



**MOTHER NATURE'S DARK SIDE REVEALED IN
*FORCES OF NATURE***

—Giant-Screen Film Opens January 8, 2005 at Chabot Space & Science Center—

OAKLAND, CA (November 15, 2004)—Shake, rattle and roll! Experience the awesome spectacle of tornadoes, volcanoes and earthquakes in this giant-screen film opening **January 8, 2005** at Chabot Space & Science Center. From the very brink of erupting volcanoes, along shuddering fault lines, and barreling towards angry funnel clouds, larger-than-life images and sound immerse the audience in the colossal powers that shape our world. While we are at the mercy of these primal powers, such as this year's events in Florida, our hope lies with researchers willing to risk their own lives on quests to understand the origins and behavior of natural disasters. *Forces of Nature*, narrated by Kevin Bacon, showcases three scientists aiming to improve our odds of surviving these terrifying events.

From an active Caribbean volcano to the earthquake-tested antiquities of Istanbul, and finally on to America's notorious "Tornado Alley", the film follows daring scientists as they study these earth forces. Dr. Marie Edmonds leads her team to the edge of danger along the mouth of the Montserrat volcano in an effort to predict future eruptions. Geophysicist Dr. Ross Stein anticipates the rumblings of Turkey's North Anatolian Fault and accurately predicts the 1999 quake that left more than 17,000 dead and thousands more injured. And storm-chaser Dr. Joshua Wurman and his team manage to corner (or are cornered by) a massive twister as they attempt to solve the mystery of how tornadoes are formed. Together, these three scientists take the audience on a tour of Mother Nature's dark side in a brave endeavor to make early prediction of impending natural disasters possible.

Screening times: Wed & Thurs at 2:30; Friday & Saturday at 2:30, 4:30 & 8:30; Sundays at 2:30 & 4:30. Ticket prices are \$8.00 Adult, and \$7.00 for Youth (4 – 12) and Seniors (65+).

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Chabot Space & Science Center is located at 10000 Skyline Blvd. in Oakland's Joaquin Miller Park. **Public hours:** Wed – Thurs, 10 am–5pm; Friday & Saturday, 10 am–10 pm; Sunday, 11 am–5 pm. Closed Mon & Tues. General admission, including free parking and a Planetarium show, is \$13.00 for adults, \$9.00 youth and seniors. Children under 3 are admitted free. Movies in the MegaDome Theater are \$8.00 adult, and \$7.00 youth and seniors. Telescopes are open for Free Public Viewing Fridays & Saturdays from dusk – 10 pm, weather permitting. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or by calling (510) 336-7373.

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