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FESTIVAL** **DETROIT 2022**


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OCTOBER 20-23, 2022

WELCOME

Welcome to the 2022 Better Cities Film Festival!

It's great to be back in Detroit to present another year's worth of films from around the world - all sharing and showing how people can make their cities, towns and neighborhoods better.

This year's festival boasts a line up of 40 films focusing on projects in over 26 different countries. The diversity of topics and variety of locations has always been a hallmark of the festival's screenings.

This year we are experimenting with different categories for the screenings. Topics like the environment have always been a part of the festival; yet the environment cannot be isolated from other topics like economic development and community equity. So this year, screening categories like *Farm to Foodie*, and *Show Me The Money*, seek to reveal the connections between place, ecology, society and economics in all the beautiful complexity of real life.

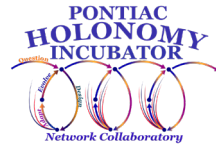
In addition to the superb films at the screenings, a highlight of this year's festival are the creative collaborations with local urbanists who are working to make better neighborhoods here in Detroit. With these partners we've co-created a series of *More Better* events: presentations, tours, workshops, and after parties. These events are great ways to connect in-person and develop relationships that will only strengthen the projects we create here or at home.

Through the film presentations and the *More Better* events, the festival continues to grow and develop as a venue for welcoming, inspiring and encouraging people to make better cities.



-Joshua Paget | Founder & Festival Director

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MORE BETTER EVENTS

Co-created experiences and conversations to take the festival beyond the screen.
For more info about these events visit www.bettercitiesfilmfestival.com/morebetter.

THURSDAY

More Better Design Charrette

Where: Cinema Detroit, 4126 3rd Ave.
When: 7:00PM - 9:00PM (see daily schedule).
Presented by: Pontiac Holonomy Incubator

FRIDAY

Developer Tales: The Siren Hotel

Where: Siren Hotel, Candy Bar, 1509 Broadway
When: 5:00PM - 6:00PM
Presented by: Michigan Chapter CNU

More Better Design Charrette

Where: Cinema Detroit, 4126 3rd Ave.
When: 7:00PM - 9:00PM (see daily schedule).
Presented by: Pontiac Holonomy Incubator

Friday Night After Party

Where: Sid's Gold Request Room
When: 10:30PM and later
IMPORTANT: RESERVE A SPOT for any time after 10:30 PM to ensure entry:
<https://sidgolds.com/detroit/reservations>

SATURDAY

Art, History & Oddities of The Detroit People Mover

Where: Begins at Greektown People Mover Station, corner of Beaubien Blvd. and Monroe St.
When: 2:00PM - 3:30PM
Cost: \$31 (pay on the tour)
Presented by: Michigan Chapter CNU

Walking Tour Downtown

Where: Meet at Siren Hotel, 1509 Broadway
When: 3:00PM - 4:00PM
Presented by: Michigan Chapter CNU

More Better Design Charrette

Where: Cinema Detroit, 4126 3rd Ave.
When: 7:00PM - 9:00PM (see daily schedule).
Presented by: Pontiac Holonomy Incubator

Saturday Night After Party

Where: Candy Bar, Siren Hotel
When: 10:30PM and later
IMPORTANT: RESERVE A SPOT for any time after 10:30PM to ensure entry:
<https://resy.com/cities/det/1858>

SUNDAY

More Better Design Charrette

Where: Cinema Detroit, 4126 3rd Ave.
When: 6:30PM - 8:30PM (see daily schedule).
Presented by: Pontiac Holonomy Incubator

THURSDAY

FARM TO FOODIE

THURSDAY 7:30PM OCT 20 2022 | SHORT FILMS

Our **FARM TO FOODIE** journey begins in London with a group attempting innovative farming practices in the urban core. Then we go to the Western U.S. to hear more in-depth about the challenges and rewards of farming on the urban edge. Then from a group in New Zealand, we see how farming practices are not just about raising crops, but raising resilient communities. Lastly we return to the U.S. and Buffalo, New York, where local food truck rodeos celebrate the creative community that goes into our local farm and food scene.

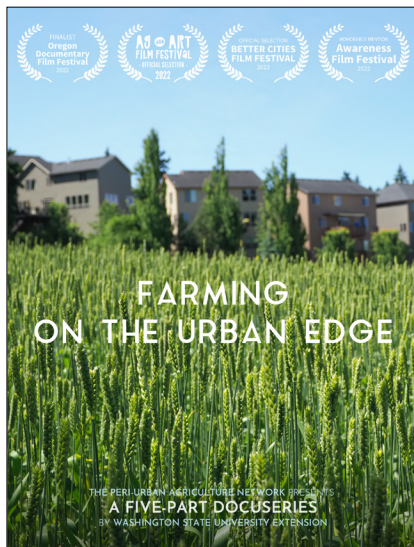
FILMS IN THIS SCREENING

Farming on the Urban Edge - Justin O'Dea

Greens for Good - Whitney Beer-Kerr

Together We Grow - Jordan Osmond

Food Truck Rodeo - Nelson Starr & John Paget



FRIDAY

SHOW ME THE MONEY

FRIDAY 6:30PM OCT 21 2022 | SHORT FILMS

We begin on the hillsides of Mount Kenya where local farmers are finding new purpose for what was once thought of as a weed. Reimagining local resources continues as we see how modern complex products can be made using materials within a 100 mile radius. Two artisans invite us in for a glimpse of their passion for their town and their art. Then we go to Aveiro, Portugal, a city whose economy thrives on the kinds of local creative artisans we've seen in previous films, and we explore how climate change will impact their local artisan economy. *Plastico* offers us one climate change solution. *Comedians on Bicycle's Getting Bob's* introduces us to climate activists trying to make a difference in San Francisco. Lastly, we visit one of the remaining historic All-Black towns of Oklahoma with an intimate portrait of one cowboy finding ways to thrive when it is hard to even survive.

FILMS IN THIS SCREENING

Green Nettle - Freddie Reed, Nick Lear

The 100-Mile Jacket - Jamie Day Fleck

In Bloom - Ashley Davidson

Wetlands - Andrew Dubber

Plastico - James Martin

Comedians on Bicycles - Kristin Samantha Tieche, Alec Hawley,
Sarah Katz-Hyman

Ropes in Brown Hands - Alexandra Leah Travis



RAISED/RAZED

FRIDAY 8:30PM OCT 21 2022 | FEATURE

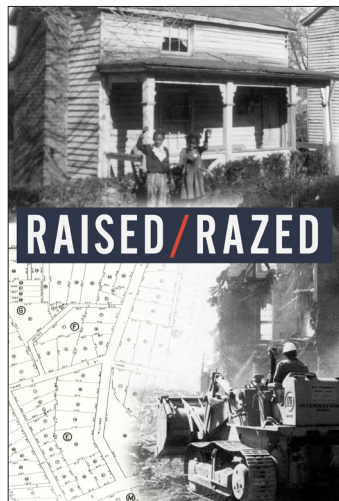
PRESENTED BY THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS FOR NEW URBANISM

Raised/Razed is a documentary feature film about the lasting effects of the federally-backed and locally-executed Urban Renewal program, through the lens of Vinegar Hill, a large African American neighborhood in the heart of Charlottesville, Virginia, and the Hayti neighborhood in Durham, North Carolina. These communities thrived as the center of business, education, religious, and cultural life, until it — like hundreds of Black communities across America — was destroyed.

FILMS IN THIS SCREENING

Raised/Razed

by Lorenzo Dickerson, Jordy Yager



SATURDAY

ARCHITECTS OF COMMUNITY

SATURDAY 6:30PM OCT 22 2022 | SHORT FILMS

PRESENTED BY THE CONGRESS FOR NEW URBANISM & MICHIGAN CHAPTER OF CNU



We begin in San Francisco where the largest historic black housing co-op is fighting for survival - but not for the first time. A new generation is learning valuable lessons from the past in order to reimagine its future. In Cincinnati's West End we get an up close look at how lives are being transformed by housing projects. A covid community building project reveals to us how we are all connected and can relate to each other even if we come from different places. Then we go to Bogota where we are reminded that some groups still face unique obstacles, but we meet people who are overcoming them with ingenuity and heart. In Toronto, we meet more bicyclists who share their stories of how they experience bicycling and what challenges they face. In Flagstaff, we meet another bicyclist who has overcome a few fears of her own. We travel to Ainsworth, London, where we are reminded that recreation is about more than playing around, but building the character of individuals and groups. Lastly, we see the story of a church in Louisville work with its community to redevelop a whole city block, thereby giving the neighborhood hope for a better future.

FILMS IN THIS SCREENING

Reimagining Freedom West - Pam Hervey, Todd Hervey

Transforming Cincinnati's West End - Laure Quinlivan

Strangers in Boxes - Gabriel Diamond

Time For Life - Gonzalo Perea, Susana Bustamante, Carlos Rincón

Bike Yourself - Pedro Vianna

Silver Linings - James Q Martin

Ainsworth - Sam Blake Talbot

It Takes a Village - Howard Kevin Tate

PLANNING FOR THE PEOPLE

SATURDAY 8:30PM OCT 22 2022 | SHORT FILMS



PRESENTED BY EMERGING NEW URBANISTS

We begin with reflections on a small architecture project that had a big impact. Next we hear about an ambitious transportation project that will reunite a community. Then we have a humorous interlude poking fun at the many ways parking lots divide us. In NYC we meet Pamela, someone who would like to ride a bike but doesn't feel safe. Over to Portland where we see an interpretive response to the lack of safety on 182nd street. We end in Venice, Italy, with an extended meditation on the complex beauty of overlooked spaces.



FILMS IN THIS SCREENING

East Quay - Jim Stephenson

Reimagining Albany's Waterfront - Daniel M Connolly, Derek Baranski

Sea of Parking - Adam Greenfield

Let Pamela Ride - Chris Nolte, Tara Salvesen

Safe and Seen on 82nd Street - Dawn Jones Redstone, Annie Tonsiengsom

Remnants of Memory - Michael Arlen Davis

SUNDAY

THE HEALING & GROWTH OF CITIES

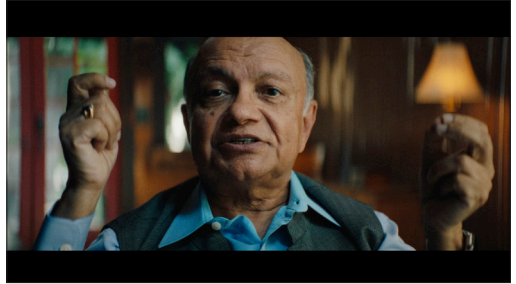
SUNDAY 6:30PM OCT 23 2022 | SHORT FILMS

How do we care for cities amidst a pandemic and how do we help cities endure these growing pains? These two featurettes look at those issues. *If You Have* chronicles the heroic work of UNICEF amidst the global pandemic. *New City* chronicles the ambition, skepticism and growing pains of Manila's rapid redevelopment.

FILMS IN THIS SCREENING

New City - Magdalena Krukowska

If You Have - Ben Proudfoot



THE ALL POWERFUL BIKE LOBBY

SUNDAY 7:30PM OCT 23 2022 | SHORT FILMS

PRESENTED BY PONTIAC HOLONOMY INCUBATOR

Exposed! These are the people behind the all powerful bike lobby. Cantal is a bicyclist in Morocco who is empowering youth leaders through bicycle classes, tours, and mechanics.



In Denver, we meet Gregory, architect turned bike shop owner and bike builder. In Vancouver, we meet Cecily, a librarian who enjoys her daily bike commute in style. In San Francisco, we meet Alicia, who created a bicycle-based library that travels to different civic events by bike. In NYC, Casey finds bicycle parking deficient and so he builds his own. In Atlanta, urban planners are beginning to realize the benefits of planning for bicycles. In Arlington, Grant and Gilliam show us how bicycling is a family affair. In Los Angeles, Tamika shares her story of becoming a bike advocate. In Denmark, we meet Finn who shows us that the joys of bicycling are not just for youth, but for all ages. Back in Los Angeles, Scott shows us how he campaigned for redesigned streets throughout his neighborhood. Also in LA, we see how bicycle safety is about more than just design, it also requires culture change. In Kampala, we meet Amanda who is empowering youth and women through creating bicycle accessibility.



FILMS IN THIS SCREENING

Cycling Towards a Brighter Future - Simon Straetker

Chocolate Spokes - Brendan Leonard

Vancouver Cycle Chic - Chris Bruntlett

Velo Visionaries: Alicia Tapia - Kristin Tische

Stolen Bike NYC - Casey Neistat

Placemaking with Cycle Space - Breck Prewitt

Arlington Passages: Grant & Gilliam - Chris Bruntlett

LACBC - Rebecca Louisell

Finn - Mariana Abdalla

Bicycle Friendly Streets - Elizabeth Yarwood

Biking While Black - Yolanda Davis Overstreet

Cyclogic - Emilia Stålhammar, Veronica Pålsson, Elsa Lövdin

Biketown YYJ - Matt Hulse, Madeleine Shaw

FILMS A-Z

Here's the complete 2022 line-up, listed alphabetically with screening day and time.

FILM TITLE	DAY	TIME
Ainsworth	Saturday	6:30pm
Arlington Passages: Grant & Gilliam	Sunday	7:30pm
Bicycles Friendly Streets	Sunday	7:30pm
Bike Yourself	Saturday	6:30pm
Biketown YYJ	Sunday	7:30pm
Biking While Black	Sunday	7:30pm
Chocolate Spokes	Sunday	7:30pm
Comedians on Bicycles Getting Bob's	Friday	6:30pm
Cycling Towards a Brighter Future	Sunday	7:30pm
Cyclogic	Sunday	7:30pm
East Quay	Saturday	8:30pm
Farming on the Urban Edge	Thursday	7:30pm
Finn	Sunday	7:30pm
Food Truck Rodeo	Thursday	7:30pm
Green Nettle	Friday	6:30pm
Greens for Good	Thursday	7:30pm
If You Have	Sunday	6:30pm
In Bloom	Friday	6:30pm
It Takes A Village	Saturday	6:30pm
LACBC	Sunday	7:30pm
Let Pamela Ride	Saturday	8:30pm
New City	Sunday	6:30pm
Placemaking with Cycle Space	Sunday	7:30pm
Plastico	Friday	6:30pm
Raised/Razed	Friday	8:30pm
Reimagining Albany's Waterfront	Saturday	8:30pm
Reimagining Freedom West	Saturday	6:30pm
Remnants of Memory	Saturday	8:30pm
Ropes in Brown Hands	Friday	6:30pm
Safe and Seen on 82nd Street	Saturday	8:30pm
Sea of Parking	Saturday	8:30pm
Silver Linings	Saturday	6:30pm
Stolen Bike NYC	Sunday	7:30pm
Strangers In Boxes	Saturday	6:30pm
The 100 Mile Jacket	Friday	6:30pm
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Together We Grow	Thursday	7:30pm
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Velo Visionaries - Alicia Tapia	Sunday	7:30pm
Wetlands	Friday	6:30pm



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TO EMPOWER YOUR COMMUNITY.**



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FILM SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6:30PM		SHORT FILMS SHOW ME THE MONEY!	SHORT FILMS ARCHITECTS OF COMMUNITY	SHORT FILMS THE HEALING & GROWTH OF CITIES
7:30PM	SHORT FILMS FARM TO FOODIE			SHORT FILMS ALL POWERFUL BIKE LOBBY
8:30PM		FEATURE RAISED/RAZED	SHORT FILMS PLANNING FOR THE PEOPLE	

CINEMA DETROIT

CINEMA DETROIT is metro Detroit's only truly independent cinema, delivering an eclectic, quirky and quality mix of contemporary, indie, cult, genre, and classic movies in the heart of the city. Established in 2013, it is also the only first-run 7-day-a-week movie theater in Greater Downtown. Located at 4126 Third Street, 48201, we feature movies in a unique setting – the former Weber Furniture Store – and freshly made popcorn, Fayo pop, and occasionally other locally-made treats.

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