

Queen of the Sun: What are the bees telling us?

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Let's talk about the birds and the bees.

The newest documentary film from Portland director Taggart Siegel explores this buzzing insect. *Queen of the Sun: What are the bees telling us?*, like Siegel's previous grassroots success, *The Real Dirt on Farmer John*, brings a broad issue into sharp focus.

"Bees everywhere are dying and few people seem to grasp the significance of that," Siegel says. "One of the experts we filmed, a molecular biologist from Switzerland, says that if bees are dying, we can be sure birds and plants will be dying. And if they die, we're all in bad shape. Bees signal a system out of sync."

Almost three years in the making, *Queen of the Sun* (www.queenofthesun.com) takes a profound and fascinating look at the bee crisis. Siegel and Portland producer Jon Betz filmed commercial beekeepers, backyard beekeepers, entomologists, biochemists, food activists, and even bee-inspired performance artists around the world. What could have resulted in a visual scolding over environmental issues instead offers hope by highlighting a growing global community seeking balance with nature.

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(Sept. 23: screening sponsored by Portland Audubon)

Hollywood Theatre, 4122 NE Sandy Blvd

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