

Director Mike Leigh's HAPPY-GO-LUCKY Starts Friday

Special Teacher Appreciation Discount

Omaha, Nebraska (November 4, 2008)—An infectiously optimistic schoolteacher named Poppy is the focus of HAPPY-GO-LUCKY, the new comedy by acclaimed director Mike Leigh (TOPSY-TURVY, VERA DRAKE) opening at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater this Friday (November 7).

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY follows Poppy (actress Sally Hawkins) as she deals with the theft of her bicycle by signing up for driving lessons, the instructor of which turns out to be her polar opposite—a fuming, uptight cynic. As the tension of their weekly lesson builds, Poppy encounters more challenges to her positive state of mind, including a fiery flamenco instructor, her bitter pregnant sister, a troubled homeless man, a young bully in her classroom, not to mention back problems. How Poppy reacts to all of this amounts to a touching, truthful and life-affirming exploration of that most mysterious (and often elusive) of all human qualities: happiness.

The trailer for HAPPY-GO-LUCKY, clips from the film, an interview with director Mike Leigh and a behind-the-scenes featurette, are available at www.miramax.com/happygolucky.html. The film will show at the Ruth Sokolof Theater through November 20. Showtimes and tickets are available at www.filmstreams.org.

Film Streams offers discounted tickets to all teachers

As with any movie at the Ruth Sokolof Theater, teachers can purchase discounted tickets (\$6) to any screening of HAPPY-GO-LUCKY. The special price is available to teachers of all grade levels (including college and university instructors) when they present their school ID at the box office. Regular adult admission at the theater is \$8. Students and seniors also pay \$6, and Film Streams Members enjoy a special discount price of \$4.

Teachers can also purchase annual memberships to Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater at the discounted rate of \$35 (regular Individual Memberships are \$50).

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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 development north of downtown Omaha. For more information, visit us online at www.filmstreams.org.