

# Mackinac Island Screens Award-Winning Great Lakes Film “PROJECT: ICE”

Mackinac Island, MICH. (May 19, 2017) – “PROJECT: ICE” will reveal its compelling story of Great Lakes history, science and climate change at the Mackinac Arts Council’s Mission Point Theater on Mackinac Island on Saturday evening, June 3 at 7:30 pm. A Q&A will follow with Bill Kleinert.

Filmed primarily in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, “PROJECT: ICE” explores the geology and formation of the Great Lakes and the human history that followed. From the earliest settlers at the edge of glacial ice to 40-million Americans and Canadians who now call the Great Lakes region their home, the film follows the progression of development that brought about the challenges and threats facing this precious resource today in the very heart of North America.

Michigan ties run deep through cast and crew. Executive producers William Kleinert and Leslie Johnson were married in Chippewa County. Co-producer and editor Kevin Kusina is a Charlevoix native. Co-writer Brian Scott Jaeschke is Registrar of Historic Collections for the Mackinac State Historic Parks. Local interview cast members include Mackinac Island Mayor Margaret Doud.

Shot in cutting-edge 4K digital cinema technology, the film offers highly immersive views of North America’s freshwater inland ocean. These five lakes encompass a staggering twenty percent of Earth’s fresh surface water. Lake Superior by itself contains ten percent of the planet’s fresh water at the surface. The film’s cast of Great Lakes scientists, engineers, historians, community leaders, mariners, sport and commercial fishermen, hockey players, ice climbers, a musher and other winter sports enthusiasts convey the critical role ice plays in this massive water system, providing residents and visitors to the region with clear indication of Earth’s changing climate.

The screening event includes post-film question and answer with Bill Kleinert, the film’s director.

“PROJECT: ICE” will screen at 7:30 pm in the Mission Point Theater. The venue is located at 1 Lakeshore Drive, Mackinac Island, MI 49757. Doors will open at 6:45 with a cash bar available.

This project is supported through the Mackinac Island Community Foundation and the Mackinac Arts Council.

“PROJECT: ICE” website and film trailer: <http://ProjectIceMovie.com>

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