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Inconvenient Truth plays to Galaxy crowd

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Photo/LAVINIA KERR REDUCE THE JUICE teamed up with Monday Night at the Movies at the Galaxy Theatre in Orangeville to show - for one night only. Al Gore's

provocative environmental film, An Inconvenient Truth.

The tide has turned and according to Al Gore, former vice-president of the United States, we are heading for disaster if we don't wake up now and change our wicked ways.

An Inconvenient Truth discusses global warming as a time bomb ready to wreck havoc and destroy the earth as we know it, and if it happens - it's our own fault.

That's the message audiences of two sold-out performances Monday night at the Galaxy Cinema in Orangeville.

Through advance-sale tickets, which disappeared quickly, the singlenight showing was brought to Orangeville through the efforts of Reduce the Juice (RTJ) with the help of Bullfrog Power Inc. and Monday Night at the Movies at the Galaxy, because the RTJ team thought the movie has an important message that needed to be shared.

The gripping documentary, from Paramount Classics, also a best-selling novel, was first shown at the Sundance Film Festival earlier this year and was quickly labeled "the most terrifying film of the summer."

Al Gore presents an outlook of what could potentially happen if the world doesn't do something about global warming - soon.

He says the global collective, especially those living in the industrialized world, is responsible for ignoring the warning signs from the scientists and moving forward with

bad decisions without regard for the consequences to the earth and he attempts to galvanize the world, or at least the United States, into seeing global warming as a problem and finding a solution before it's too late.

Mr. Gore uses the film to say the facts are undisputable, that scientists are all in agreement - the earth is getting warmer and the results can be seen in every corner of the world.

The movie states that of the 10 warmest years of the century all have occurred in the last 15 years and

the polar ice cap is melting in both the Arctic and Antarctic as well as in Greenland. The effects of the melting have increased sea levels and if this continues, the continents costal regions will be flood, potentially killing millions of people.

According to the Natural Resources Defense Council website, global warming causes floods, lost ecosystems and drought.

Fixing the problem will begin with a shift in the collective thinking. Mr. Gore says it's time to reconsider the accomplishments of the past and use the same ingenuity to solve this problem.

The message is also about personal responsibility and it's similar to the message the Reduce the Juice team has been using for the past two summers in their attempt to get residents, first in Shelburne last year, and in Orangeville this summer, to reduce personal consumption of energy.

At the end of the movie, the 10 things you can do are listed as: change a light bulb, drive less, recycle more, check your tires, use less hot water, avoid products with a lot of packaging, adjust your thermostat, plant a tree, be part of the solution by getting involved.

For more information the movie also recommends at visit to *www.climatecrisis.net*.

Reduce the Juice website is *www.reducethejuice.ca*.