

BANANAS!*

Directed by Fredrik Gertten

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION STEPS!

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march 18–28, 2010 tower city cinemas let's go.

We believe that films like the one you just saw can change the world. At the CIFF, we present these films to provoke thought, inspire dialogue, and spark ideas. Now we're taking it one step further by encouraging you to take action steps to address the issues you've learned about today. Get involved! Make change happen!

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Speak Up

- Talk to five people about the film you saw today.
- Begin a conversation about where your food at the dinner table comes from. And discuss the ways your choices about where you buy food impacts your local and global world.
- Share your personal story—publish a story; blog about it; make art; talk to a friend, a class or a community group.
- Join the Bananas!* Free Speech Campaign. For more information, visit www.bananasthemovie.com and click on the Take Action link.

Get Involved

- Volunteer for the Bioneers Cleveland Fall 2010 Conference currently in its planning stages. Bioneers promotes practical environmental solutions and innovative social strategies for restoring Earth's imperiled ecosystems and healing our human communities. For more information, visit www.bioneerscleveland.org or email info@bioneerscleveland.org.
- Attend the 28th Annual National Pesticide Forum – Greening the Community on April 9-10, 2010 at Case Western Reserve University. For more information, visit Beyond Pesticides at www.beyondpesticides.org and follow the Alerts and Action Section to the Greening the Community link.
- Shop for Peace at the Cleveland Food Co-op. On the second Tuesday of each month you can benefit Cleveland Peace Action, Women Speak Out for Peace & Justice, and the InterReligious Task Force on Central America simply by grocery shopping. The Co-op will generously donate a portion of your total to all three organizations. All you need to do is mention the organizations at check out. The Food Co-op is located at 11702 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland. To learn more about this opportunity visit the InterReligious Task Force at www.irtfcleveland.org and click on the Mark Your Calendar tab.
- Plan a meal out at fire food and drink – simple food – sustainable practices – igniting the community. Visit them at www.firefoodanddrink.com. And for a listing of some other area restaurants that support local farming, visit Slow Food Northern Ohio at www.slowfoodnorthernohio.blogspot.com.



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- Attend the Cleveland Metroparks Farm and Garden Day on Saturday June 5, 2010 from 11 am to 4 pm at the Garfield Nature Center, Garfield Park Reservation. For more information visit www.clemetparks.com and click on the Events and Programs tab.
- Enroll your classroom (or encourage your school to enroll) in the Veggie U – Earth To Table Curriculum. Veggie U is a non-profit organization created by the Chef's Garden and the Culinary Vegetable Institute committed to teaching children a lifestyle that involves good nutrition and eating habits. For more information, visit the Chef's Garden at www.chefs-garden.com and click on the Veggie U tab.
- Spend an evening with the Countryside Conservatory's Don't Buy Food from Strangers Film Series on April 27, 2010 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Akron Public Library. For more information, visit them at www.cvcountryside.org and click on the Events tab. And make sure to search their entire site for information and resources about farmers, farming, and food & community.

Stay Informed

- For more information about BANANAS!*, the issues addressed in the film, and ways you can support their effort, visit www.bananasthemovie.com.
- Join the Bioneers Social Network to take part in the development of a sustainable environment. For more information, visit www.bioneerscleveland.org and click on the About Us tab.
- For more information about work being done to eliminate the use of toxic pesticides in farming, visit Beyond Pesticides at www.beyondpesticides.org and the Pesticide Action Network at www.panna.org. And visit the Ohio Environmental Council at www.theoec.org for information about environmental and conservation advocacy work.
- Sign up to receive monthly email bulletins from the InterReligious Task Force on Central America. Visit www.irtfcleveland.org and click on the Get Involved tab. While there, read about other great ways to stay informed and involved!

Make a Donation

- To make a monetary or in-kind contribution to Bioneers Cleveland, visit them at www.bioneerscleveland.org and click on the Contact Us tab.
- To donate to the InterReligious Task Force on Central America, visit www.irtfcleveland.org and click on the Donate tab. The IRTF is a Cleveland-based interfaith group that promotes peace and human rights in Central America and Colombia. People of faith and conscience founded IRTF after the 1980 execution of four U.S. church women in El Salvador by U.S.-trained soldiers. A facet of their mission is to advocate for human rights, self-determination, economic justice, and peace based on nonviolent systemic changes, instead of militarized approaches in the region and in U.S. policy.
- To support the filmmakers of Bananas!* and their legal fight against Dole, visit www.bananasthemovie.com and click on the Take Action tab.

LET THE CIFF KNOW ABOUT THE ACTION STEPS YOU TAKE. Email us at action@clevelandfilm.org.

