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Third Annual Environmental Film Festival
Calling All Film Lovers & Environmental Enthusiasts

As part of Green Week, the City of Oceanside and the Oceanside Museum of Art (OMA) will present the third annual Environmental Film Festival on Thursday, April 25 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Oceanside Museum of Art. This free event will feature the groundbreaking film *Trashed* starring Academy Award winner Jeremy Irons. World famous scientist, Captain Charles Moore, one of the stars of *Trashed*, as well as the founder of the Algalita Marine Research Institute, will speak at the festival. Additionally, attendees will be able to enjoy other environmental films made by Oceanside students and view OMA's limited exhibition, *Envirosapes: Jen Trute Retrospective*. Pier View Way (in front of OMA) will be closed to street traffic, and food vendors will be available throughout the evening. For students wishing to compete in the film festival, or for more information and a complete list of Green Week events, visit www.oceansiderecycles.org.

"We are thrilled to be one of only three cities in the United States to debut the incredible film *Trashed*," said Colleen Foster, Solid Waste and Recycling Management Analyst, City of Oceanside. "This movie was honored with a special screening at this year's Cannes Film Festival, and is the perfect film to showcase for Oceanside's Green Week."

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“OMA is excited to partner with the City of Oceanside to bring this poignant film to the community. The timing was perfect, since we currently have an exhibition featuring the eco-surreal paintings of Jen Trute (1960-2011) that parallel some of the concerns raised in the film. Trute was passionate about the environment, and brought awareness to the degradation happening to our natural landscape through her narrative surreal paintings,” said Danielle Susalla Deery, OMA Curator.

“We are so pleased to see the students of Oceanside involved in Green Week through the City's 'Create to Educate' and film projects,” said Julia Fister, Director of Education at OMA. “To associate art with science and environmental projects really gives the students a chance to explore their environment by educating the public from their point of view in a creative manner. We like to encourage art making in many different forms, especially ones that encourage the preservation of the environment.”

In *Trashed*, Irons sets out to discover the extent and effects of the global waste problem as he travels around the world to beautiful destinations tainted by pollution. This provocative documentary reveals the extent that trash is affecting us and our planet.

“*Trashed* shows us that we can do something and stop the problem,” adds Colleen Foster. “It is a wake-up call for everyone, and a reminder to be better stewards of the environment and the planet that we live on.”

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Other Green Week events during the week of April 22-28 include a Green Fair, beach clean up, compost workshops, free electronic waste collection event, and a free used oil filter exchange. For more information about all of the exciting Green Week events please visit www.oceansiderecycles.org. Oceanside Museum of art is located at 704 Pier View Way in downtown Oceanside. To learn more about the museum visit www.oma-online.org, or call (760) 435-3720.