

MORE BETTER CLOSING NIGHT PRESENTATION

Rick Cole, CEO & President of The Congress For The New Urbanism will give opening remarks before our closing night feature film *The Place that Makes Us*.

THE PLACE THAT MAKES US

SATURDAY 9:00PM OCT 9 2021 | FEATURE

When the steel mills shut down in Youngstown, Ohio, it shattered a way of life. Over half the population left. Thousands of empty blighted homes were left behind, eroding the social fabric of this once mighty industrial base. Like many post industrial towns, persistent joblessness, crime and poverty plague the city.

Filmed over the course of 2 1/2 years, this film follows the lives of a new generation of residents who have grown up in a world of post-industrial decline. Unlike their parents' generation, haunted and traumatized by watching their way of life crumble around them, this generation is able to envision a new future, and they are working to make a life for themselves in their hometown.

This film is an inspiring testimony to the modest but profound resilience and dedication it takes to transform a community. A crucial story to be heard at a time of extreme inequality, divisiveness, upheaval and uncertainty, *The Place That Makes Us* is a meditation on the meaning of home in America today.

FILMS IN THIS SCREENING

The Place That Makes Us - Karla Murthy



AMONG THE INDUSTRIAL RUINS OF AMERICA, A NEW GENERATION IS REBUILDING HOME.



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THE PLACE THAT MAKES US: A FILM BY KARLA MURTHY. **SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL** **SXSW** **NEW YORK FILM FESTIVAL** **CANNES FILM FESTIVAL** **MILWAUKEE FILM FESTIVAL** **MIDWEST FILM FESTIVAL** **MONTREAL FILM FESTIVAL** **OTTAWA FILM FESTIVAL** **TORONTO FILM FESTIVAL** **VANCOUVER FILM FESTIVAL** **WASH DC FILM FESTIVAL** **WYOMING FILM FESTIVAL

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