

'Owen Story' available to view for one month

The film, created in 2004, helps raise money for the Eastern Oregon Film Festival

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LA GRANDE — Nearly 20 years ago, the locally made film "Owen Story" premiered to small audiences at Eastern Oregon University and The Hollywood Theater in Portland.

Now that film is back, available to view for just one month, as a fundraiser for the Eastern Oregon Film Festival.

"Owen Story" will be available as a special VOD (video on demand) for \$8. For those who purchase a Festival Friend season pass for \$250, "Owen Story" is included, along with the On Demand archive and admission to all virtual and in-person festival events.

For information, go to eofilmfest.com.

The direct screening link is: bit.ly/3OquR68.



Christopher Jennings/Contributed image

A still from "Owen Story" that was filmed in 2004 around La Grande. It will be re-released for one month only to raise money for the Eastern Oregon Film Festival.

The film can be preordered and watched, beginning April 30, on the Friends of the Festival Eventive Channel. The film will lock up again May 31. A special livestream Q&A with the cast and crew will be added later in May.

"Owen Story" follows the three intertwined stories of Bucky (Gregory Rawlins), Natalie

(Sarah Delamarter) and Kenneth (Mike Surber).

The project was produced and filmed around La Grande in 2004.

According to an EOFF press release, "this independent production rallied a community around the idea of making a feature length film, working together

to learn skills and refine ideas and to maximize the resources that were available in our rural region."

Christopher Jennings, EOFF director, said this rerelease brings the characters to life once again.

"The makers and creatives behind the project express their gratitude for the opportunity to share this project again after

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nearly 20 years," he said. "This project planted the seeds for that which inspired projects like The La Grande Summer Film Project and was a catalyst to EOFF's inception. Having EOFF provide a platform to archive this independent effort is a testament to its mission of supporting local projects and nurturing filmmaking in our rural region and I can't wait to see more local projects get preserved and shared this way."

FILM FESTIVAL

Submissions are sought for the 13th annual Eastern Oregon Film Festival, which will be held Oct. 20-22 in La Grande. Entries must be received no later than June 16. For information, visit eofilmfest.com.



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