



Cutting-Edge Community Events Round Out Film Festival

Global Green Indigenous Film Festival April 18 - 20, Santa Fe

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SANTA FE, NM - As the first annual Global Green Indigenous Film Festival prepares to launch, community partners are adding to the buzz by complementing the film line-up with original initiatives that benefit the local community.

Youth Film Workshop:

CCA Moving Images and Digital Lab

1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, NM

Saturday, April 19, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sponsored by the National Tribal Environmental Council (NTEC), this interactive workshop is a challenge for youth to learn about the elements of making a film. It allows participants to actually write, shoot, and edit a film project under the mentorship of real-world filmmakers in just 6 hours! The workshop is free but by pre-registration only - first come, first served. For more info visit www.yiyonline.org or contact Candice at 505.216.7681. *Workshop Leader: Jeremiah Bitsui.*

Image of Hope:

Cinema Cafe

1616 St. Michaels Drive, Santa Fe, NM

Friday, April 18 thru Sunday, April 20

The Image of Hope is a photo contest initiative of Earth Care International, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to educate and empower youth to create a thriving, just and sustainable world. Youth ages 12 to 25 were invited to submit an original photo of an environmental problem, an original photo of an environmental solution and an artist statement. The first, second and third place winners of the Image of Hope contest will be announced at the Festival's opening night reception, and the top 10 entries will be exhibited at the Cinema Café for the duration of the Festival.

Panels:

Going Green with Wind and Sun

NTEC's Panel Discussion Especially for the Environmentally-Conscious

Hotel Santa Fe

1501 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, NM

Friday, April 18, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

An examination of tribal renewable energy programs, specifically large-scale wind and solar energy. *Moderator: Jerry Pardilla, Executive Director, NTEC. Panelists: Bob Gough, Intertribal Council on Utility Policy; Chip Comins, Filmmaker; Jonny Stiffarm, Native Energy; Roger Fragua, Cota Holdings.*

Green Filmmaking and Filming on Tribal Lands
GGIFF's Panel Discussion Especially for Tribal Leaders

New Mexico Film Museum

418 Montezuma Avenue, Santa Fe, NM

Saturday, April 19, 10:00 - 11:15 am

What can the state government do to promote filmmaking for interested tribes, as well as assist with the protection of tribal lands through Green Filmmaking practices? What are the latest Green Filmmaking initiatives? Join us for an informational discussion with industry experts. *Moderator: Tony Estrada, Wild Horse Films, Festival Director, GGIFF. Panelists: Lisa Strout, Director of the NM Film Office; Casey Haymes, NM Film Office; Sarah Cottrell, Energy & Environmental Policy Advisor.*

Speaking in Two Worlds: Exploring Indigenous Languages In Film

Institute of American Indian Arts-CACS Auditorium

83 A-Van-Nu-Po, Santa Fe, NM

Saturday, April 19, 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Across the Native American cinemascapes, the use of languages in film is reaching a wider audience. Hear from filmmakers who explore the oral tradition through filmic storytelling in different thought-provoking ideas and contexts. These filmmakers speak many voices: whether exploring their culture or expressing personal stories, each film holds its own perspective. Join this special film and languages presentation hosted by the Institute of American Indian Arts and the Indigenous Languages Institute in partnership with the Global Green Indigenous Film Festival. *Moderator: Carlos Peinado, Director, New Media Arts, IAIA. Panelists: Jonathan Sims (Acoma); Cora McKenna (Nambé Tewa); Medina Swazo-Hinds (San Ildefonso); additional GGIFF Filmmakers.*

The Global Green Indigenous Film Festival is hosted by NTEC and co-sponsored by the NM Tourism Department and the Jicarilla Apache Nation. NTEC Executive Director Jerry Pardilla emphasized the importance of the community events, saying: "this Festival is a collaboration in every sense: between filmmakers and those who create in other media, between sponsor organizations and the Santa Fe community, between Indigenous peoples and the Earth. Together, we form an event of cultural, creative and environmental significance."

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One World, One Environment

NTEC's mission is to support Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages in protecting, regulating and managing their environmental resources according to their own priorities and values.