

RMC STUDENTS SPONSOR FILM FESTIVAL: "ISSUES THAT MATTER."

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BILLINGS -- Members of three student groups at Rocky Mountain College will host a festival of short films, Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008, called "Issues that matter."

The festival is free and open to the public, and will begin at 7 p.m., in Losekamp Hall. It will feature the collaboration of young filmmakers and the media company Arts Engine, a non-profit public interest group based in New York. The sixteen short films focus on issues of social justice, criminal justice, gay and lesbian rights, environmental awareness, public health, and welfare reform.

The "Issues that matter" film festival allows student leaders to select short films that best reflect their own interests in policy and progressive reform, stated Allison Palser, representing a new group formed on campus, called the Roosevelt Institution. The other two student groups sponsoring the film festival are the Rocky Environmental Awareness Club, led by senior Andrew Babb, and the Gay-Straight Alliance, led by junior Dustin Schneider.

"The films presented are meant to make you laugh and make you cry, but, most importantly they are meant to make you think and take action," said Palser. "Students and community members will be encouraged to discuss the presentation."

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