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Mysteries of Soil Beautifully Revealed

Symphony of the Soil—Groundbreaking film presents the complexity and mystery of soil with grace and artistry

BOWIE, MD—On March 27th at 6:45 p.m., the City of Bowie Environmental Advisory Committee will offer a free screening of the award-winning film, *Symphony of the Soil*. This feature-length documentary explores the complexity and mystery of soil and inspires viewers to connect with soil as a living organism—the foundation of life on earth. After the film, viewers are encouraged to stay for a question-and-answer discussion with soil specialists David Smith from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service, Michel Cavigelli from USDA’s Agricultural Research Service, and Bruce James from the University of Maryland. Viewers may offer donations and purchase DVDs (make checks to the producer, “Lily Films”).

Drawing from ancient knowledge and cutting-edge science, *Symphony of the Soil* is an artistic exploration of soil. The film presents the elaborate relationships and mutuality among soil, water, the atmosphere, plants and animals with the dynamic nature of this precious resource. The film also examines the human relationship with soil—the use and misuse of soil in agriculture, deforestation and development—and the latest scientific research on soil’s key role in ameliorating the most challenging environmental issues of our time. Filmed on four continents, *Symphony of the Soil* features scientists and working farmers and ranchers and highlights how healthy soil creates healthy plants, and in turn, a healthy planet.

Symphony of the Soil was produced and directed by Deborah Koons Garcia. See a trailer and learn more at www.symphonyofthesoil.com/.

March 27th (6:45 PM): Bowie, Maryland at the Multipurpose Room in Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive, Bowie, MD. For more information, please contact Joe Meinert at jmeinert@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3047

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