

RESISTANCE CINEMA END OF 2012 MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

From the steering committee of Resistance Cinema we'd like to thank all of you out there who have supported us throughout this year. It has been another fine year for us here at Community Church NY UU as we have been fortunate to be able to continue to present the finest current documentary films on a wide range of vital social concerns from the environment, race, the economy, nuclear power, world water supply, education, foreign policy and militarism etc..



THE YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

We started 2012 with a special guest the celebrated actress Vinie Burrows who helped us honor the memory of Martin Luther King at a screening of an episode of EYES ON THE PRIZE". Next we broke our all time attendance record with a screening of VANISHING CITY, a film by two local filmmakers Jen Senko and Fiore DiRosa. The film reveals the policy of favoring wealthy corporate developers that seek to transform New York City into a playland for the internationally wealthy to the economic detriment of local neighborhoods with their rich tapestry of cultural life and traditions.

In March we honored 95 year old Marie Runyon, a legend in NYC activist circles for the past 60 years. In August we screened a film celebrating the life of Indian activist Vandana Shiva. In September we honored the late great Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Kenyan environmental activist Wangari Maathai. A SKYPE interview with the film's director added to our list of special guest filmmakers who attended our screenings this year.

With HOT COFFEE we showed how there is much more behind the campaign against "frivolous lawsuits" than meets the eye. Exposing political manipulation by the super wealthy in KOCH BROTHERS EXPOSED was also quite gratifying. PRECIOUS KNOWLEDGE took a long look inside the struggle for ethnic studies in the Arizona public school system. Films on mountaintop removal, the global fresh water supply, and nuclear power showed the multi faceted face of the environmental question.

In February Resistance Cinema was proud to collaborate with Action For Justice and the Anti Racist Team in a day long program called a Symposium on Race featuring the award winning 3 part documentary series "RACE: THE POWER OF AN ILLUSION". It was a resounding success which interspersed film, speakers, and an interactive facilitated workshop.

Once again our year end holiday party featured a hilarious film, “Dr. Strangelove”, followed by an abundant feast.

And last but not least Resistance Cinema is very pleased to announce a new member to our steering committee. Linda Novenski joined us this fall and we have already seen what an invaluable member she has become.

We hope that 2013 will see a continuation of the vitality we experienced in 2012. And we most certainly invite you to join us to make it happen. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

Yours in solidarity,

Russell Branca, Connie Dondore, Lawrence Groobert, Karen Hoover, Nydia Leaf, Diane Mason, Linda Novenski, and Anita Waded.