



COALESCE

The idea was to create dynamic partnerships between 10 Not-for-Profit Leaders who truly understand that **LOCALITY, HONOR AND SERVICE** set our City apart, and by using these tools we are creating an indelible footprint for **good** in Columbus.

The Puffin Collaborative Film Festival Partners have each reached out to their own members and friends to be part of this cross-pollination event. By going to the Gateway Film Center site **NOW** and purchasing tickets in advance for all these great **MOVIES WITH A MISSION**, you will help determine how big of a theater the movie will be screened on and, the bigger the screen the more financial aid you will be giving to that Not-for-Profit!

This is also a fantastic, unique, and unprecedented opportunity to co-mingle with other **COLUMBUS SONS AND DAUGHTERS** who are working for a positive planet. Imagine sharing this positive energy and celebration next to a **GREAT PERSON** who also has a bag of organic popcorn and by just saying **hello**, you immediately can find common ground.

The underlying Mission of this Collaboration is a bit more serious. Yes, there is always a hitch. In these times the survival of a progressive democracy depends on the finest tool, our founding fathers bestowed upon us and which we as a Nation have improved upon these last 2 1/2 centuries - being the **RIGHT TO VOTE**. As you know, that right it is currently under attack! This inalienable right is the "vital principal of self-government and individual liberty." The decisions made in government effect all earthly things we hold dear. It seems as though that in every minute of every day our precious world is being negatively impacted by banksters and greedsters who are actively engaged in eroding our individual voices and liberties through disenfranchisement of our rights and the dismembering of our American dream.

We see it in the arrogance that has caused by (1) the loss of species each year by the thousands; (2) by drilling fracking wells and pumping them full of hazardous and sometimes undeclared chemicals causing explosions, fires and earthquakes in Ohio; (3) by our food supply being threatened by genetic engineering and poisonous pesticides that are killing off bees and eco-systems; (4) by chemical disasters flooding into our water systems owing to mismanagement and bad oversight; (5) by the endangerment to our children's physical and mental well being owing to food insecurity and poverty; (6) by having to witness the hatred of man by other men with no memory of peace for generations and whose actions are threatening to take us to the brink of global warfare; (7) by the growing voices of supremacists and their fear-mongering and hatred against people who are not like "them"; (8) by those who traffic women and children, drugs and guns because they see them as **commodities** with big bottom lines; (9) by the manipulators of markets who a few years ago without firing a bullet stole and re-appropriated the treasure of tens of millions of Americans; and, (10) by the conscious efforts being made to disenfranchise people so they cannot or do not vote. **We understand and believe as Americans that whoever wins an election wins, but that the entire process has to be fair and transparent! That is the American way.**

The Partners have their own Mission Statements on their webpages and we encourage you to get acquainted with these good people doing good works. The Partners have agreed unanimously that Voter Education and informing people how to overcome the barriers that keep citizens from voting or not having their vote counted are prime directives of this Collaborative Film Festival. Crucial and informative voting information will be available to everyone at the Gateway Film Center from Sept 21-25th and will be provided by our Partner, the ACLU of Ohio, our State's premier institution that protects and expands voter access.

Each night the audience will be a community coalition of friends working for a positive planet, be they from **Simply Living**, **The King Arts Complex**, **Ohio Citizens Action**, **Central Ohio Peace Network/Progressive Peace Coalition**, **Outlook Media**, **Small Business Beanstalk**, **ACLU of Ohio**, **ReelAbilities**, **Columbus Disabilities Film Festival**, **Columbus Jewish Film Festival** or the **Puffin Foundation West**. Our other invaluable partners and friends are: **Gateway Film Center**, **Formation Studio**, **R- Design and Printing**, **The Harmony Project***, **Columbus Film Council***, **The Short North Gazette**, **Atlas Community Partners** and **Cherubini Designs**. Knowing that you are together at the same time and place with other good people will give you increased strength in the conviction that by **Coalescing**, we are indeed becoming a peaceful force that is keeping their eyes on the **Prize** and working to **SLOW THE DECLINE!**

So **JOIN** us at the **PUFFIN COLLABORATIVE FILM FESTIVAL** and be part of the beginnings of something **GREAT** and please remember to leave us your e-mail address as there are more collaborative events to come.

Remember, **TO SERVE IS TO LOVE**,
Java Kitrick, Director
Puffin Foundation West, Ltd.

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* Puffin Foundation West is sponsoring as part of our KICK-OFF The Harmony Project's performance and the Columbus Film Council's programming at Independents' Day on Sept 20th in Franklinton.



The King Arts Complex

