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EMMY-WINNING FILMMAKER AND ACTIVIST JOSH FOX PRESENTS
“THE SOLUTIONS GRASSROOTS TOUR”

Groundbreaking Theatre, Film and Concert Event Promotes Adoption of Renewable Energy Solutions
NEW YORK, New York (September 15, 2014) – Oscar-Nominated and Emmy-Winning filmmaker and activist Josh Fox, together with International WOW Company, will present a workshop presentation of “The Solutions Grassroots Tour” to kick off Climate Week in New York City. The production is an interactive music, theater, and film event that motivates towns to adopt renewable energy solutions for individual, community, and commercial settings, as well as campaign for pro-renewable energy legislation.

Conceived and directed by Josh Fox and featuring Josh Fox and members of the acclaimed International WOW ensemble, “The Solutions Grassroots Tour” will also feature music by recording artists Vanessa Bley and 7-time Grammy-Nominee Stuart Matthewman in TWIN DANGER. With a cast of over 20 actor/dancers, live video installation, a world class seven-piece band, and renewable energy power provided by solar panels on site, the performance will be a spectacle all ages can enjoy. The play will also feature the stage debut of rancher and spokesman John Fenton, subject of GASLAND I & II, of Pavillion, Wyoming.

The storyline revolves around a town that is facing the possibility of becoming an extraction zone for extreme fossil fuel development. At crucial moments in the plot, members of the audience have an opportunity to participate in the acting and telling of the story. “This is about doing something positive for our towns and our neighbors. The renewable energy future is here now, and we have created this play to bring this incredible organizing and economic opportunity directly to communities,” says Fox. “An interactive theatrical event serves as a living, breathing training ground for community decision making. Renewable energy can benefit culture and democracy as well as being the next major economic development force.”

Co-hosted by Mark Ruffalo, Debra Winger, Phylicia Rashad, Sandra Steingraber, Peter Yarrow, Nahko Bear, Bill McKibben and Zephyr Teachout, performances will take at the Irondale Center in Brooklyn Sunday, September 21st through Friday September 26th. For more information please visit www.solutionsgrassroots.com.

Eventually, the piece will travel all across New York State and serve as a model for the rest of the United States and the world.

Co-sponsors include: New Yorkers Against Fracking, Frack Action, United for Action, Sane Energy Project, Food & Water Watch, The Mother's Project, 350NYC and Citizens Campaign for the Environment.

Josh Fox and International WOW Company, renowned for their daring audience immersion-- in which audience members become a part of the show, reading lines and moving through the space-- and their physical, explosively visual, epic theatrical style, create a powerful spectacle like never before. Described by the New York Times as one of New York's most "adventurous impresarios," Josh Fox directs an ensemble of long-time WOW Company ensemble members, led by Beth Griffith, Doug Chapman, Herbie Go, Brandon Smith, Carrie Getman, and an ensemble of 20 performers/dancers. Lighting design is by Charles Foster.

About Josh Fox

Josh Fox is best known as the writer/director of GASLAND Parts I and II. Among numerous honors, together the films garnered an Academy Award Nomination for Best Documentary and an Emmy for best Documentary Directing. Along with four other Emmy nominations, the films also received the Sundance Special Jury Prize for documentary, two Environmental Media Association Awards for Best Documentary and widespread HBO distribution. Fox is internationally recognized as a spokesperson and leader on the issue of fracking and extreme energy development. He is also the founder and producing artistic director of the International WOW Company. He is available for interviews prior to and during the showcase events.

Josh has toured to over 300 cities with his films and plays. As a national spokesman on the issues of the contamination resulting from fossil fuel extraction, Josh has appeared on the Daily Show, Real Time with Bill Maher, The Keith Olbermann show, PBS Now, CNN and Democracy Now. He has regularly appeared on MSNBC making frequent appearances on The Chris Hayes shows (Up and All in), The Ed Show, Countdown with Keith Olbermann, Morning Joe, Melissa Harris-Perry, Alex Wagner, Tamron Hall, and Dylan Ratigan.

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