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Climate Change Film Festival to be Held at Guild Cinema

Albuquerque, NM. Fourteen New Mexico non-profit and student organizations have joined together to sponsor a two-day Fossil Free Film Festival at the Guild Cinema in Albuquerque next February 5 and 6. The festival will offer the best new films on climate change and what can be done about it. One afternoon and one evening session is planned for each of the two days (start times: 2PM and 7PM). There will be a mix of feature length and shorter films. Before each feature film an expert in the field will provide a brief overview, and afterwards will conduct a question-and-answer session. There will be no admission fee. “The word ‘free’ is in the name of our film festival for two reasons,” explains Ken Bergeron, leader of the planning committee, “first, because the world needs to free itself of its fossil fuel addiction and second, because admission will be free.”

The feature films selected for this community-wide event will be the highest quality national releases. Some will be about the causes and consequences of climate change. For example, “A Fierce Green Fire,” a 2013 release narrated by Robert Redford, Ashley Judd and other well-known stars, is the first big-picture exploration of the environmental movement – grassroots and global activism spanning fifty years from conservation to climate change. Other films will address solutions, such as the potential for transitioning to renewable energy and a sustainable economy. “We think this is the first film festival in New Mexico dedicated to this important issue,” says planner Glen Salas, “and we try to cover not only the problem, but also some good news, some solutions to the problem.” For example, the film “Carbon Nation” lays out in an entertaining manner a variety of practical ways that we can curtail greenhouse gas emissions and thereby avoid the worst consequences of climate change. Its producers call it an “optimistic, solutions-based, non-preachy, non-partisan, big tent film that shows tackling climate change boosts the economy, increases national & energy security and promotes health & a clean environment.”

The Guild Cinema is located in Albuquerque at 3405 Central Ave NE.

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Fossil Free Film Festival Sponsoring Organizations:

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US Green Building Council-NM
Food and Water Watch
Interfaith Power and Light
Sierra Club Rio Grande Chapter
Southwest Environment Center
Physicians for Social Responsibility

Feature Film Schedule (short films not listed)

Session 1A—Wednesday February 5, 2:00-4:30 PM

Bidder 70 Tim DeChristopher is Bidder 70, a young man who derailed an illegal BLM oil and gas auction in a courageous act of civil disobedience.

Do the Math The fossil fuel industry is killing us. They have five times the amount of coal, gas and oil that is safe to burn - and they are planning on burning it all. DO THE MATH chronicles "America's leading environmentalist" Bill McKibben in a David-vs-Goliath battle to fight the fossil fuel industry and change the terrifying math of the climate crisis.

Session 1B—Wednesday February 5, 7:00-9:30 PM

A Fierce Green Fire Starring Meryl Streep, Robert Redford, Ashley Judd. An exploration of the environmental movement - grassroots and global activism spanning fifty years from conservation to climate change.

Session 2A—Thursday February 6, 2:00-4:30 PM

The Last Mountain A coal mining corporation and a tiny community vie for the last great mountain in Appalachia in a battle for the future of energy that affects us all.

Session 2B—Thursday February 6, 7:00-9:30 PM

Carbon Nation An optimistic (and witty) discovery of what people are already doing, what we as a nation could be doing and what the world needs to do to prevent (or at least slow down) the impending climate crisis.

Session 2B Extra Feature at 9:45 PM: Do the Math (see above)