

## Food For Change: The Twin Cities



### Background

*Food For Change: The Twin Cities Story* depicts food co-ops in the Minneapolis – St. Paul region of Minnesota, an area with the greatest concentration of food co-ops in the United States. The film explores the positive impact on jobs, local economies, and food security that co-ops obtain once they've reached a certain scale and learn to work together. This short film is a chapter from the feature-length documentary, *Food For Change*, which will be released in Spring 2013. The feature film tells the story of the cooperative movement in the United States as a dynamic social and economic force—from the Great Depression to today's pioneering efforts played by food co-ops to create regional food systems. The full-length movie also examine, in more depth, the methods and practices of big agribusinesses and giant retail grocery chains in contrast to the cooperative approach.

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### Steve Alves, Producer/Director



Steve Alves is an award-winning documentary filmmaker who graduated from the University of Southern California Film School. After working in Hollywood and New York City as a film editor for ten years, he started his own documentary company Home Planet Pictures. Since 1997, Alves has written, produced, and directed six films about New England and what it means to have a sense of place. His 2001 production, *Together in Time* won a CINE Golden Eagle, Best Short Documentary at the International Family Film Festival, and a Gold Award from WorldFest-Houston. *Talking to the Wall: The Story of an American Bargain*, won several environmental awards, was featured in over a dozen film festivals, and is used as an organizing tool in communities throughout the United States and Canada.

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