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"If you eat food, you need to see The Future of Food." -Newstarget.com

"The film is a call to action - for people to think more about the consequences of their food choices and to use their consumer power to push for labeling and legislation."
-San Francisco Chronicle

FUTURE OF FOOD Documentary To Screen In Nashville **Benefit for Tennessee Organic Growers Association** **Event Supports Locally Grown Foods**

The much talked about documentary, *The Future of Food*, by Deborah Koons Garcia, will be screened one night only, in Nashville, Fri., April 7, at The Belcourt Theatre as a benefit for the Tennessee Organic Growers Association (TOGA). The event will begin at 6:30 PM with an "appetizing" reception and silent auction, followed by brief musical performance and the film. Musicians scheduled to perform are Beth Nielsen Chapman, Suzi Ragsdale and Darrell Scott. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion and audience Q&A, featuring the filmmaker Garcia and Jeff Poppen, *The Barefoot Farmer*. Advance tickets are \$15, available through the Belcourt's website, www.belcourt.org, or at the Belcourt box office, 2102 Belcourt Avenue.

Garcia, wife of the late Jerry Garcia of The Grateful Dead, spent three years and her own finances making *The Future of Food*. The film investigates the health and environmental issues surrounding genetically engineered crops, and the unlabeled, patented, genetically engineered foods that have quietly filled U.S. grocery store shelves for the past decade. Alternatives to large-scale industrial agriculture are also explored, such as placing organic and sustainable agriculture as real solutions to the ongoing farm crisis.

The evening is intended as a community-building event, designed to increase awareness and support for local and regional family farming in middle Tennessee and beyond. Emphasis will be focused on local farmers' markets, meeting local farmers and learning about community supported agriculture (CSAs). Co-Sponsors to date include Village Fund, The Nashville Farmers' Market, the Truth and Reconciliation Project, Nashville Scene, Provence Breads and Cafe, Team Green/Lightning 100, Wild Oats, and Molly P Eatery.

TOGA is a non-profit, membership-based organization whose mission includes efforts to increase awareness for safe, nutritious, locally-grown food, and to nurture relationships among local producers and consumers in all regions of Tennessee. The group will be holding their annual statewide conference the following day, Sat., April 8 at Tennessee State University.

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For more information about this event and the film, visit the following:

<http://nashfof.wordpress.com>
<http://www.thefutureoffood.com>

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