

Iowa premiere of Greg Reitman's film ROOTED in PEACE.

Award-winning filmmaker inspires us to change from within to transform the world.



Greg Reitman holding a bonsai in Times Square, from his documentary feature film ROOTED IN PEACE.

By Ken Chawkin

Award-winning Sundance filmmaker Greg Reitman will present his latest documentary feature film, *ROOTED in PEACE*, at the Sondheim Theater for the Performing Arts on August 2, 2015 at 7 P.M.

Launched at the prestigious Sedona International Film Festival, the film continues to play at festivals across North America. Reitman and team are delighted to screen the Iowa premiere of their film at the Sondheim Theater in preparation for its fall theatrical release.

Over six years in the making, and partially shot in town, Hollywood's green director/producer says, "it's an amazing journey to look back when we first visited Fairfield for the Beach Boys concert followed by the David Lynch Weekend."

After participating in peace marches, tree plantings, and other approaches to try and deal with a culture invested in violence, Reitman learns more about himself, his own inner anger and its effect on his health and personal relationship. He learns that change begins within, and the world is as you are. He takes to heart Maharishi Mahesh Yogi's words, that if the forest is to be green, every tree must be green; if there's going to be Peace on earth, then everybody needs to experience that quality of Peace within themselves.

The many interviews in the film drive the personal narrative. In his search for answers to the violence being done to nature, others and ourselves, Reitman meets with such luminaries and activists as Deepak Chopra, music legends Donovan, Mike Love, and Pete Seeger, film director David Lynch, Noble Peace Laureate Mairead Maguire, media mogul Ted Turner, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, green architect William McDonough, physician and best-selling author Mark Hyman, neuroscientists Dan Siegel and Fred Travis, sustainability and nutritional experts, and many more.

Executive Producer Joanna Plafsky says, "Greg's film beautifully takes us on a transforming journey from fear and stress to an experience of inner peace — the basis for real change in our world. It gives audiences valid solutions to today's challenges."

David Lynch saw the final version of the film and said he really loved it. “I think it is very important for today !!! Very important !!! ”

A Q&A with Greg and Joanna will follow the showing of the film. Tickets are \$10 at the door, \$8 in advance, and \$5 for students, teachers and seniors. Visit <http://www.fairfieldacc.com> for tickets.

See a trailer for the film at <http://www.rootedinpeacefilm.com>. Find out more about Greg Reitman and his production company Blue Water Entertainment, Inc. at <http://www.bluewatercompany.com>.

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