

# Friday Night At The Meaningful Movies

- Presents -

## RETURNING FIRE

Interventions in Video Game Culture



Written & Directed by Roger Stahl, 44 Minutes, Produced in 2011

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**5019 Keystone Place North 7:00PM - 9:30PM**

**Keystone Congregational United Church of Christ**

**MAY 6, 2011**

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Wallingford Neighbors for Peace and Justice

*“Friday Night at the Meaningful Movies”*

## **2011 FILM FESTIVAL**

(UPDATED 4/15/2011)

All Films At: **Keystone United Church of Christ,**  
5019 Keystone Place N., Seattle 0.4 miles west of the I-5 N.E.50th St. Exit

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### **FRIDAY APRIL 22, 2011, 7-9:30 PM**

**Film: “COUNTDOWN TO ZERO”** (91 min, Lucy Walker, 2010)

This film traces the history of the atomic bomb from its origins to the present state of global affairs: nine nations possessing nuclear weapons capabilities with others racing to join them, with the world held in a delicate balance that could be shattered by an act of terrorism, failed diplomacy, or a simple accident. The film features an array of important international statesmen, including President Jimmy Carter, Mikhail Gorbachev, Pervez Musharraf and Tony Blair. It makes a compelling case for worldwide nuclear disarmament, an issue more topical than ever with the Obama administration working to revive this goal today. **Join us in a facilitated discussion following the film.**

**(Event is FREE and open to the public! ...but Donations are kindly accepted).**

### **FRIDAY APRIL 29, 2011, 7-9:30 PM**

**Film: “REEL INJUN” - TO BE CONFIRMED** (xx min, xx, xx)

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### **FRIDAY MAY 6, 2011, 7-9:30 PM**

**Film: RETURNING FIRE - INTERVENTIONS IN VIDEO GAME CULTURE**

(44 Minutes, Roger Stahl, 2011)

Video games like Modern Warfare, America's Army, Medal of Honor, and Battlefield are part of an exploding market of war games whose revenues now far outpace even the biggest Hollywood blockbusters. The sophistication of these games is undeniable, offering users a stunningly realistic experience of ground combat and a glimpse into the increasingly virtual world of long-distance, push-button warfare. Far less clear, though, is what these games are doing to users, our political culture, and our capacity to empathize with people directly affected by the actual trauma of war. For the culture-jamming activists featured in this film, these uncertainties were a call to action. In three separate vignettes, we see how Anne-Marie Schleiner, Wafaa Bilal, and Joseph Delappe moved dissent from the streets to our screens, infiltrating war games in an attempt to break the hypnotic spell of "militainment." Their work forces all of us -- gamers and non-gamers alike -- to think critically about what it means when the clinical tools of real-world killing become forms of consumer play. (Event is FREE and open to the public! ...but Donations are kindly accepted).

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### **FRIDAY MAY 13, 2011, 7-9:30 PM**

**Film: STONELEIGH'S - “A CENTURY OF CHALLENGES” - “TRANSITION FRIDAY!”**

A CENTURY OF CHALLENGES is Nicole Foss' comprehensive analysis of energy, finance and the interaction between the two from a big picture perspective. Her current writings warn us that, like the September 2008 crisis that “came within hours of the global banking system seizing up, the brewing financial storm she predicts may come very quickly and will result in rapid deflation. Successfully dealing with deflation, she says, will make it possible to meet the twin challenges that will follow – peak oil and climate change.

Foss (AKA Stoneleigh) offers a roadmap for what is coming and why, and also what people can do individually and together in the face of this most significant of predicaments. She is an international energy and finance expert, and the co-editor of The Automatic Earth blog. Formerly, she was a Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies who specialized in nuclear safety in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union and conducted research into electricity policy at the EU level.

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