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FESTIVAL LINE-UP ANNOUNCED FOR SECOND ANNUAL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

(Calgary, AB) - The Calgary premiere of an award-winning documentary about teenage factory workers in China and an investigation into missing Aboriginal women in Canada lead the line-up of films for the second annual Marda Loop Justice Film Festival, which runs November 15-17.

The free event, which is organized by local residents, will screen nine films that highlight human rights and social justice issues from around the world. Issues range from the effects of peak oil in Cuba to political activism in South Africa to labour violations in Asia.

“We are thrilled to build on the success of last year’s event and to bring together another selection of topical and thought-provoking films, four of which are Calgary premieres,” says Jenny Krabbe, the festival’s founder. “These films foster awareness of injustices and abuse, share stories of hope, and hopefully serve as a platform to inspire action and change.”

An informal conversation or panel discussion follows each film, providing audience members with a forum to reflect on and discuss what they have just seen. A non-profit “village” made up of local and international grassroots humanitarian organizations will also be on hand for filmgoers seeking out additional resources for interaction and involvement.

The nine films to be screened this year are:

- China Blue (2006, USA) * *Calgary Premiere*
- The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil (2006, USA)
- Manufactured Landscapes (2006, Canada)
- Kilowatt Ours (2005, USA)
- Finding Dawn (2006, Canada)
- Masizakhe (2006, South Africa) * *Calgary Premiere*
- Martyr Street (2006, Canada) * *Calgary Premiere*
- Ryan’s Well (2001, Canada)
- Switch Off (2006, Spain) * *Calgary Premiere*

All films will be screened in the auditorium of the First Christian Reformed Church (3818 - 14A Street SW). This is a free, non-denominational event. A full screening schedule and background on the films is available at the Festival’s website: www.justicefilmfestival.ca

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