

Film Streams & Lauritzen Gardens present **THE SECRET GARDEN**

A post-show panel discussion will focus on the physical and psychological benefits of nature, particularly for children



“Like all great stories for children, THE SECRET GARDEN contains powerful truths just beneath the surface. There is always a level at which the story is telling children about more than just events; it is telling them about the nature of life. That was the feeling I had when I read Frances Hodgson Burnett’s book many years ago, and it is a feeling that comes back powerfully while watching Agnieszka Holland’s new film... It is a work of beauty, poetry and deep mystery, and watching it is like entering for a time into a closed world where one’s destiny may be discovered.”

—Roger Ebert

Omaha, Nebraska—On Thursday, April 15, at 7 p.m., Film Streams and Lauritzen Gardens will present a special screening of **THE SECRET GARDEN**, the 1993 film adaptation of the classic children’s novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett—currently celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Directed by Agnieszka Holland, **THE SECRET GARDEN** received extraordinary reviews upon its initial theatrical release (including a four-star review from Roger Ebert, quoted above) and currently rates a 100% on Rotten Tomatoes. Following its source material, the movie tells the story of an orphaned British girl who, after being sent to live with her uncle on his sprawling estate, discovers a secret garden with magical powers.

Following the screening at Film Streams’ Ruth Sokolof Theater will be a panel discussion on the physical and psychological benefits of nature, particularly for children. Panelists will include: Ken Finch, President of Green Hearts, a nonprofit devoted to restoring and strengthening the bonds between children and nature; and Jim Locklear, the new Director of Education at Lauritzen Gardens.

The collaborative presentation of **THE SECRET GARDEN** is part of Film Streams’ Community Development Program, which facilitates partnerships with other nonprofits and community groups on film-related events that speak to their missions and programming. This spring, Lauritzen Gardens is celebrating the 100th anniversary of Burnett’s *The Secret Garden* with an indoor display featuring mysterious meandering paths that lead to new discoveries around every turn. The Spring Flower Show is on display at Lauritzen Gardens through May 9, 2010 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily).

Tickets for the screening and panel are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, students, and teachers, and \$4.50 for Film Streams Members.

For questions, requests, or more information, please contact Casey Logan at (402) 933-0259 or casey@filmstreams.org. For more information about Lauritzen Gardens and the Spring Flower Show, please visit www.lauritzengardens.org.

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The Secret Garden 1993
Directed by Agnieszka Holland.

A remarkable adaptation of the classic children's novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett, celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2010. Sent to live with her uncle on his sprawling country estate, an orphaned British girl discovers a neglected garden with magical powers.



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