



**For Immediate Release**

## **It's 7 am: Do you know where your toast came from?**

*Vancouver documentary "Hijacked Future" ponders the future of seeds*

**Vancouver, February 11, 2008.** Eating breakfast: a simple ritual to start the day. Your toast probably came from a bakery or grocery store, but beyond that who knows where the wheat came from, never mind the seeds that grew the wheat. Do we need to know? A new documentary, "Hijacked Future" says yes, because those seeds that become the toast you eat each day are being hijacked - right into a looming world food security catastrophe.

In a world where genetic resources are under increasing pressure to be privatized, controlled and profited from, seeds have become an area of constant battle. Large corporations have pitted themselves against small farmers, the traditional stewards of world seed resources for millennia. Ashnan Films presents a provocative new documentary looking at the efforts of small farmers, in Canada and across the world, to maintain autonomy and sovereignty over their seeds and their livelihoods. It turns out that doing so may be essential to keeping our food supply strong and resilient in the face of future challenges, from super-pests to climate-chaos.

Join us for a delicious seasonal dinner, an excerpt from the new documentary *Hijacked Future*, and discussion with film-makers, farmers and seed savers as part of the *Seasonal Sustainability Series*.

### **Hijacked Future: A Preview**

**When: Friday, February 22 at 6pm**

**Where: Unitarian Church of Vancouver, Hewitt Hall,  
949 West 49th Avenue (at Oak Street)**

Advance Tickets: \$20 (\$25 at the door) Phone 604-730-0450

Dinner, Film, and Guest Panel:

- **David Springbett** (Producer/Director of *Hijacked Future*, Ashnan Films),
- **Patrick Steiner** (Stellar Seeds) and **Marti Martin-Wood** (Two Wings Farm).
- **Brian McFarlane** (USC Canada) and **Heather Pritchard** (FarmFolk/CityFolk).

Presented by FarmFolk/CityFolk, USC Canada, and Ashnan films.

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