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Marietta to host national touring environmental film festival

MARIETTA, OH - The largest environmental film festival in North America is coming to Marietta, OH. Join the Neighbors for Clean Air and Ohio Citizen Action when they host the Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival Tour at McDonough Auditorium at Marietta College on Saturday, November 17th at 4pm.

The Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival On Tour brings together award-winning environmental films in a spirit of inspiration and education. The films cover a wide variety of topics and vary in length and style, but all strive toward bringing awareness to the natural world and humanity's role in a delicately balanced equation.

The film festival was started in 2003 by the South Yuba Rivers Citizens League (SYRCL), one of the nation's most successful grassroots activist groups. It began as a fundraiser and community mobilizer for the advocacy of its local watershed, the Yuba River in Nevada City, CA and has grown to receive local, regional and national applause for celebrating the spirit of environmental activism. After five years, it features 110 films with 60 guest speakers and over 3000 attendees.

"After five extremely successful festivals in California, we knew that we wanted to take the tour on the road to share these incredible films with a larger audience. Our mission is to inspire those in attendance to take action on behalf of the environment," says Susie Sutphin, festival tour manager.

The Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival On Tour partners with environmental groups nationwide to host tour venues who use the festival as a community outreach tool and a way to raise awareness for both local and global issues. Featured at the event in Marietta are films that span the issues of community activism, farming and the true cost of our food choices. A special feature is "Eramet Marietta Neighbors Speak Out", a documentary produced by Neighbors for Clean Air and Ohio Citizen Action.

Since March 2006, the two groups have joined forces to raise awareness about pollution from the Eramet facility. They are working to convince the facility to be a good neighbor by significantly reducing community exposure to odors and to manganese, which the plant refines to strengthen steel products. Ohio Citizen Action has worked with local fence-line neighbors to successfully win similar Good Neighbor Campaigns for ten years.

The Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival On Tour is presented in cooperation with the Colony Theatre's 2nd Annual Colony Theatre Film Festival, to be held in Marietta November 16th and 17th at the Mid Ohio Valley Player's Theater and the Marietta Brewing Company.

EVENT DETAILS:

Saturday, November 17th, Doors open at 3:30pm and shows start at 4pm

McDonough Auditorium, Marietta College, 215 Fifth St., Marietta, OH

Tickets: \$10, \$5 with a valid student ID.

Tickets can be purchased at the door, or in advance by emailing menglish@ohiocitizen.org

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