

Sunday Food Film Series

Sponsored by Comox Valley Friends of Farming, World Community Development Education Society and LUSH Valley Food Action Society

All films screened at 1126F Piercy Avenue in Courtenay

Doors open: 7:00 pm Screenings: 7:30 pm

Admittance and refreshments and organic snacks for sale by donation

Sunday January 18 ***Ripe for Change*** Emiko Omori 54 minutes

This fascinating documentary explores the intersection of food and politics in California over the last 30 years. It illuminates the complex forces struggling for control of the future of California's agriculture, and provides provocative commentary by a wide array of eloquent farmers, prominent chefs, and noted authors and scientists. The film examines a host of thorny questions: What are the trade-offs between the ability to produce large quantities of food vs the health of the workers, consumers and planet?; What are the hidden costs of 'inexpensive' food?; How do we create sustainable agricultural practices?

Sunday January 25 ***We Feed the World*** Erwin Wagenhofer 96 minutes

"The absurdities of a globalized food industry are subject to mounting scrutiny and criticism. These excesses are illustrated with jaw-dropping efficacy in this timely documentary from Austrian filmmaker Erwin Wagenhofer" (Sofia International Film Festival)

Sunday February 1 ***Sowing for Need or Sowing for Greed?***

Produced by Judith Bourque and Peter Gunnarson 56 minutes

Genetically engineered food crops are seeping into our diets, frequently without our even being aware of it. This film reveals the connections between multinational chemical companies and the food they want us to eat. Why are these chemical companies buying all the seed companies in the world? Can hunger and third world farmers' debt be solved by genetically modified seeds? Is this new hope – or false promise?