDT | Oak Park Public Library and Austin Branch of Chicago Public Library

[Razing Liberty Square](#)

April 20, 6 p.m. CDT | Bethel New Life

[Common Ground](#)

April 21, 1:30 p.m. CDT | Chicago Cultural Center, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, Illinois Institute of Technology, Three Brothers Theater, and Oak Park Public Library

[Patrol](#)

April 22, 6 p.m. CDT | Virtual

[Carbon: The Unauthorized Biography](#)

April 23, 6 p.m. CDT | Virtual

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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.