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International Film Festival Comes to Cowtown

THE LONE STAR FILM SOCIETY IN ASSOCIATION WITH FORT WORTH SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF THE LONE STAR INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL TO DEBUT NOVEMBER 2007

Fort Worth, TX (Nov. 2, 2006) – The Lone Star Film Society in association with Fort Worth Sister Cities International announced the Lone Star International Film Festival will premiere in Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 8 – 11, 2007. The announcement was made at the Mayor’s International Dinner, Thursday, Nov. 2 by Tony-award-winning actress, Phylicia Rashad and Emmy- and Golden Globe-nominee, Janine Turner.

The Lone Star International Film Festival will promote the work of emerging international filmmakers by providing resources to distribution and cutting edge technology. Through both competition and showcases, the Lone Star International Film Festival aims to cultivate global cultural awareness through the art of the moving image by selecting quality independent films, and showcase Fort Worth, Texas, as an international destination, highlighting both cultural and professional resources.

Rashad and Turner were both on hand to celebrate the kickoff announcement and lend their support to the film festival. Rashad is an active participant in charitable and nonprofit organizations and is dedicated to the importance of the fine arts in education. Turner, Honorary Board Member for the Lone Star Film Society resides in the Fort Worth area and is an advocate of the independent filmmaker and passionately devoted to producing, directing and acting in projects in Texas.

“This is a unique cooperative effort,” said Johnny Langdon, incoming chairman of the board for the Lone Star Film Society. “Fort Worth Sister Cities International brings an outstanding reputation with seven international sister cities.”

Barclay Berdan, president of Fort Worth Sister Cities International, believes that with its global contacts, Sister Cities can help bring some of the best and brightest talents to the festival.

“Already, five of Fort Worth’s seven sister cities have their own film festivals,” said Berdan. “We hope to develop exchange relationships with these international festivals and the film communities in our Sister Cities.”

The annual Fort Worth Mayor’s International Dinner on Nov. 8, 2007 will be the official kick-off event for the Lone Star International Film Festival. The next three days of the festival promise to be filled with screenings of entertaining films that deliver valuable cultural and socially relevant experiences and activities designed to provide educational and social opportunities for those in attendance.

“In terms of preserving and attracting new industry, the festival will be significantly important to professional filmmakers who wish to have their families in Texas, and especially Tarrant County which is known for its quality of life,” said Turner. “After it grows, the economic impact that the festival would bring to the area will be of importance to not only the arts but to the city and the county.”

Lone Star Film Society president, Kelly Greenwell, is enthusiastic about the debut of the festival.

“I have attended a lot of film festivals, and I have great confidence in the ability of the Lone Star Film Society in association with Fort Worth Sister Cities International to produce an outstanding event.” said Greenwell. “The city of Fort Worth clearly presents a great opportunity to establish a world renowned festival, and all the elements are here, from a broad range of sponsorship possibilities, to special event venues, from community demographics to cultural diversity. I am confident that the Lone Star International Film Festival will plant its flag as a top festival, right out of the gate.”

“At Sister Cities, our motto is “Bringing the World Together, One Friendship at a Time,” said Berdan. “We also believe we can “Bring the World to Fort Worth, One Film at a Time.”

About the Lone Star Film Society

The Lone Star Film Society exists to preserve and present the art of the moving image and to examine its influence on world culture. LSFS is a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation, dedicated to cultivating an appreciation of the Visual Arts; engendering visual literacy, supporting community efforts regarding the film; and to building recognition for Fort Worth as an international film destination. The LSFS supports its mission through a variety of activities including Classics at The Modern: Celebrity Choice, Lone Star Open Screen Night, Teen VideoFest, the Lifetime Achievement Award, and debuting November 07, the Lone Star International Film Festival. For more information call (817) 735-1117 or visit www.lonestarfilmsociety.com.

About Fort Worth Sister Cities International, Inc.

Fort Worth Sister Cities International is a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network dedicated to creating and strengthening partnerships between U.S. and international communities in an effort to increase global cooperation at the municipal level, to promote cultural understanding and to stimulate economic development. Fort Worth Sister Cities include Reggio Emilia, Italy; Nagaoka, Japan; Trier, Germany; Bandung, Indonesia; Budapest, Hungary; Toluca, Mexico; Mbabane, Swaziland. For more information, call (187) 392.2650 or visit www.fwsistercities.org.

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