GROWING CHANGE

In Chicago’s industrial urban landscape, is it possible to grow sustainable food? Growing Change follows passionate Chicagoans as they learn how to farm in the city. In Windy City Harvest, students spend more time in gardens than in the classroom. This documentary examines the lives of people at the frontlines of Chicago’s budding local food movement.

Mitra Sticklen, Christine Nielsen.

Lolita in Translation

While the immediate connotation of “Lolita” is Nabokov’s masterpiece, this documentary provides an intimate glimpse into the world of a different Lolita. Explore the Chicago community from the perspective of four collegiate Lolitas as they examine the origins, peculiarities, and meanings of their subculture.

Lokchi Lam, Christine Lim, Elena Guobyte.

UNFOUNDED SOUND

Experimental music, improvised music, free jazz, noise— every night an un-scored sound is being created all over Chicago. The story of the shifting landscape of venues and musicians is the story of immense talent and dedication without fear of obscurity, of music that does not compromise.

Frederica Lipmann, Joe Riina-Ferre.

Save the Hipsters

Almost half of the world’s wild hipster species are at risk of extinction. We journey to one of the last natural havens to document their daily struggle to live, in spite of the vinyl shortage and the encroaching yuppie species.

Paul Davis, Jaclyn Todd, Elena Guobyte.

Invisible Cities

What you see are lines between city and nature, between concrete and imagination. Inspired by Italo Calvino’s bestselling novel Invisible Cities, this improvisational film seeks out the hidden corners and bustling centers of a great American city. Invisible Cities offers a few chapters of a continuing, collaborative derive into the history and underlying form of the city.

Christine Lim, Elena Guobyte Mitra Sticklen Christine Nielsen Erik Lokkena.

UNIFORM

The Army Combat Uniform (ACU) is the uniform currently worn by the US Army. UNIFORM explores the ACU, its new digital pattern, and the role of simulation in the combat environment. From training to deployment, UNIFORM tells the story of soldiers and the uniforms that define them.

Marilyn Volkmann, Scott Waitukaitis.