



**A Special Screening with the Filmmaker and Lead Scientist  
Director/Producer, Deborah Koons Garcia, and Microbial Ecologist, Dr. Ignacio Chapela**  
Jim Ottoway Jr. Film Center, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York  
Monday, February 25, 2013 at 4:45pm

# *Symphony of the Soil*

A New Film by Deborah Koons Garcia

Symphony of the Soil is a 104-minute documentary feature film that explores the complexity and mystery of soil. Filmed on four continents and sharing the voices of some of the world's most esteemed soil scientists, farmers and activists, the **film portrays soil as a protagonist of our planetary story**. Using a captivating mix of art and science, the film shows that soil is a complex living organism, the foundation of life on earth. Yet most people are soil-blind and "treat soil like dirt." Through the knowledge and wisdom revealed in this film, we can come to respect, even revere, this miraculous substance, and appreciate that treating the soil right can help solve some of our most pressing environmental problems.



## **Deborah Koons Garcia**

Deborah Koons Garcia has a Master of Fine Arts from The San Francisco Art Institute. She has made fiction, educational and documentary films. Her film production company, Lily Films, is located in Mill Valley, California. For the last ten years, she has focused primarily on films about agriculture and the food system.

Her film *The Future of Food* premiered at Film Forum in New York City. It continues to play widely all over the world in theaters and at film, food and farming festivals and conferences and at thousands of community-organized screenings. Garcia has personally taken her film to innovative venues such as Google headquarters, Burning Man arts festival in the desert of Nevada, and shown it to inmates in the gardening program at San Quentin prison.

More information: [www.symphonyofthesoil.com](http://www.symphonyofthesoil.com)