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## WGVU presents Independent Cinema at the UICA Series Continues on March 3 with *Taking Root*

**(Grand Rapids, MI, February 26, 2009)** On Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m., WGVU continues the Independent Cinema series at the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts with the film *Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai*. A discussion will follow with local panelists, including Gary De Kock, Chair of the Board at the Center for Environmental Study, a West Michigan organization whose mission is to promote environmental practices that contribute to a sustainable community and Corey Petrick, who recently helped to make a film about reforestation in Ethiopia.

How does the simple act of planting trees lead to winning the Nobel Peace Prize? Ask Wangari Maathai of Kenya. In 1977, she suggested rural women plant trees to address problems stemming from a degraded environment. Under her leadership, their tree-planting grew into a nationwide movement to safeguard the environment, defend human rights and promote democracy. And brought Maathai the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004.

This screening event is part of the ITVS Community Cinema program. The film will also air on Tuesday, April 14 at 10 p.m. on WGVU HD as part of the PBS series *Independent Lens*.

Free screenings of *Independent Lens* films are held the first Tuesday of every month. For more on the Independent Cinema series, including upcoming dates and films, visit [wgvu.org/cinema](http://wgvu.org/cinema) or [myspace.com/independentcinemagr](http://myspace.com/independentcinemagr).

WGVU's continued mission is to provide educational, informative, and entertaining programs and events to the West Michigan community as a service of Grand Valley State University.

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