

**Welcome to**

# **Farm Film Fest III**

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**Saturday, December 4, 2010  
at the historic Crandell Theatre  
in Chatham, NY**

An aerial photograph of a flock of sheep scattered across a dark, textured field. The sheep are small, white, and fluffy, appearing as bright spots against the dark ground. They are arranged in a loose, irregular pattern, with some clusters and some individuals. The field has a cracked, earthy appearance, suggesting it might be a dry or recently plowed area.

**Sponsored by:  
The Chatham Agricultural Partnership,  
The Chatham Film Club,  
and The Columbia Land Conservancy**

**Programming Committee:  
Mary Gail Biebel, Michael Chameides, Tom Crowell, Susan Davies, & Jeff Lick**

# THE PROGRAM

## **1 The Greenhorns**

Rough cut of a documentary film about young farmer protagonists of America's agricultural revival. 21 mins

*Filmmaker: Severine von Tscharner Fleming*

## **2 Save Our Seeds: The Hudson Valley Seed Library**

Overview of a Hudson Valley organization striving to create an accessible and affordable source of regionally-adapted seeds. 5 mins

*Filmmaker: Emily M. Bennison*

## **3 I Am the Animal**

Documentary addressing the issue of bee colony collapse at the same time that it presents a window into the fascinating world of bees and their keepers. This film generated a lot of interest when shown at FilmColumbia 2010. 23 mins

*Filmmaker: Lenore Malen*

## **4 The Chicken Coup**

The life cycle of a robotic chicken in a factory farm, told in a Dada collage-meets-stop-animation style from the point of view of a chicken. Created as part of Meltz's MFA thesis exhibition at SUNY-Albany. 11 mins

*Filmmaker: Nathan Meltz*

## 10 MINUTE INTERMISSION

## **5 Shoes and Rouge**

When "3-2-1 Contact" wanted Caroline and Frank to animate their song about the various products that can come from cows, Debbie Denniston lent them her cow, Vanessa, and the Gleason Farm of Chatham Center let them photograph their silos. The result was this charming animation. 90 seconds

*Filmmakers: Caroline and Frank Mouris*

## **6 Farmscape Ecology Program at Hawthorne Valley Farm**

Overview of an innovative program whose central goal is to explore the ecological and cultural patterns present in the Columbia County landscape, focusing on the relationship between agriculture and environment. 13 mins

*Filmmaker: Richard Jamie Herring*

## **7 What's Your Inspiration?**

Clips of local residents and people at the Chatham Fair talking about the ways that they are inspired by animals. Recently shown at Art for Animals. 5 mins

*Filmmaker: NYCSubway Girl (AKA Cathy Grier)*

## **8 Sweet Soil**

Stories of four family farms, a natural foods store committed to supporting them and a community's passion for fresh, local food. Includes the Thompson-Finch Farm in Ancram. 21 mins

*Filmmakers: Laura Meister and Erica Spizz*

## **9 Chatham Grown**

Back by popular demand, Chatham Grown gives an introduction to the farmers and farming issues in Chatham as the town works to maintain its agricultural economy in the midst of development pressures. All work on the film was done by local residents and the film received its premiere at the 2007 Farm Film Fest. Since then, more than 800 copies have been distributed. 21 mins

*Filmmaker: Courtney Hunt*

Please join farmers, filmmakers, & friends at the "Meet Your Maker" reception at Peint O Gwrw following the films. Cash bar with other refreshments provided.