

Film Streams Announces “Laura Dern” Series

Celebrated actress will be in Omaha July 13 for Film Streams’ Feature 2008 fundraiser

Omaha, Nebraska (June 17, 2008)—Film Streams is thrilled to announce that Laura Dern, who will be in Omaha next month for the nonprofit cinema’s first annual fundraiser event, is the subject of a month-long repertory series to coincide with her visit.

From July 4-31, Film Streams will celebrate Dern’s career with a series featuring seven of her films, including *SMOOTH TALK* (1985), *RAMBLING ROSE* (1991), for which she earned an Oscar nomination, *WE DON’T LIVE HERE ANYMORE* (2004), *WILD AT HEART* (1990), *BLUE VELVET* (1986), *INLAND EMPIRE* (2006) and *CITIZEN RUTH* (1996)—a film written and directed by Film Streams Board Member Alexander Payne and shot in and around the Omaha area.

Curated with Dern’s input and help, the series will also feature two movies that have influenced her work in film—Sidney Lumet’s *NETWORK* (1976) and Federico Fellini’s *LA STRADA* (1954).

On Sunday, July 13, Dern and Payne will share the stage at the Holland Performing Arts Center for **Feature 2008**, a fundraiser in support of Film Streams’ nonprofit cinema, with Payne interviewing Dern about her remarkable filmmaking career and introducing select clips from her movies.

Single tickets for Feature 2008 (\$35) are now on sale through Ticket Omaha (13th and Douglas; 402-345-0606; ticketomaha.org). Tickets for dinner and the presentation (\$150-\$250) and tables for 10 to the dinner and presentation are also available and can be reserved by contacting Hallie Sharkey at 402-933-0259 ext. 13 or hallie@filmstreams.org.

All screenings within the “Laura Dern” film series will take place at Film Streams’ Ruth Sokolof Theater, located at the corner of 14th & Webster. Tickets to all screenings are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors, and \$4 for Film Streams Members.

More information on the series and Feature 2008 can be found on the following page. For more information, please visit filmstreams.org, or contact Casey Logan at (402) 933-0259 (ext. 11) or casey@filmstreams.org.

Film Streams Repertory Series:
Laura Dern (July 4-July 31, 2008)

July 4-July 10

Smooth Talk 1985

Directed by Joyce Chopra.

Laura's first leading role and a Sundance Grand Jury Prize-winner, based on a short story by Joyce Carol Oates, about a teenager's sexual awakening and a predatory stranger. UK/USA;92 min.

July 4-July 10

Rambling Rose 1991

Directed by Martha Coolidge.

Both Laura and her mother Diane Ladd earned Oscar nominations for their performances in this film, set in 1930s Georgia, about a promiscuous caretaker and the genteel family that employs her. USA;112 min.

July 11-July 17

Citizen Ruth 1996

Directed by Alexander Payne.

Laura stars in this spot-on satire about an irresponsible drug-abuser whose very public pregnancy becomes the battleground for the debate about abortion. USA;106 min.

July 11-July 17

Laura's Pick: **Network** 1976

Directed by Sidney Lumet.

Peter Finch, Faye Dunaway, Robert Duvall, and William Holden star in Lumet's prescient Oscar-winning picture about a TV network that watches its ratings boom when a venerable anchor melts down on air. USA;121 min.

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Sunday, July 13, 8pm

Film Streams Feature 2008

An evening with Academy Award-winner and Film Streams Board Member Alexander Payne and very special guest Laura Dern, in support of Film Streams' nonprofit cinema. At the Holland Performing Arts Center, 13th and Douglas Streets.

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July 18-July 24

We Don't Live Here Anymore 2004

Directed by John Curran.

The lives of two married couples and friends (Laura Dern, Mark Ruffalo, Naomi Watts, and Peter Krause) are thrown upside down when an affair comes to light. USA; 101 min.

July 18-July 24

Laura's Pick: **La Strada** 1954

Directed by Federico Fellini.

The very first Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film went to this classic by Fellini about a young woman (Giulietta Masina) sold to a travelling circus strongman (Anthony Quinn). Italy;108 min.

July 25-July 31

Wild at Heart 1990

Directed by David Lynch.

A love-on-the-run story told in full Lynchian mode, meaning surreal situations, bizarre characters, and inspired performances by Nicolas Cage, Laura, and her real-life mother Dianne Ladd as a hitman-hiring matriarch. USA; 124 min.

July 25-July 31

Blue Velvet 1986

Directed by David Lynch.

A happened-upon severed ear turns out to be the most normal thing about this murder mystery and cult classic featuring Laura as a young innocent alongside Kyle MacLachlan, Isabella Rossellini, and a beyond-disturbing Dennis Hopper. USA;121 min.

July 25-July 31

Inland Empire 2006

Directed by David Lynch.

Fantasy and reality blur together for an actress (Laura) whose life starts to imitate her latest role in a production she's beginning to suspect is cursed. France / Poland / USA; 180 min.

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