

NET's Fall 2012 Coffee and Conversation Film Series Continues Nov. 18 with 'Solar Mamas'

The third in the 2012 fall "Coffee and Conversation in the Community" film and discussion series convenes at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, with "Solar Mamas." The series screens at the Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center at 13th and Q streets on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

"Coffee and Conversation" is free and open to the public. A community discussion in UNL's Van Brunt Visitors Center follows the screening. The films are shown in partnership with ITVS Community Cinema, Lincoln community radio station KZUM (89.3 FM), the Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

Jethane Noujaim's film "Solar Mamas" documents the story of India's Barefoot College, where women from all over the world, many of whom have never had any formal education, are trained to become solar engineers so that they can bring electricity back to their homes. The film is one of the first honored by the Hilton Worldwide LightStay Sustainability Award, an award created by Hilton Worldwide and Sundance Institute to acknowledge documentaries that showcase the connections between sustainability, economic growth and community development. For more on this film, go to <http://www.itvs.org/films/solar-mamas>.

"Solar Mamas" is part of "Women and Girls Lead," a multiyear public media initiative to focus, educate, and connect citizens worldwide in support of issues facing women and girls. For more on this initiative, go to <http://www.itvs.org/women-and-girls-lead>.

The film also will be broadcast statewide on NET1 and NET-HD at 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, as part of the PBS series "Independent Lens."

For more information on Coffee and Conversation and NET Community Engagement and Educational Outreach, check the NET website at <http://netNebraska.org/engage>