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Portland, Oregon -- The Intertwine Alliance, with lead sponsor the Port of Portland, is launching the [Our Common Ground Film Series](#) this fall and winter, with film screenings on Dec. 9, Jan. 13 and Feb. 10 at the McMenamins Mission Theater & Pub in Northwest Portland.

All screenings are free and open to the public.

First up is “The Olmsted Vision: Past, Present and Future,” co-hosted by Portland Parks & Recreation, on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m. A screening of the documentary [“Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing America,”](#) the story of how one man redefined the role that natural spaces play in our lives, will be followed by a panel conversation between Mike Abbate, director of Portland Parks & Recreation; Mike Houck, executive director of Urban Greenspaces Institute; Bill Hawkins, local architect, historian and author of *The Legacy of the Olmsted Brothers in Portland*; and Laurence Cotton, historian, author and consulting producer of the film.

Doors open at 5 p.m., with the film introduced at 6 p.m., the panel discussion at 7:15 p.m, and social time from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

Festivities continue with the following screenings:

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016: [“A River Between Us”](#)

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016: [“The Land”](#)

[The Intertwine Alliance](#) is a coalition of 145 public agencies, private businesses and nonprofit organizations working to integrate nature more deeply into the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region.

The Our Common Ground Film Series aims to bring the community together with fun, festive and mentally stimulating events revolving around the Alliance’s primary focus areas: active transportation; conservation; conservation education; economic development; equity; health and nature; public engagement; the regional system of parks, trails and natural areas; and youth engagement.

For more information about the film series, visit <http://www.theintertwine.org/our-common-ground-film-series>. For questions or interview requests, please email David Cohen, Intertwine Alliance program manager and film festival coordinator, at david@theintertwine.org or Tara Wilkinson, Intertwine Alliance communications coordinator, at tara@theintertwine.org.

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