



Beijing as seen in the new documentary URBANIZED

# Urbanized

Opening January 27, the new documentary about urban design will be the subject of a special screening and panel at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater on Wednesday, February 1 at 7pm.

OMAHA (1/10/12) – The question at the center of documentary filmmaker Gary Hustwit's *URBANIZED* is a simple one, yet the answers it yields hold profound implications for billions of people throughout the world: Who is allowed to shape our cities, and how do they do it?

In the third installment of his visually inspired "design trilogy," Hustwit (*HELVETICA*, *OBJECTIFIED*) engages some of the world's foremost architects, planners, policymakers, builders, and thinkers about the issues and strategies behind urban design. From the poorest areas of Mumbai to the new High Line walkway in Manhattan, the film takes a global look at the issues that shape and reshape population centers around the world.

Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater will open [URBANIZED](#) on Friday, January 27 for a week-long run. On Wednesday, February 1 at 7 p.m., the nonprofit cinema will present a special screening with a post-show panel discussion exploring the themes addressed in the film as they relate to the Omaha metropolitan area.

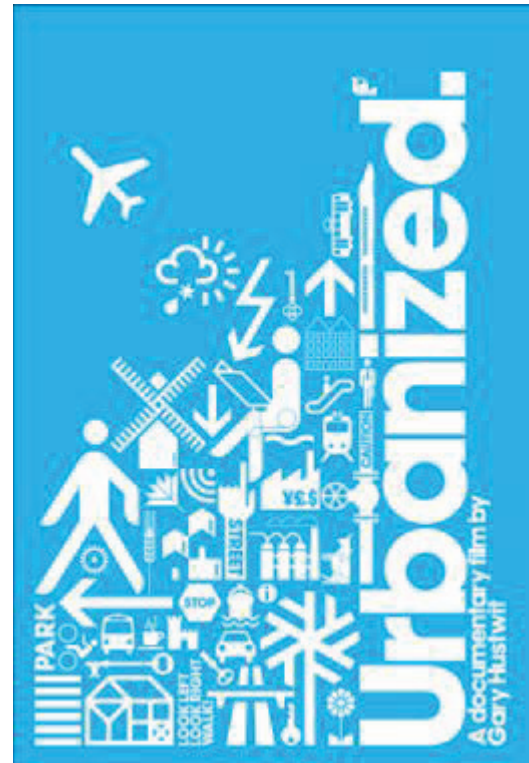
“URBANIZED is an extraordinarily ambitious attempt to make sense of a world flowing into cities. This visually arresting film, like Hustwit’s past work, elegantly conveys the omnipresence of design in daily life. Essential viewing.”

—Joshua K. Leon, Metropolis

Panelists at the February 1 screening event will include Rick Cunningham, Planning Director for the City of Omaha, Sloan Dawson, Transportation Planner at Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA), Anne Trumble, founder and executive director of Emerging Terrain, and Othello Meadows, executive director of Seventy Five North Revitalization Corp.

Tickets for all screenings of URBANIZED — including the special screening and panel on February 1 — are \$9 general, \$7 for students, seniors, teachers, military and those arriving by bicycle, and \$4.50 for Film Streams Members. Tickets are available at the box office inside Film Streams’ Ruth Sokolof Theater or online at [www.filmstreams.org](http://www.filmstreams.org).

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