



# Celebrating Earth Day

## on the Commons & at LACS

### Ithaca NY

**Saturday April 16, 2011**  
**12 noon – 7pm**

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**Web site of the Center for Environmental Sustainability:** <http://ces-ithaca.org>

The Center for Environmental Sustainability (CES) invites community members of all ages to a Saturday, April 16 Earth Day mix of ceremonies, parade, film viewing, discussion and drumming in celebration of our wonderful planet. Whether you are motivated by gratitude for the incredible gifts of our home planet, or by worry over what we stand to lose, this is an occasion to join with folks who share your passion. Follow this afternoon of serious fun with Earth Rhythms Drumming and potluck at Lehman Alternative Community School.

### **Schedule of Events**

**12:00 noon "Home - the Movie"** Center Ithaca, small atrium. Bring or buy lunch and gather round to watch this 93 minute film: "French photographer Yann Arthus-Bertrand is best known for his aerial photographs of the Earth. His latest project, the movie HOME, was released on June 5, 2009 to coincide with World Environment Day."

**1:30 pm Group discussion with Wally Woods** Following the film, stay a while to discuss shared concerns.

**2:30 Gather at the B. Milton Pavilion for parade participation: All ages come & take part!**

Ceremony and parade are choreographed to bring honor and gratitude to the four elements we use to sustain ourselves on this planet: Air, Earth, Fire and Water. Parade roles as elements & cardinal directions are available.

Go to <http://ces-ithaca.org> to view a list of available roles, & sign up via [earthaca@gmail.com](mailto:earthaca@gmail.com) – or bring your own!

**3:00 pm Opening Ceremony** History of Earth Day; Speakers; Honoring the Earth & each other.

Declaration of Interdependence: [www.davidsuzuki.org/about/declaration](http://www.davidsuzuki.org/about/declaration)

**3:30 Earth Day Parade** The parade begins. The Earth is our Mother – we must take care of her. Stroll, saunter, stride and sing, wearing elemental creature costumes & waving banners, around and about the Ithaca Commons!

**4:30 Closing Song & Cleanup** "Amazing Earth."

**5:00 Earth Rhythms & Potluck: OneHeartCommunityDrumming.**

Lehman Alternative Community School, 111 Chestnut Street, Ithaca. Details: [www.oneheartcommunitydrumming.org](http://www.oneheartcommunitydrumming.org)



The Parade's opening ceremony includes a brief history of Earth Day and a salute to our planet as represented by the Earth flag: one planet; one people. In a custom that echoes the attitudes of indigenous cultures more sustainable than our own, we are giving gratitude to the elements of earth, air, water and fire that sustain us with renewable energy and materials.

We invite organizations to promote green efforts and concerns in the parade with banners & costumes.

Contact George Adams via [earthaca@gmail.com](mailto:earthaca@gmail.com) if your group plans to take part.

Full-color cloth Earth Flags (3'x5') are available with a \$15.00 donation to CES.

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