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Chicago Premiere of Farmageddon Movie Life Imitates Art as Food Club & Farmer Featured in Film are Raided Again, Arrested

Falls Church, Virginia (August 16, 2011)--On Wednesday, August 3rd in Venice, California, armed law enforcement officers, federal, state and local descended on a private health food co-op, seized \$70,000 worth of food, computers, papers, cash and arrested three people for trafficking in unpasteurized dairy from unlicensed facilities. The venue, Rawesome, is frequented by Hollywood stars, young mothers, bodybuilders and raw foodists in search of the most perfect, pure food they can find. The government, especially the FDA, considers this akin to drug dealing and they are treating it as harshly. This is the subject of Kristin Canty's documentary film Farms. A previous raid on Rawesome is depicted in the film.

The Chicago film premiere of this shocking documentary opens Friday, August 26 and plays one show daily at the Gene Siskel Center on August 26-29, 31. Filmmaker, Kristin Canty depicts the struggles of an emerging farm economy, made up of farmers who are returning to traditional, non-industrial farming methods, the kind that existed a plenty at the turn of the century, yet have nearly vanished in our modern age.

A first time filmmaker, Kristin is a Massachusetts mom whose 4-year-old son was healed of multiple allergies by adding farm fresh (raw) milk to his diet. Since she achieved near miraculous results from working with a local farmer to heal her boy, she was alarmed to discover the FDA agenda to restrict access to this wholesome food.

Farmageddon tells stories of numerous trespasses by health bureaucrats on farmers' and consumers' civil liberties. Canty also interviews consumers, chefs and nutrition experts who greatly desire to support the new economic model by direct sourcing of food grown without the use of chemicals, hormones and pesticides.

Kristin Canty is a member of the <u>Weston A. Price Foundation</u>, a nutrition education and activist group, as well as the <u>Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund</u> (FTCLDF). The film was inspired by the work of Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund, which defends the rights of small sustainable farms to sell farm products direct to consumers, against government interference. See the trailer: <u>www.farmageddonmovie.com</u>

Please contact the Gene Siskel Center for show times and tickets; call 312-846-2085 or visit www.siskelfilmcenter.org. For other screening dates and times, and to see the trailer, visit the Farmageddon website: www.farmageddonmovie.com.

The Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund defends the rights and broadens the freedoms of family farms and protects consumer access to raw milk and nutrient-dense foods. Concerned citizens can support the FTCLDF, a U.S. based 501(c)(4) nonprofit, by joining or donating online at www.farmtoconsumer.org or by calling 703-208-FARM (3276). See farm raid info on FTCLDF website: www.farmtoconsumer.org/farm-raids

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