



Back to Bucha Screenings

We are taking our uplifting film and outreach to American audiences to raise awareness, entertain, and inspire - all while raising funds for Ukraine.

We are continuing our impact campaign, reaching out to churches, theaters, and community organizations to support Ukraine.

Our outreach efforts are intertwined with these screenings. *Back to Bucha's* summer promo tour covered more than 10,000 miles, 15 states, and 50 potential venues/churches on TheoEco's mailing list throughout the South, Texas, Northeast, and Florida. Our proprietary email list is central to this outreach to church leaders, members of the international press, politicians, academics, and others.

THEOECO INSTITUTE
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
LAKE WORTH BEACH
PRESENT

THE FLORIDA PREMIERE OF
BACK TO BUCHA

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 15, 2023
6:00-8:00 PM
ADMISSION IS FREE
DONATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED

BACK TO BUCHA features women and their children who have moved back to build their families in their own homes, in their own country. It also features the perspectives of Ukraine's diverse religious communities' leaders and the young men of Ukraine.

The stories and images are from people like us caught in a war few imagined. The film takes us into their world as they are living it. Breaking the limitations of network news coverage, it gives us more than quick sound bites of victims. As we hear stories of gratitude, it's easy to see the Spirit taking Richards from one rendezvous to another capturing the inspirational within the realities of what is happening there.

Additional screenings of the film will be held throughout the weekend with showtimes at 100, 300, and 500 in the afternoon on Saturday plus two screenings on Sunday at 100 (with Zoom Q&A from Ukraine) and 300.

PRICE: \$9.00
for performances on Saturday and Sunday, with proceeds going to support Ya Buchanec, the film, and the playhouse.

LAKE WORTH PLAYHOUSE
Lake Worth Playhouse's
Stonzek Theater
713 LAKE AVENUE • LAKE WORTH, FL
For more information go to
LakeworthPlayHouse.org/indie-films/

PRODUCED BY STEVE AND BOBBIE RICHARDS EXECUTIVE PRODUCER BEAR WITNESS
EDITED BY AMIT NEPALI ORIGINAL MUSIC BY VALERIA VOVK AJ NILO AMIT NEPALI
RECORDING BY DORIAN REYES CONSULTED BY FR. YAROSLAV NALYSNYK

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*“Thank you for this! You felt the Ukrainian soul very well!”
- Fr. Roman Nebozhuk, Kyiv*



The Film

TheoEco's first Ukraine documentary, *Trek to Bucha*, was shot in April 2022 during the full-scale invasion's early days. In January 2023 we returned to film *Back to Bucha*, revisiting those met before plus women and moms who moved back to raise their children, in their own homes, in their own country.

The film also features Ukraine's diverse Christian community and the young men of Ukraine who could be called up to the front lines at any time.

Officially premiering at the Claremont Opera House in New Hampshire on September 30, 2023, its initial showings went from Austin to Boston, Florida to Pennsylvania, and points in between.

Audiences laugh and cry with the film's stars, witnessing Ukraine's Spirit throughout. It captures the inspirational - and the realities - of regular Ukrainians' lives during wartime.



Julia and her daughter at a rebuilt *Jul's Coffee and Peace* coffee shop in Bucha.

“Thank you for sharing this brilliant documentary...Every bit of it is moving, authentic, heartfelt.”
- Alex Kuzma, Hartford, CT



Why Screen Back to Bucha?

Contrary to what one might think of a film named *Back to Bucha*, the film is uplifting, inspirational, and leaves audiences amazed by the hopefulness and resilience of the Ukrainian people.

In the new film we see normal citizens – a coffee shop owner, nursery school workers, parents, priests and pastors – all forever changed and looking forward to a return to “normal life”.

The film can help increase awareness of the everyday people in Ukraine rather than just the most extreme victims most often featured by the media. By presenting everyday Ukrainians in their newly distorted lives, the film can boost empathy amongst Americans for their new allies. And change their hearts and minds one viewer at a time.

There are three versions: 27-minute, 57-minute, and 76-minute versions with and without Ukrainian and English captions.



Back to Bucha Trailer

Back to Bucha is a profound meditation on the experience of loss and return, and the significance of place for human meaning and identity.

- Rev. David Collins, Miami, FL



How Screening Events Work

Holding a screening is easy. All that's needed is a room/venue with a projector and screen. Next, we need an audience and a bit of promotion. The film is appropriate for all ages and our screenings always have young children and seniors watching together. So, make it an event and invite the broader community.

Virtual Screenings

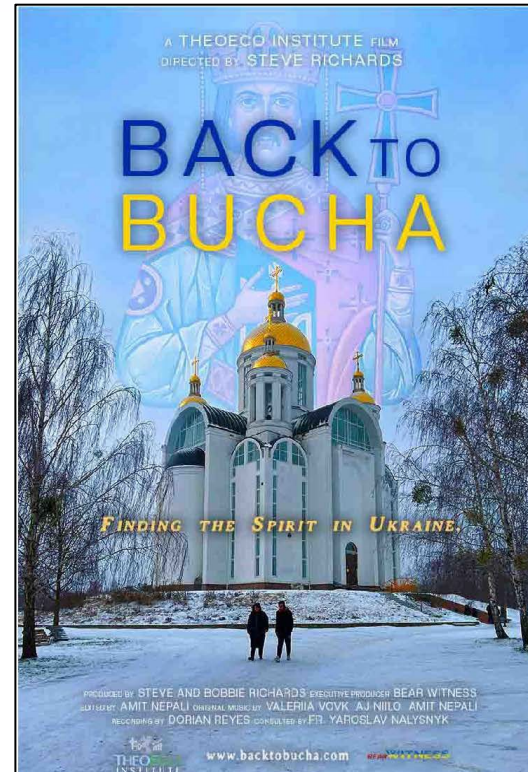
We can also hold virtual screenings for your group. As with all events we provide the invitation graphic(s), registration links, and social media elements. Promotion through our email lists and website is always included.

All screenings include director Steve Richards to introduce the film and participate in Q&A sessions after the film. If the screening is held early enough in the day those from the film can also participate.

To hold a screening event of either kind involves the following:

- Set a date. Make a screening plan.
- Promote on social media channels including emails and Facebook
- Have a great event!

Please go to the [Screenings](#) page for more about *Back to Bucha* events.



St. Andrew's and TheoEco Present
The Florida Premiere of

BACK TO BUCHA

Friday, December 15th, 2023
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

At

**Lake Worth Playhouse's
Stonzek Theatre**
713 Lake Avenue, Lake Worth, FL



Admission is Free. Donations are encouraged.

Seats are limited. To secure yours go to:
LakeworthPlayHouse.org/Indie-films

Our family just viewed Back to Bucha. We loved the documentary...
- Tony Taylor, Huntsville, AL



Fundraising

Generally - when permitted - screening events can be fundraising events. Net proceeds (after expenses) are split with Ukrainian cause(s) named by the screening organizer.

With the stories in Back to Bucha, we can hopefully move millions through our approach to distribution and community engagement including:

- Grassroots screenings and outreach to churches and community centers nationwide
- Screenings and discussions at universities and libraries
- Partnerships with influencers in the areas of faith, academia, and media
- TV broadcasts
- Digital release on streaming services



Nobel prize winner Sasha Romantsova with Lily and film stars from Ukraine at Boston Screening



*Thank you for bringing "Back to Bucha" to Huntsville! -
- Yaryna Zhurba*

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Notable Screenings

Bucha, Ukraine January 5, 2024

To launch the winter impact campaign, we first went back to Ukraine to offer a bit of support and reassurance from their friends in the USA.

Lake Worth, Florida December 15-17, 2023

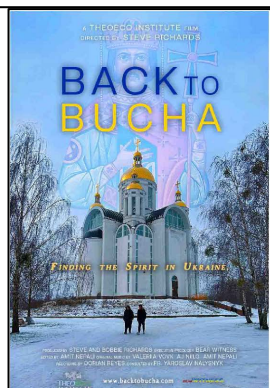
A weekend of screenings were held to celebrate the Florida Premiere at the Lake Worth Playhouse in conjunction with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Boston, Massachusetts October 1, 2023

A very special screening that included Valeria Vovk performing and Nobel Prize recipient Oleksandra Romantsova on the Q&A panel with guests from Ukraine online.

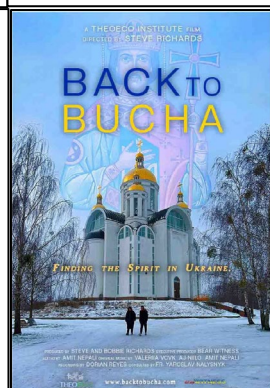
Austin, Texas July 14, 2023

A preview screening that capped off our Texas scouting tour at the Lake Travis Community Library.



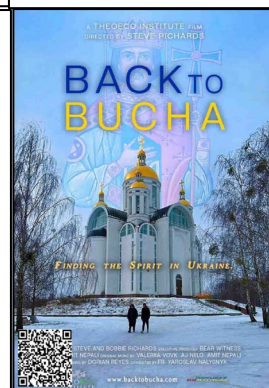
Bear Witness and TheoEco Present
The Ukraine Premiere of
BACK TO BUCHA
Friday, January 5th, 2024
19:00 – 21:00
At
Jul's Coffee and Peace
Oleksy Tykhoho Ln, 3, Bucha

Seats are limited. For more information go to:
BackToBucha.com



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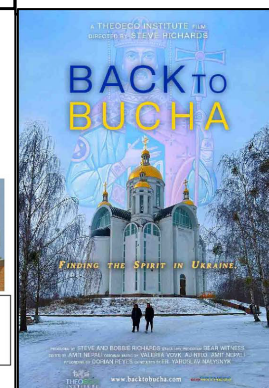
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TheoEco Institute & St. Andrew's Present
Back To Bucha
With a performance by Valeria Vovk
Sunday, October 1st, 2023
At 12:30 PM
At
St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church
24 Orchardhill Rd
Jamaica Plain, MA
UkrainianOrthodox.org

For more information contact Jane Yavarow at
508-397-2779 / jane.yavarow@doc11.net
Donations are encouraged for this free event. 50% of net proceeds will go to YaBuchanet.org in Bucha.

BackToBucha.com



TheoEco Institute, Bear Witness & Liberty Ukraine Present
Back To Bucha
Friday, July 14th, 2023 at 5:00 PM
At
Lake Travis Community Library
1938 Lohmans Crossing, Austin, TX
LakeTravisLibrary.org

For more information contact George Welleck at
gwelleck@gmail.com
BackToBucha.com

*Steve's film is critical for mainstream America to see...
- Alex Gamota, Boston*



More Information

Trailer - In Back to Bucha and its trailer, we see much more about the Spirit of Ukraine's people than the damage to its buildings and churches. Making it all work is the moving composition of talented Ukrainian pianist and composer Valeriia Vovk.

Synopsis - Back to Bucha is filled with scenes of life in Ukraine during January and February 2023. From Lviv to Kyiv to Bucha we get the real-life realities of Ukrainians.

Director's Statement – “I shot the film in Ukraine in January and February 2023. While there I was struck by the moms I encountered talking about God and how He is looking out for them. Women are the biggest difference between now and last Spring when I was there shooting *Trek to Bucha*. They are back. Why? Because they want to raise their kids in their own homes in their own country.”

Please go to the [Press Kit](#) page for additional materials.

BackToBucha.com

The Director

Steve Richards directs and produces all of TheoEco's documentaries. He went to Ukraine to film *Trek to Bucha* in late March 2022 then again in January 2023 to shoot *Back to Bucha*. With six documentaries under his belt, he started TheoEco in 2015. (For his filmography click [here](#).)



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