

## ROOFTOP FILMS presents The Bicycle Film Festival



Warriors: The Bike Race

### Friday, August 26, 2005

8:30 -- Live music

9:00 -- **Bike Films** for the Mass Defense Committee of the NYC Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild  
*Followed by a Q&A with filmmakers and lawyers.*

At Automotive High School (50 Bedford Ave. @ N.12th, Williamsburg, Brooklyn).

In the event of rain the show is indoors at the same location.

Tickets: \$8 available online at [www.rooftopfilms.com](http://www.rooftopfilms.com) or at the door.

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#### Program notes:

Rooftop Films and the Bicycle Film Festival ([www.bicyclefilmfestival.com](http://www.bicyclefilmfestival.com)) are proud to co-curate a program of short films about bicycles as a benefit for the Mass Defense Committee of the NYC Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. Since August, 2004, the NLG has provided volunteer legal observers and support to Critical Mass, a monthly group bicycle ride that takes place in hundreds of cities across the world on the last Friday of every month. Critical Mass rides have been taking place in New York City for over 12 years. On the last Friday of August, 2004, days before the start of the Republican National Convention, the New York City Police Department arrested 264 cyclists. In the year since then, not a single Critical Mass ride has passed in Manhattan without mass arrests. In 2005 alone, the NYPD has arrested approximately 150 people during Critical Mass rides. These arrests have spawned multiple battles in state and federal court, and scores of open criminal cases. **The films in this program are about the joys and benefits of riding a bicycle, from quiet rides in the country to mad dashes in the city, from the political to the personal.**

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**Still We Ride** (Elizabeth Press, Andrew Lynn and Christopher Ryan / New York, NY / 40:00)

On Friday August 27, 2004 in New York City, just days before the start of the Republican National Convention, 264 people were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and parading without a permit during the monthly bicycle celebration, Critical Mass. The August crackdown in NYC was the beginning of an ongoing effort to suppress free assembly for group rides. The monthly cycle of arrests and bicycle seizures has forced the bike community into a legal battle with the city and politicized the very act of riding a bike.

**Warriors: The Bike Race** (Christopher Ryan, Jesse Epstein, Mike Green / New York, NY / 24:00)

In August of 2002, over 800 bicycle riders descended upon New York City in the form of 89 gangs. Their goal: to live out the epic gang warfare movie known as *The Warriors*. During the all night race from the Bronx to Coney Island, riders got lost; blood was shed, police outwitted, and countless brain cells destroyed.

**Monster Track VI** (Lucas Brunelle / New York, NY / 4:00)

All the excitement of a world-class fixed-gear urban bike race without the potential for severe bodily harm.

**Bomb Bay with Ted Shred** (Matt Goldman / San Francisco, CA / 5:00)

As if the top messengers weren't risky enough, legendary ex-skater, DJ and Bike FF spokesmodel Ted Shred bombs the hills and bustling streets of San Francisco with no brakes. Seriously, *No Brakes!*

**Fast and Reliable** (Tom Soper / New York, NY / 8:00)

This is the amazing story of legendary rider Dexter Benjamin, an immigrant from Trinidad who lost a leg in a heroic biking accident, but didn't lose his speed and determination.

**There's a Flower in my Pedal** (Andrea Dorfman / Halifax, Nova Scotia / 4:00)

A lovely mixed-media ode to the peaceful act of riding a bicycle.

**Gears for Fears** (Nicholas Golebiewski / Brooklyn, NY / 02:00)

An animated history of one of the world's largest and longest-running peaceful rallies, Critical Mass.