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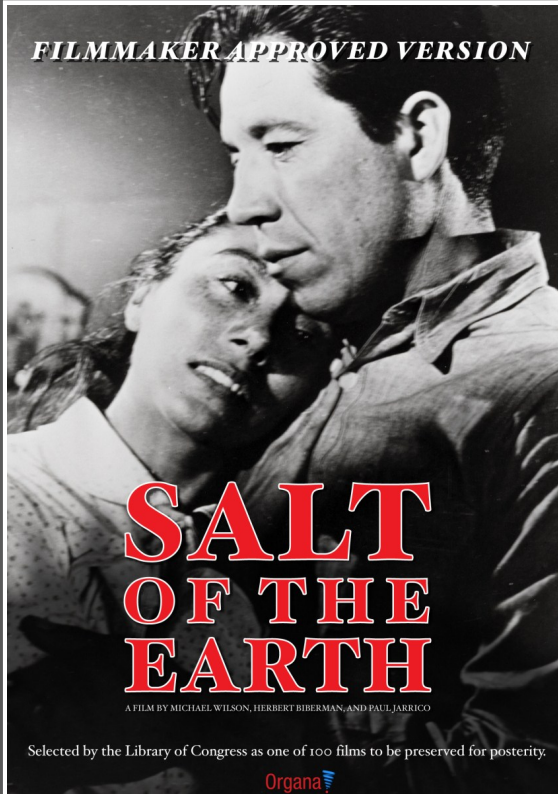
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Banned movie to be screened at Mount Vic Flicks

Saturday, 12 November 2011, 8.15pm



Not suitable for people under 15. Under 15's must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.



In the history of Hollywood there are few films with a story behind its making as dramatically riveting as that of "Salt of the Earth". The film's very existence is the result of political struggle.

Made in 1953/4 at the height of the McCarthy era by a group of banned filmmakers, including Herbert Biberman (Slaves), Paul Jarrico (Tom, Dick and Harry), Michael Wilson (Bridge Over the River Kwai, Lawrence of Arabia, Planet of the Apes, A Place in the Sun) and Will Geer (In Cold Blood, The Waltons), filming, post production & US screening were disrupted by political interference, vigilantes and the bans imposed by Hollywood executives.

In 1992 "Salt of the Earth" was selected by the US Library of Congress for preservation in the United States National Film Registry for being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant."

Based on actual events, this film depicts a strike by Mexican-American mineworkers in New Mexico for racial equality in their working conditions. The film is remarkably prophetic in its portrayal of the wives of the oppressed workers which seems to anticipate the women's

liberation movement that would rise over a decade later. Against a backdrop of social injustice, a riveting family drama is played out by the characters of Ramon and Esperanza Quinteros, a Mexican-American miner and his wife. In the course of the strike, Ramon & Esperanza find their roles reversed. The women's roles change from subordinates to allies and equals of the men.

"Salt of the Earth" is also a love story about the couple, divided by conflicting attitudes, traditions and roles, but under crisis find a common cause. It is the wife who speaks for survival. "You want to go down fighting," she tells her husband. "I don't want to go down fighting. I want to win."

"Salt of the Earth" will be presented by the Blue Mountains Unions Council Inc to celebrate the Centenary of the International Year of Women at 8.15pm on Saturday 12/11/11 at Mount Vic Flicks, Harley Ave, Mount Victoria. Tickets can be purchased in advance from BMUC members at \$10 (waged), \$8 (unwaged).

Profits will be donated to the Blue Mountains Women's Health and Resource Centre.

Auspiced by the Mountains Community Resource Network

Contact Debra Smith on 47871401 to purchase tickets, for information about the screening or to order DVD

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