

NET Television "Nebraska Stories" Segment Honored by Film Streams in Omaha

LINCOLN, Neb. (July 21, 2010) -- A short segment from the NET Television series "Nebraska Stories" has been selected to be part of the first Local Filmmakers Showcase presented by Film Streams in Omaha. "Fantasia in Clay" is one of 14 films that will be presented within a single, two-hour program showing daily August 6-12, at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater, located at 1340 Mike Fahey (formerly Webster) Street, within the Saddle Creek Records complex.

The "Nebraska Stories" segment "Fantasia in Clay," produced by NET Television's Kelly Rush and Brian Seifferlein, was selected following a highly competitive process, with the jury screening dozens of quality films. Rush produced the segment while Seifferlein directed and served as videographer and editor. "Fantasia in Clay" profiles Gerit Grimm, a clay artist from the former East Germany, who brings style, parody and irony to her creations. When NET Television videotaped the segment with Grimm, she was a resident artist at the Lux Center for the Arts in Lincoln. Rush and Seifferlein interviewed her while she created her clay pieces at the pottery wheel and worked around her studio space. During the seven-minute segment, Grimm's own words tell the story of her artistry.

The Local Filmmakers Showcase opens with two special engagements. On opening night Friday, Aug. 6, at 7:30 p.m. Film Streams will premiere the film showcase and host a preview party with the filmmakers. The ticketed event is open to the public. On Saturday, Aug. 7, the showcase will be part of North Downtown Day in Omaha. A percentage of the box office for the week-long run will go to each of the directors whose films are featured in the showcase.

The Local Filmmakers Showcase is a new initiative dedicated to premiering the work of filmmakers from Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota. It provides an opportunity for local filmmakers and artists to have a theatrical run and present their work for a full week at an arthouse cinema devoted to celebrating quality filmmaking. More information on the showcase is available at filmstreams.org.

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