

Burlington's EarthPeace International Film Festival

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The fifth biennial EarthPeace International film festival will be held in Burlington April 14-18. The festival promises to showcase films from around the world in the areas of War & Peace, the Environment, and Justice & Human Rights. Special screenings will highlight the United Nations Year of Indigenous Peoples, the world's children, positive solutions to global problems, and Eastern Europe.

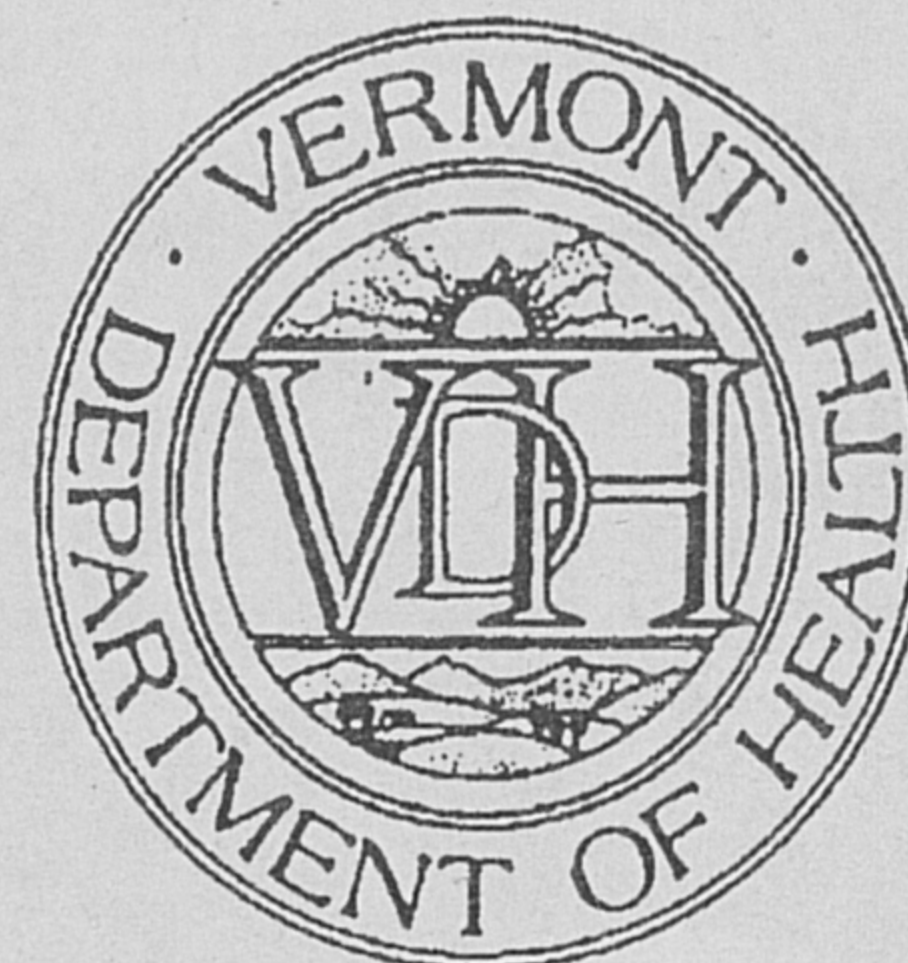
As a content judge in the Justice & Human Rights category, I had the opportunity to preview some of the over 250 films in competition. A number of these films addressed issues important to the lesbian and gay community. Notable submissions included the American documentary *Our House: Gays and Lesbians in the Hood*, which, through numerous interviews, explores homophobia in the African American and Latino community. The Canadian film *A Kind Of Family* tells the toughing story of Glen, a gay city councilor and his relationship with his foster son Mike who is an HIV positive hustler. *Man to Man* is an American film set in a New York City apartment that focuses on the relationship of a father and

his gay son who has recently discovered the world of gay party lines (550-GAYS). "Spread the word, not the disease" is the theme of the film *No Rewind* which provides American teenagers with the opportunity to speak out on AIDS awareness. One of the more bizarre films previewed was the MTV like production of *In the Loop* which, according to its creator, deals with political oppression and sexual identification.

The five day EarthPeace International Film festival is presented by the Vermont World Peace Film Foundation, the UVM center for World Education, and Burlington City Arts. While the only gay and lesbian themed films to survive the festival's intense competition were *Our House: Gays and Lesbians in the Hood* and *No Rewind*, this multicultural festival will undoubtedly provide insight into many other issues of global concern and should prove to be both educational and entertaining.

For more information on the festival and a schedule of films, contact Burlington City Arts at 865-7166. ▼

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