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The Pare Lorentz Film Center at the 
Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library presents:
FOR A BETTER AMERICA: THE NEW DEAL ON FILM 
A Two-Day Documentary Film Festival

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Pare Lorentz Film Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt 
Presidential Library and Museum is teaming up with the Charles Guggenheim Center for 
the Documentary Film at the National Archives to present a two-day documentary film 
festival, For a Better America: The New Deal on Film. The festival will take place on 
Saturday, September 27 and Sunday, September 28 in the Milstein Auditorium of the 
Henry A. Wallace Center at FDR Presidential Library and Home. Each day following the 
film festival attendees will be invited to view the Library’s latest special exhibition, 
“Action, and Action Now”: FDR’s First 100 Days. This program is free and open to the 
public.

For a Better America: The New Deal on Film features U.S. Government-produced films 
from the motion picture holdings of the National Archives related to the Depression era 
and the New Deal. The films are grouped into three themed viewing sessions: Urban 
Life and Culture, The Projects, and The Land and Environment. Each viewing 
session is followed by a moderated discussion of the films.

Schedule:

Urban Life and Culture
Saturday, September 27
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Moderator: Tom Nastick, Producer, Public Programs, The Center for the National Archives Experience, National Archives and Records Administration.

_The Road is Open Again_ (1933, 5 minutes);
_Hands_ (1934, silent, 5 minutes);
_Dawn Strikes the Capitol Dome_ (1936, 10 minutes);
_We Work Again_ (1937, 16 minutes);
_The Fight for Life_ (1940, 70 minutes).

**The Projects**
Saturday, September 27
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Moderator: Tom Nastick, Producer, Public Programs, The Center for the National Archives Experience, National Archives and Records Administration.

_Work Pays America_ (1936, 36 minutes);
_The City_ (1939, 33 minutes);
_Valley of the Tennessee_ (released in 1944, 30 minutes);
_The Columbia_ (released in 1949, 30 minutes).

**The Land and Environment**
Sunday, September 28
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Moderator: Roger Panetta, Visiting Professor of History, Fordham University; Curator, Hudson River Collection, University Libraries.

_The Plow that Broke the Plains_ (1936, 29 minutes);
_The River_ (1937, 32 minutes);
_Power and the Land_ (1940, 39 minutes);
_The Land_ (released in 1942, 45 minutes).

Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the program.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to preserving historical material and providing innovative educational programs, community events, and public outreach. It is one of twelve presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For information about the FDR Presidential Library call (800) 337-8474 or visit [www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu](http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu).
The Charles Guggenheim Center for the Documentary Film at the National Archives was established in 2004 in honor of four-time Oscar®-winner and past president of the Foundation for the National Archives Charles Guggenheim. The Center’s mission is to advance public understanding of the process, challenges, and social impact of documentary filmmaking and to promote the education of young people and professionals. The Center is both a living legacy of an internationally acclaimed producer and director and an extension of America's premier resource for documentary film research.

Historic Hyde Park is a group of government and private non-profit organizations based in Hyde Park, New York. Each has a unique mission, but all are united in their dedication to extending the legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt to new generations. HHP includes the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site. For more information about HHP visit www.HistoricHydePark.org.