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Feature 2008

A F I L M S T R E A M S E V E N T

*Academy Award-winner Alexander Payne and acclaimed actress
Laura Dern to reunite in support of Omaha's nonprofit cinema*

Omaha, Nebraska—On Sunday, July 13, 2008, Oscar-winning director **Alexander Payne** and critically acclaimed actress **Laura Dern** will take center stage at the Holland Performing Arts Center for **Feature 2008**, the first annual fundraising event in support of Omaha's nonprofit cinema Film Streams. The evening will begin with a cocktail reception and dinner, followed by a concert-hall presentation with Payne interviewing Dern about her filmmaking career and introducing clips from her movies.

During the past quarter century, Laura Dern has distinguished herself as one of contemporary cinema's most talented, versatile and risk-taking actresses, performing in such films as RAMBLING ROSE (for which she earned an Oscar nomination), MASK, BLUE VELVET, WILD AT HEART, JURASSIC PARK and CITIZEN RUTH.

Shot in and around Omaha twelve years ago, CITIZEN RUTH was the feature-length debut of Alexander Payne, a Film Streams Board Member and early supporter of the organization. The production also marked his initial introduction to Dern, who starred in the film.

"These two filmmakers could not be a better representation of Film Streams' mission of promoting film as an important art form," said Film Streams Founder and Director Rachel Jacobson. "Both Alexander and Laura approach their work with brilliance and passion. This is sure to be a fascinating night that both supports Film Streams and helps to illuminate and reaffirm our cinema's reason for existing."

Single tickets for **Feature 2008** range from \$35 (for the concert-hall presentation alone) to \$250 (for dinner, the concert-hall presentation, and a private reception with the evening's special guests). Table-sponsorship opportunities are also available, which include dinner and event tickets for up to 10 people. All proceeds from Feature 2008 support Film Streams, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing new and innovative film opportunities to the Omaha-Council Bluffs metropolitan area.

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Ticket reservations for Feature 2008 can be made now by contacting Hallie Sharkey at (402) 933-0259 ext. 13 or emailing hallie@filmstreams.org.

Beginning Friday, May 30, at 10 a.m., single tickets for the concert-hall presentation will also go on sale through Ticket Omaha. Tickets (\$35) will be available for purchase by phone at (402) 345-0606, online at www.ticketomaha.org, or at the Ticket Omaha box office inside the Holland Performing Arts Center (1200 Douglas).

For questions about Feature 2008, please contact Casey Logan at (402) 933-0259 ext. 11 or casey@filmstreams.org.

FEATURE 2008 EVENT INFORMATION

What:

A fundraiser in support of Film Streams, featuring director Alexander Payne and actress Laura Dern in conversation on the Holland Center stage.

Date & Time:

Sunday, July 13, 2008
Cocktails (5:30pm), Dinner (6:30pm), Presentation (8:00pm)

Place:

Holland Performing Arts Center (13th & Douglas)

Cost:

Dinner, presentation, and private reception - **\$250**
Dinner and presentation - **\$150**
Presentation only - **\$35**

Questions or Reservations:

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

Special Guests

Laura Dern
Alexander Payne

Event Chairpersons

Todd & Betiana Simon

Gold Hosts

David & Nancy Jacobson
George & Sharon Krauss
Kutak Rock, LLP
The Sokolof/Javitch Family
Gail & Michael B. Yanney

Silver Hosts

Peter Kiewit Sons', Inc.
Bob & Maggie Mundy
Todd & Betiana Simon
Walnut Private Equity Partners, LLC
Anne Thorne Weaver
Mike & Brenda Whealy

FILM STREAMS BACKGROUND

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.

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In late July 2007, Film Streams opened the Ruth Sokolof Theater at the corner of 14th & Webster in downtown Omaha, within a new entertainment development anchored by Saddle Creek Records and their bar/music venue Slowdown. The theater's grand opening included a month-long series curated by Omaha native and Film Streams Board member Alexander Payne.

Open seven days a week, Film Streams' cinema features both first-run films—new American Independents, documentaries, and foreign films making their theatrical premiere in Omaha and the surrounding region—and repertory selections celebrating the history of cinema. The theater also hosts a variety of community development events, including lectures, forums, Q&A's with visiting filmmakers, and other programs that contribute to an ongoing dialogue about film. Film Streams is currently piloting an Arts in Education program designed for area high school students.

As a nonprofit committed to screening films based on their creative, artistic and social merits, Film Streams depends on the support of our membership program, individual donors, grants from foundations, corporations and government organizations, and community volunteers.

For more information, please visit us online at www.filmstreams.org.

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