

Feature 2009 Single Tickets On Sale!

*An Evening with Alexander Payne and Special Guest Debra Winger;
Sunday September 13, 2009*

Omaha, Nebraska (August 25, 2009)—Single tickets are now on sale for Film Streams' Feature 2009 celebration with Academy Award-winning filmmaker Alexander Payne and three-time Oscar nominee Debra Winger.

The second annual fundraiser event in support of Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater will take place at the Holland Performing Arts Center on Sunday, September 13. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., Payne and Winger will share the Peter Kiewit Concert Hall stage for a conversation about the actress' extraordinary filmmaking career, with clips from her movies — including her breakthrough performance in 1980's URBAN COWBOY and starring role in 1983's TERMS OF ENDEARMENT (filmed in Nebraska) — interspersed throughout the talk.

Single tickets for Feature 2009 are \$35 and can be purchased by phone at (402) 345-0606, online at www.TicketOmaha.org, or in person at the Ticket Omaha box office inside the Holland Center at 13th and Douglas Streets. Tickets for the concert-hall presentation and a post-party celebration immediately following are also available and can be purchased directly through Film Streams by calling (402) 933-0259 ext. 13.

All proceeds from Feature 2009 support Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater, Omaha's nonprofit cinema dedicated to the presentation and discussion of film as an art form. Generous contributions from Film Streams' Feature 2009 Hosts will allow for a relaxed and enjoyable evening without live auctions or additional solicitations throughout.

In 2008, Film Streams' first annual "Feature" event paired Payne, an early supporter of the organization and member of Film Streams' Board of Directors, with acclaimed actress Laura Dern. The event brought 1,000 people to the Holland Center and raised more than \$190,000 for the Ruth Sokolof Theater.

Coinciding with this year's event will be a special series at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater featuring eight films from Winger's career and two movies that inspired her as an artist. The "Debra Winger" series runs August 28 to October 1.

For more information on Film Streams' Feature 2009, please visit www.filmstreams.org or contact Casey Logan at (402) 933-0259 (ext. 11) or casey@filmstreams.org.

Feature 2009 Event Information

What:

A celebration in support of Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater, featuring Alexander Payne and special guest Debra Winger.

Date & Time:

Sunday, September 13, 2009
Presentation beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the concert hall, with a post-party immediately following

Place:

Holland Performing Arts Center (13th & Douglas)

Tickets:

Presentation only - \$35

Available through Ticket Omaha by phone at (402) 345-0606, online at www.ticketomaha.org, or in-person at the Ticket Omaha box office at 13th and Douglas.

Presentation & Post Party - \$150

Contact Hallie Sharkey at (402) 933-0259 ext. 13.

Private Host & Patron Reception (5:30pm),

Presentation (6:30pm) & Post Party - \$500

Contact Hallie Sharkey at (402) 933-0259 ext. 13.

Questions:

Please contact Hallie Sharkey at (402) 933 0259 ext. 13 or hallie@filmstreams.org.

Special Guests

Debra Winger
Alexander Payne

Event Chairpersons

Annette & Paul G. Smith

Gold Hosts

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Betiana & Todd Simon

Annette & Paul G. Smith

The Sokolof/Javitch Family

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The Burlington Capital Group/
Gail & Michael B. Yanney

Nancy & David Jacobson

Kiewit Corporation

Kutak Rock, LLP

Maggie & Robert E. (Bob) Mundy

Valmont Industries, Inc.

Brenda & Michael Whealy

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About Debra Winger (*Feature 2009 Special Guest*): From her stunning breakthrough in 1980's URBAN COWBOY, Debra Winger has long been acknowledged as one of the screen's finest actresses. She has appeared in more than 20 films and received three Academy Award nominations for her outstanding performances in AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN (1982), TERMS OF ENDEARMENT (1983), and SHADOWLANDS (1993). In 2001, she produced and co-starred in BIG BAD LOVE, which her husband Arliss Howard wrote, directed, and starred in. Other notable credits include CANNERY ROW (1982), MIKE'S MURDER (1984), THE SHELTERING SKY (1990), and A DANGEROUS WOMAN (1993). Most recently, Ms. Winger received widespread praise and an Independent Spirit Award nomination for her performance in director Jonathan Demme's RACHEL GETTING MARRIED. In 2008, she published her debut book, *undiscovered*, a collection of deeply personal essays reflecting on life. Ms. Winger is an activist for such causes as Sight Savers International, an organization working to eradicate blindness in the world's poorest countries, and Hand In Hand, a multi-lingual co-educational school in the Middle East that allows Arab and Jewish children to learn together.

About Alexander Payne (*Feature 2009 Host*): One of contemporary cinema's most talented and visionary filmmakers, Omaha native Alexander Payne is the writer-director of four feature-length films: CITIZEN RUTH, ELECTION, ABOUT SCHMIDT, and SIDEWAYS, for which he and writing partner Jim Taylor earned an Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay. Most recently, Mr. Payne directed and executive produced the critically acclaimed pilot episode of "Hung" (HBO). An early and ardent supporter of Film Streams, Mr. Payne is a cherished member of our Board of Directors.

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Film Streams is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the cultural environment of the Omaha-Council Bluffs area through the presentation and discussion of film as an art form. In July 2007, we opened the Ruth Sokolof Theater, our two-screen cinema located within the Saddle Creek Records complex north of downtown Omaha. For more information, visit us online at www.filmstreams.org.
