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Make a weekend of the

## DODGEVILLE FILM FESTIVAL

March 11 to 14

ENJOY 7 AWARD-WINNING FREE FILMS.

(Description of films below)

The Wisconsin Humanities Council "Making It Home" Film Festival comes to the Dodge Theater, 205 N. Iowa Street in Dodgeville -- March 11 to 14. Seven award-winning international films, each taking a unique look at our earth home, will be featured. All tickets are free -- first come, first serve. Doors open one half hour before each film. Grassroots and Sustain Iowa County are among the sponsors. Between films on Saturday, there will be environmentally friendly kids activities, a local food tasting and other activities at the Dodgeville Library -- all free.

### **THURS., MARCH 11, 6:30 p.m.. "UPSTREAM BATTLE"**

"Upstream Battle" tells the inspiring story of Northwest native Americans who fight to save their historic salmon fishing rights by working within the system - with officials, farmers and power company execs -- so that everyone learns how to compromise and win.

### **FRI, MARCH 12 (double feature) 6 p.m. "GARBAGE DREAMS"**

"Garbage Dreams" profiles a bunch of slum kids in Cairo, Egypt whose only source of income is recycling almost every scrap of the city's garbage and they support their families doing it -- until a big high cost, high tech company tries to muscle them out.

### **FRI., MARCH 12, 8 p.m.. "GREENING OF SOUTHIE"**

"Greening of Southie" is a humorous tale of the burly south Boston construction workers who built the area's first LEED certified building -- and the ironic hurdles they faced with a healthy dose of skepticism. (Maybe leave the kids at home. The construction workers use "colorful" language.)

### **SAT, MARCH 13, 1 p.m. "AMERICA'S LOST LANDSCAPE"**

Akin to chopping down all of California's redwoods, 240 million acres of the Midwest's tall grass prairie were destroyed in a single generation -- but now diehard folks are restoring remnants. "America's Lost Landscape: The Tall Grass Prairie", traces the history and its consequences. Aldo Leopold's granddaughter will be in Dodgeville to introduce the film.

**SAT., MARCH 13, 4 p.m. "WHAT'S ON YOUR PLATE?"**

Perfect for the whole family, "What's On Your Plate?" follows the rollicking trail of two NYC pre-teens as they sleuth out the source of all their food -- and eventually decide they'd better take charge by learning how to eat local and healthy.

**SAT., MARCH 13, 7 p.m. "GHOST BIRD"**

"Ghost Bird" traces the story of the Arkansas town that was turned upside down with the alleged sighting of an ivory-billed woodpecker and the millions of dollars diverted to the futile search. The film then steps back in history to discover how Teddy Roosevelt tried to save this magnificent bird from extinction -- when there was still time.

**SUN., MARCH 14, 1 p.m. "FINDING FARLEY"**

"Finding Farley" recounts the adventures and misadventures of a young couple who spent five months in a canoe paddling across Canada with their two-year-old child and a dog -- following in the path of noted Canadian author Farley Mowat and discovering spectacular scenery and truths along the way.

**SUN. MARCH 14, 3 p.m. "YES MEN FIX THE WORLD"**

"Yes Men Fix the World" is a hilarious tale of a pair of professional rabble rousers who use razor-edge satire to expose corporate hypocrisy and power abuse around the globe that lock us into unsustainable lifestyles without our consent. Dow Chemical's Bhopal disaster and Exxon-Mobil's clean up efforts after Hurricane Katrina are in their sights. (Some suggestive scenes make this film for adults only!)

**BETWEEN FILMS ON SAT., 1 TO 4 p.m. Kids' activities, photo exhibit and local foods tasting at DODGEVILLE LIBRARY**

Free environmentally friendly activities especially for children and a photo exhibit for adults will be at the Dodgeville Library from 1 to 4 p.m. Downstairs in the City Council Chamber will be a local foods tasting and exhibits of area organizations involved in protecting the earth.

**SAT., MARCH 13, 8:30 TO 11:30 A.M. Land Management Workshop at Folklore Village, 3210 Cty Hwy. BB (east of Dodgeville -- off of Hwy 151)**

Also on the weekend agenda is a Land Management Workshop from 8:30-11:30 AM at Folklore Village. Three sessions include: Grassland Birds, Groundwater and Geology of Southwest Wisconsin, and Prairie Restoration. Workshops are free but RSVPs are required. Contact Katie Abbott: 935-2791 x134.

Visit [www.MakingWisconsinHome.org](http://www.MakingWisconsinHome.org) for more details, or contact Katie Abbott at 935-2791 x135.