

Ashland Producer Launches The Spiritual Cinema Circle^(TM)

ASHLAND, Ore. – A Southern Oregon film producer has created a new film distribution business that will offer up fare viewers may not be able to find elsewhere. Stephen Simon, a producer from Ashland, is making “soul-satisfying, heart-warming movies that engage our collective human spirit” available through a subscription service.

Simon, co-founder and president of Moving Messages: The Institute for Spiritual Entertainment, Inc., producer and director of *Indigo*, producer of *Somewhere In Time* and the Academy Award®-winning *What Dreams May Come*, recently announced the launch of The Spiritual Cinema Circle (SCC), a membership-based monthly DVD home delivery service of compassionate, inspiring, soul-satisfying movies. Co-founders include Gay and Katie Hendricks, best-selling relationship experts, and a host of supporters include singer-songwriter Kenny Loggins, Cheryl Richardson, and Neale Donald Walsch.

“Some of the best movies made every year go virtually unseen,” says Simon. “The Spiritual Cinema Circle can open your door to movies with heart and soul that inspire, heal, and transform our lives, without ever leaving your home.”

Monthly movie selections will be similar to this year’s Indie heart-warmer

Whale Rider, as well as movies like *Field Of Dreams*, *Ghost*, or *Truly, Madly, Deeply*. All choices will be hidden treasures, made with love and passion that enrich the human spirit.

With his connections in the film industry and keynote talks at film festivals and venues around the world, Simon began to realize he was in a privileged minority that got to see wonderful movies every year that hardly anybody else got to enjoy.

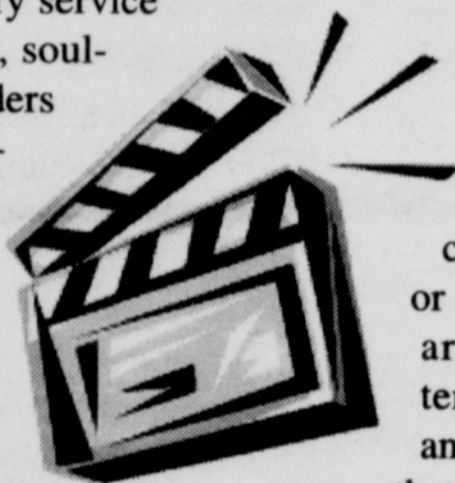
“The major distributors won’t touch the most heart-filled, soul-satisfying movies because they don’t think there’s enough money in it for them, and even the independent distributors often overlook quality films,” says Simon.

More information can be found at www.spiritualcinemacircle.com

Also, The SCC is actively looking for completed feature, short, or documentary films that are entertaining, have terrific production value, and have a redeeming mes-

sage that is in some way uplifting to the viewer, fitting into the Spiritual Cinema genre.

Filmmakers can print a submission form from The SCC Web site at www.spiritualcinemacircle.com and send their films to SCC, 369 Montezuma Ave., #234, Santa Fe, NM 87501.



Oregon Employment Department Opens First Unemployment Insurance Center

The Employment Department has officially opened the first unemployment insurance call center in Oregon. The center, located in Eugene, handles all unemployment insurance claims for southwestern Oregon.

The opening of the center is part of an overall new direction in delivery of service for the Employment Department. It marks a dramatic change in how unemployment insurance claims have been handled since the first benefit check was issued in 1938.

Instead of coming into a local Employment Department field office to file for unemployment, an individual now will simply pick up a telephone and dial a local number. After answering a few preliminary questions, the caller

will be connected with a department staff member who will provide individual service and information. Customers in southwest Oregon can reach the center by calling 1-877-728-7970.

The Eugene U.I. Center is the first of three centers that will eventually handle all unemployment claims in the state. Unemployment call centers will be established in the Portland area (January 2005) and Bend (July 2005).

Individuals also may file for unemployment by computer through the department’s Web site, www.WorkingInOregon.org. Filing initial unemployment insurance claims by Internet has been available since early spring. Currently, about 25 percent of all unemployment claims are filed online.

Farm Committee Nominations Due

Nominations are open through Sept. 3, 2004, for the Farm Service Agency’s County Committee that serves Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties.

The committee is seeking nominations from South Benton County (south of Highway 34) and North Linn County (north of Highway 20/34). Nomination forms are available at www.fsa.usda.gov.

The County Committee is a grassroots approach to give farmers and ranchers a much-needed say in how federal actions affect their communities and individual operations. Once elected by their peers to the committee, local

producers make important decisions about how FSA programs will be carried out in the county. They are a direct link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Each County Committee has three to five members.

Nomination forms must be post-marked by Sept. 3. They can be mailed to Farm Service Agency, Linn-Benton-Lincoln Counties, 33630 McFarland Road, Tangent, OR 97389-9627.

For more details, call 541-967-5925, ext. 2, or e-mail dan.sundseth@or.usda.gov.

Important Dates and Information for 2004 Elections

- Sept. 3-7 Ballots mailed for Sept. 21 county election
- Sept. 21 Election Day: county regular election
- Oct. 12 Voter registration deadline for Nov. 2 general election
- Oct. 13 Last day to mail Voters Pamphlet for Nov. 2 general election
- Oct. 15-19 Ballots mailed for Nov. 2. general election
- Nov. 2 Election Day: statewide general election
- Dec. 2 Last day for secretary of state to declare election of general

candidates and governor to declare passage of general measures

- Dec. 20 Electors of president and vice president convene at the Capitol

You can't vote if you don't register!

www.sos.state.or.us/elections/votreg/vreg.htm

In an effort to improve voter education, voter turnout and the dissemination of elections information – particularly details about when, where and how to vote and how to obtain a replacement ballot – Secretary of State Bill Bradbury has developed a toll-free voter information line and Web site.

The voter information resources are:

Call: 1-866-ORE-VOTES
(1-866-673-8683), se habla español
TTY: 1-866-350-0596 (for the hearing impaired)
Visit: www.OregonVotes.org

Voting Web Sites of Interest

www.nativevote.org

www.nationalvoice.org

<http://www.navajonationcouncil.org/GetOutVote.htm>

<http://www.rockthenativevote.com/>

<http://www.nwnativeinfo.com/index.htm>