



Film Streams announces celebration for Alexander Payne's 'The Descendants'

Omaha, Nebraska (10/19/2011) – Film Streams, Omaha's nonprofit cinema, is excited to announce a very special celebration in honor of Alexander Payne's newest film, THE DESCENDANTS. Set in Hawaii and featuring George Clooney, the critically acclaimed film will open at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater on November 23.

A few days earlier — on **Sunday, November 20** — Film Streams will host a **"Waikiki Party"** at Slowdown with Payne, a founding supporter of Film Streams and member of the organization's board of directors, in attendance. All proceeds from the event will go to support Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater.

As a benefit, "Waikiki Party" attendees will receive a reservation to one of two exclusive preview screenings of THE DESCENDANTS happening that evening.

The party is currently available to current Film Streams Members and new members when they join. The general public will be able to purchase beginning November 1. The event offers two ticketing packages.

- Package One (\$125) includes admittance to the Waikiki Party celebration, plus a priority reservation to a DESCENDANTS preview screening taking place before the party (5pm). A post-show Q&A with Alexander Payne will follow the film.
- Package Two (\$75) includes admittance to the Waikiki Party celebration, plus a priority reservation to a special DESCENDANTS preview screening taking place after the party (8:30pm). An introduction by Alexander Payne will precede the film.

A limited number of advance tickets for the two preview screenings will become available starting November 1.

THE DESCENDANTS stars George Clooney as Matt King, an indifferent husband and father of two girls, who is forced to re-examine his past and embrace his future when his wife suffers a boating accident off Waikiki.



Director Alexander Payne on set of THE DESCENDANTS.
PHOTO BY: Merie Wallace

THE DESCENDANTS received rave reviews following screenings at the Telluride Film Festival and Toronto International Film Festival, drawing early Oscar buzz for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor (Clooney) and Best Supporting Actress (Shailene Woodley). THE DESCENDANTS was also named the closing night selection of this year's New York Film Festival.

The film is the first from writer-director Alexander Payne since his Oscar-winning SIDEWAYS in 2005. His prior films include the features ABOUT SCHMIDT (2002), ELECTION (1999) and CITIZEN RUTH (1996), and his short film contribution to PARIS JE T'AIME (2006).

An early and ardent supporter of Film Streams and founding member of the nonprofit's board of directors, Payne curated the cinema's grand opening repertory series, *Alexander Payne Presents*, in July 2007. He has been instrumental in all three of the organization's major fundraising events (called "Feature"), personally inviting the special guests—Laura Dern in 2008, Debra Winger in 2009 and Steven Soderbergh in 2010—and serving as both a moderator and speaker each year.

For more information, questions or requests, please contact Casey Logan at (402) 933-0259 x 11 or casey@filmstreams.org.

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