

12 PEOPLE. IN THE WOODS. TELLING THEIR STORIES.

STORIES HAPPEN IN FORESTS

A FILM BY AMANDA RODRIGUEZ A DOGWOOD ALLIANCE PRODUCTION
"STORIES HAPPEN IN FORESTS" IN ASSOCIATION WITH CALL TO ACTION CREATIVE DIRECTED BY AMANDA RODRIGUEZ
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS ANDREA DESKY PRESENTED BY DAYNA REGGERO AND CLIMATE LISTENING PROJECT EXECUTIVE PRODUCER GAIA HERBS



FILM SYNOPSIS:

12 people. In the woods. Telling their stories... I hiked out into the forests of the Southeast to listen. What I found in the power of story and in our connections to the forests is more important now than ever. Forests hold our stories. Our history. Our dreams. Our strength. Our future. Humanity happens in forests. Stories happen in forests.

LOGLINE:

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FILMING LOCATIONS:

Congaree National Park
Pisgah National Forest
Cataloochee Valley: Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Earthaven Ecovillage
Hypoluxo Scrub Natural Area
NC State University: Mountain Horticultural Crops Research & Extension Center
Gaia Herbs Farms
River Park North
Van Cortlandt Park
Four Circles Recovery Center
Uwharrie National Forest
Southside Community Garden
Dam Pasture Trail

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PRODUCTION CREDITS:

A Film by AMANDA RODRIGUEZ

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Directed by AMANDA RODRIGUEZ

Director of Photography & Editor ANDREA DESKY

Presented by DAYNA REGGERO *and* CLIMATE LISTENING PROJECT

Executive Producer GAIA HERBS

Featuring

KARENNA GORE

DR. THOMAS RASHAD EASLEY

TERRI WATTS

INDY SRINATH

DAVID HASKELL

CORTINA JENELLE CALDWELL

RUDDY

ALISON CZECZUGA

JAMES WOODLEY

POPPY JONES

NOAH DAVIS

LILA FINLAY



ADDITIONAL PRODUCTION CREDITS:

Drone Operator ANDREA DESKY

Cinematographer ANTHONY HARDEN

Second Camera JONATHAN EDWARDS

Sound Engineer JIM KNUTH

Gaia Herbs Drone Footage Courtesy of GAIA HERBS

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EARTHHAVEN ECOVILLAGE

GLOBAL JUSTICE ECOLOGY PROJECT

EVERGLADES EARTH FIRST

GAIA HERBS

CENTER FOR EARTH ETHICS

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

MUDDY SNEAKERS

FOUR CIRCLES RECOVERY CENTER

Based on an idea by SAMI GROVER

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FILMMAKER BIOS:

AMANDA RODRIGUEZ is a queer, first generation Cuban-American, Latinx environmentalist, intersectional feminist, published author, and first-time filmmaker of *Stories Happen in Forests*. She works in Asheville, NC as the Marketing Director for Dogwood Alliance. She holds an MFA from Queens University of Charlotte, NC. *Stories Happen in Forests* is Amanda's first film. A published poet and fiction writer, her work can be found in *Germ Magazine*, *Pine Mountain Sand & Gravel*, *Mud Season Review*, *Thoughtful Dog*, *Rigorous*, *Stoneboat Literary Journal*, *Change Seven*, *Cold Creek Review*, *The Acentos Review*, *Label Me Latina/o*, *Lou Lit Review*, *Scalawag*, *Indolent Books*, and *NILVX*.

ANDREA DESKY is an award-winning filmmaker. She is a visual journalist with a passion for creating content for social good. Andrea is the founder of Call to Action Creative and her work centers on documentary and brand narrative through a storytelling lens. Andrea also works internationally with SumOfUs to develop innovative and impactful content that changes the narrative around corporate power and emboldens audiences to action.

FAQ

DOGWOOD ALLIANCE has worked for more than 20 years with diverse communities, partner organizations and decision-makers to protect Southern forests across 14 states. We do this through community and grassroots organizing, holding corporations and governments accountable and working to conserve millions of acres of Southern forests. Forests are life-sustaining. Forests provide us with the very air we breathe, clean our drinking water supply and are home to millions of plant and animal species. They protect us from flooding. Forests are one of the greatest forces for helping us survive the worst effects of climate change. They are our connection to nature and can help us cope with stress, fatigue and anxiety. Learn more: DogwoodAlliance.org

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