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MEDIA THAT MATTERS FILM FESTIVAL (Wednesday) Arts Engine sponsors this one-night festival of 16 shorts, including "No Child," which examines military recruiting at high schools in poor neighborhoods, and "Permission," a satire about opposition to gay marriage. The films will be available on www.mediathatmattersfest.org.

IFC Center, 323 Avenue of the Americas, at West Third Street, Greenwich Village, (212) 924-7771; \$11. (Gates)