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Film Streams receives \$20,000 NEA grant

OMAHA (1/05/12) – Film Streams is thrilled to announce it has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to support the nonprofit cinema's Repertory films and Special Programs in 2012. Programming supported by the grant will include screenings of classic films, themed series, director retrospectives, and the presentation of contemporary work with visiting filmmakers.

"While our first-run programming can attract big audiences, these programs are unique, relate directly to our mission, and need strong support to continue," said Rachel Jacobson, founder and director of Film Streams. "Our classic film series celebrate the worldwide history of quality filmmaking, and bringing artists to Omaha to talk about their work is a wonderful way to enhance our audiences' experience of the films we present. We are so honored to be among the amazing arts organizations whose missions are supported through the terrific work of the National Endowment for the Arts."

A 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, Film Streams is 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, Film Streams opened the Ruth Sokolof Theater, a two-screen cinema located at the corner of 14th & Mike Fahey (formerly Webster) Street within the Saddle Creek Records complex in North Downtown Omaha.

Since then, Film Streams has presented over 620 films, including more than 190 first-run premieres of new American independents, foreign films and documentaries—the vast majority of which would not have played to Omaha audiences otherwise.

The NEA grant will support Film Streams' **Repertory Program**, a year-round calendar of classic films, themed series and director retrospectives. To date, Film Streams has returned more than 390 classics to the big screen within nearly three-dozen repertory series. In 2011 alone, Film Streams presented a 12-film series celebrating legendary Italian director Federico Fellini, a summer Screwball Comedies series featuring 10 classics from the Golden Age of cinema, a series of 6 silent films with live musical accompaniment, and a series of films either directed or selected by Academy Award-winning filmmaker Steven Soderbergh, the special guest at the nonprofit's Feature III gala last February.

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Film Streams' first Repertory program of 2012 will be a 10-film series — **World Cinema Revivals: A Celebration of Film Preservation** (February 12 – April 5) — featuring new 35mm print restorations of classics spanning more than 60 years of cinema.

The NEA grant also supports **Special Programs** at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater, including Q&A screenings with visiting filmmakers.

The grant to Film Streams is one of 823 Arts Works grants announced in late 2011 by NEA Chairman Rocco Landesman. The grant awards total \$22.543 million, encompass 15 artistic disciplines and fields, and support projects in 47 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

“Art Works is the guiding principle at the NEA,” Landesman said. “And I'm pleased to see that principle represented through the 823 Art Works-funded projects included in this announcement. These projects demonstrate the imaginative and innovative capacities of artists and arts organizations to enhance the quality of life in their communities.”

For a complete listing of projects recommended for Art Works grant support, please visit the NEA web site at arts.gov.

For more information about Film Streams, including upcoming programming, visit filmstreams.org.

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