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**GONE WITH THE WIND celebrated at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater,
Lauritzen Gardens and the Omaha Community Playhouse**

Omaha, Nebraska—This spring, Film Streams, Lauritzen Gardens and the Omaha Community Playhouse will offer a taste of all things GONE WITH THE WIND.

Now celebrating its 70th anniversary, the classic film starring Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh remains one of the most iconic, popular and staggeringly cinematic motion pictures of all time. From April 17 – 23, the film will return to the big screen at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater as part of a special collaboration among the three nonprofit organizations.

Coinciding with the film's weeklong run at the Ruth Sokolof Theater will be the Omaha Community Playhouse's production of the slapstick comedy ***Moonlight and Magnolias*** (April 17 – May 10). Written by Ron Hutchinson, the play gives a behind-the-scenes account of famed producer David O. Selznick's ploy to lock himself, director Victor Fleming and script doctor Ben Hecht in a room for five days in order to finish the screenplay for GONE WITH THE WIND.

Both the film and play will be presented in conjunction with an indoor floral exhibit at Lauritzen Gardens—also titled ***Moonlight and Magnolias***—transforming the floral display hall into a spectacular Southern garden featuring an arbor draped in Spanish moss, a reflecting pool, a continuously changing collection of spring blooms and a variety of fragrant plants. The exhibit continues through May 10.

Visitors to all three venues will be able to see GONE WITH THE WIND in its full cinematic splendor at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater, experience a hilarious live production about the writing of the movie at the Omaha Community Playhouse, and transport themselves to the time and place of the film's setting at Lauritzen Gardens.

More information about all three programs can be found on the following page.

This collaborative presentation of GONE WITH THE WIND is part of Film Streams' Community Development Program, which encourages partnerships with other nonprofits and community groups on film-related events that speak to their missions and programming.

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Friday, April 17 – Thursday, April 23

Gone with the Wind at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater, 14th & Webster.

Now in its 70th year, GONE WITH THE WIND remains one of the most iconic, popular, and staggeringly cinematic films of all time. USA; 238 min. Tickets: \$8 general, \$6 seniors, students and teachers, \$4 Film Streams Members. Showtimes, tickets and more information at www.filmstreams.org.

Through Sunday, May 10

Moonlight and Magnolias – A Southern Garden Exhibit at Lauritzen Gardens, 100 Bancroft Street. Enter the charming world of "Gone with the Wind," Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler as the Lauritzen Gardens floral display hall is transformed into a spectacular Southern garden. Pass through the grand doorway and under a Spanish moss-covered arbor toward a dramatic reflecting pool and an ever-changing collection of spring blooming plants. *Sponsored in part by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska and Steve Martin and Amy Haddad.* Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Standard garden admission rates apply; free for Lauritzen Gardens Members. More information at www.lauritzengardens.org www.omahabotanicalgardens.org.

Friday, April 17 – Sunday, May 10

Moonlight and Magnolias at the Omaha Community Playhouse, 6915 Cass Street.

This comedy is set in Hollywood in 1939 and inspired by real events. is a behind-the-scenes account of a collaboration between film producer David O. Selznick, swaggering director Victor Fleming, and script doctor Ben Hecht, as they write the screenplay for GONE WITH THE WIND. This one is a Hollywood dream-factory farce, a hyperventilating slapstick comedy. Frankly, my dear, this is a funny play. *Sponsored by KPMG and ACT II.* Showtimes, tickets and more information at www.omahaplayhouse.com.

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