

# COLONY

Directed by Carter Gunn  
& Ross McDonnell

## LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION STEPS!

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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.
- Start a conversation at the dinner table and see if you can name the foods that honey bees help to produce. Then check out how well you did. Visit the National Resources Defense Council's website for a listing of what honey bees pollinate. Go to [www.nrdc.org/wildlife/animals/bees.asp](http://www.nrdc.org/wildlife/animals/bees.asp).
- If you live in Cleveland, send a note of thanks to your City Council member for passing Ordinance 29 -10, which amended the restrictions on keeping farm animals and bees in the city. To find your Council person, go to the City Council website at [www.clevelandcitycouncil.org](http://www.clevelandcitycouncil.org) and click on the Find My Ward tab.
- Make your voice heard and encourage the Department of Agriculture to act now and save bees and crops. Visit [www.nrdc.org/wildlife/animals/bees.asp](http://www.nrdc.org/wildlife/animals/bees.asp) and click on the Take Action button.

### Get Involved

- To help with preservation, make your garden bee-safe. Visit [www.nrdc.org/wildlife/animals/bees.asp](http://www.nrdc.org/wildlife/animals/bees.asp) and click on the Make Your Garden Bee-Safe tab to learn how.
- Explore your passion for nature and volunteer for the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. A variety of positions are available for Fall 2010. For more information and an application visit [www.cmnh.org](http://www.cmnh.org) and click on the Volunteer – Get Involved tab.
- Volunteer to help raise awareness about honeybees and the amazing natural world at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center in Bay Village. Visit [www.lensc.org](http://www.lensc.org) and click on the Volunteer tab.
- Attend a Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association Meeting. They gather on the second Wednesday of each month at the Rocky River Nature Center at 7 pm to share information and to learn more about hive management and the honey bee. To learn more about the group, visit [www.greaterclevelandbeekeepers.org](http://www.greaterclevelandbeekeepers.org). For a listing of meeting speakers, click on the Events tab.
- Plan to attend the Queen Right Colonies Field Day on May 8, 2010 and explore the world of the bees by entering into the Bee Yard. You can also participate in other fun and educational activities such as learning how to install packaged bees. Queen Right Colonies is located at 43655 State Route 162 in Spencer, OH 44275. For more information, visit them at [www.queenrightcolonies.com](http://www.queenrightcolonies.com).



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### Stay Informed

- Read "The Vanishing", from the September 2006 issue of OnEarth Magazine and watch a video on Colony Collapse Disorder. To view both, visit the National Resources Defense Council's website link at <http://www.nrdc.org/wildlife/animals/bees.asp> and click on the tabs.
- Catch The Buzz by signing up for the Bee Culture – The Magazine of American Beekeeping free e-postings. Visit website at [www.bee-culture.com](http://www.bee-culture.com) and click on the Catch The Buzz link.
- Gather some friends and family and plan an outing to the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center to learn more about honeybees and the interconnectiveness of all wildlife and nature. Visit [www.lensc.org](http://www.lensc.org) for information about exhibits and hours.
- Visit the Greater Cleveland Beekeeper's Association website and click on the Education and Links tabs for more information, including educational video links and resources about bees and beekeeping in a local, regional, and national environment. The site is [www.greaterclevelandbeekeepers.org](http://www.greaterclevelandbeekeepers.org).

### Make a Donation

- Attend the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's Family Fun Fest on June 6, 2010 or the Discover the Cosmos Annual Benefit on September 11, 2010. For more information, visit [www.lensc.org](http://www.lensc.org) and click on the Featured Events tab (keep checking back for more current listings). Or to make a donation to support their hands-on education and free exhibits, click on the Donate tab.
- Celebrate the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's "Down To Earth" Earth Day on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 from 4 to 9 pm. There will be fun and informative crafts and activities for all ages, as well as demonstrations on some of the latest sustainable solutions. The event is free with Museum admission. Call 216.231.4600 for more information.
- To support the efforts of local beekeepers, join the Cleveland Beekeepers Association. Visit [www.greaterclevelandbeekeepers.org](http://www.greaterclevelandbeekeepers.org) and click on the Membership link

LET THE CIFF KNOW ABOUT THE ACTION STEPS YOU TAKE. Email us at [action@clevelandfilm.org](mailto:action@clevelandfilm.org).

