

Global Issues Film Festival

Sponsored by Mott Community College,
Kettering University & UM-Flint

November 14 & 15, 2009

in the MCC Regional Technology Center Auditorium

All Films are shown **FREE** of **CHARGE**

The Films:



Garbage Warrior (2007) Saturday, Nov. 14, 1 p.m. (90 minutes, USA, English) directed by Oliver Hodge and architect Michael Reynolds

What do beer cans, car tires and water bottles have in common? Not much unless you're renegade architect Michael Reynolds, in which case they are tools of choice for producing thermal mass and energy-independent housing or "Earthship Bioteecture." These experimental structures defy state standards and create conflict between Reynolds and the authorities. Reynolds and his crew seize the opportunity to lend their pioneering skills to those who need it most.



My Daughter the Terrorist (2007) Saturday, Nov. 14, 3 p.m. (58 minutes, Norway, Subtitled) a film by Beate Arnestad

This documentary is a rare, inside look at an organization that most of the world has blacklisted as a terrorist group - the Tamil Tigers (LTTE) of Sri Lanka. The film offers important insights into the recently re-ignited conflict. Twenty-four-year-olds Dharsika and Puhhalchudar have been living and fighting side-by-side for seven years as part of LTTE's elite force, the Black Tigers. Their story is told through cinema verité footage, newsreel footage, and interviews with the women and Dharsika's mother.

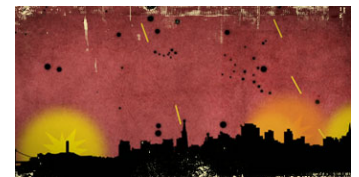


Arusi Persian Wedding (2005) Saturday, Nov. 14, 5 p.m. (63 minutes, Iran and USA, English and subtitles) by filmmaker Marjan Tehrani

For filmmaker Marjan Tehrani and her brother Alex, growing up Iranian American meant that political tensions often impacted their personal lives. Alex and Marjan grew up interpreting the mostly negative images of Iran in the American media, a conflict that shaped their identities. When the Tehranis are finally granted their Iranian passports, Alex, and his American bride Heather decide to make a trip to Iran to have a Persian wedding. But traveling to Iran is complicated.

Anatomy of Hate (2008) Sunday, Nov. 15, 3 p.m. (86 minutes, International, English with subtitles) from filmmaker Michael Ramsdell, followed by a discussion with the filmmaker.

The Anatomy of Hate; A Dialogue to Hope reveals the shared narratives found in individual and collective ideologies of hate, and how we as a species can overcome them. For six years filmmaker and Flint native Michael Ramsdell, had unprecedented access to some of the most venomous ideologies and violent conflicts of our time. By juxtaposing this verite footage with interviews from leading sociological, psychological, and neurological experts, the film weaves a tapestry that reveals both the emotional and biological mechanisms which make all of us susceptible to hate, and how these very same traits make us equally capable of overcoming it.

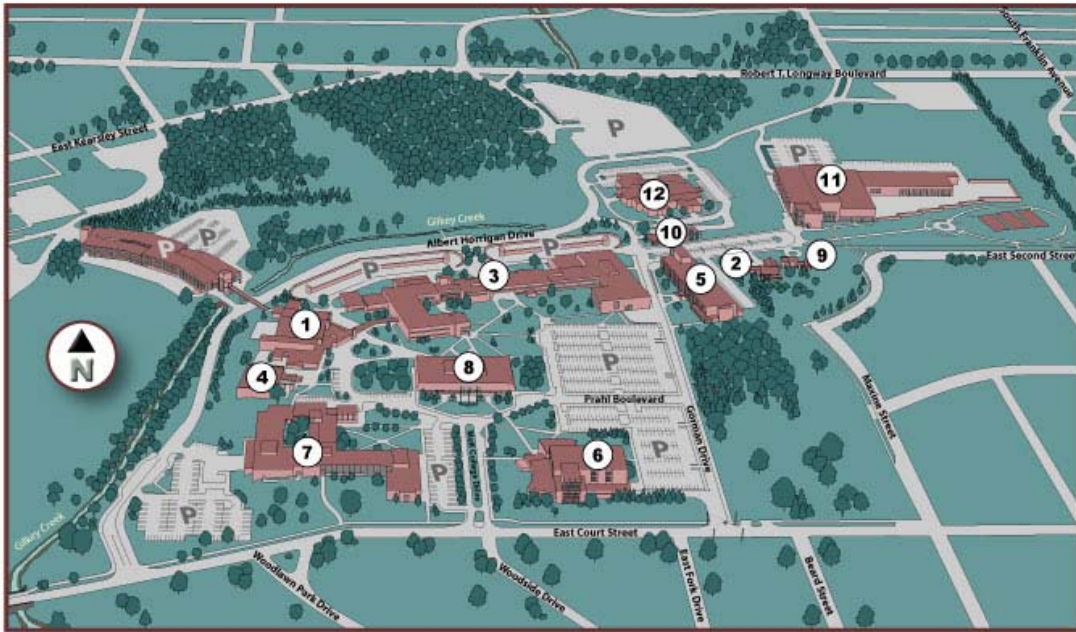


These films represent the first half of the 2009-10 Global Issues Film Festival. The second half of the festival will run Jan. 27-30, 2010 on the campus of Kettering University.

The eighth Annual Global Issues Film Festival, hosted by Kettering University, Mott Community College and the University of Michigan-Flint, continues its tradition of bringing provocative films to Flint. This collaborative festival includes the work of independent filmmakers from around the globe, representing a variety of voices and viewpoints. The festival is sponsored by the Greater Flint Arts Council, the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, Mott Community College, Kettering University's Department of Liberal Studies and the University of Michigan-Flint.



How to find the Regional Technology Center at Mott Community College (building #11 on the map):
Take the Longway Blvd. exit off either north or southbound I-475 and head east on Robert T. Longway. Turn into the MCC campus and follow the signs to the Regional Technology Center (building #11 on the map).



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