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EL PASO HOSTS WORLD PREMIERE OF *TALES FROM DELL CITY, TEXAS*

West Texas Town Provides Backdrop on the Survival of Rural Communities

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EL PASO, TX (July 29, 2011) – About a hundred miles east of El Paso, the dusty, nearly forgotten town of Dell City sets the stage for a documentary that captures a snapshot of what life is like in rural America. The film, *Tales from Dell City, Texas*, will make its world premiere at the Plaza Classic Film Festival on Sunday, August 7 at 3:30pm.

Produced and directed by filmmaker **Josh Carter**, *Tales* is told from the perspective of the people who live there. “Instead of trying only to tell their story for them, I asked them what they would shoot if it were their movie,” said Carter, a New Yorker who is originally from Houston. Described as surprising and heartfelt, the film is a series of short stories on everyday life in Dell City, offering a glimpse into a town that once thrived with a population of thousands and is now down to a few hundred “stubborn souls”, as described on the film’s website (www.talesfromdellcity.com).

Carter will be in El Paso for the premiere of the film and will be available for a special film talk prior to the screening.

A full schedule of film screenings and festival events is available online at www.plazaclassic.com. Fans of the Plaza Classic can get the full-festival experience by purchasing Festival Passes, on sale now for \$200 through the El Paso Community Foundation. Passholders are invited to a special preview of the art exhibition, **The Ten Commandments: Treasures from the Production Archives**, along with special tours and talks provided during the festival. Preferred entry to **all** movies through the Festival Pass Express Lane is another perk for festival Passholders, as well as an invitation to the VIP Opening Night screening of *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*. Festival Passes are on sale now through the El Paso Community Foundation, (915) 533-4020.

The Plaza Classic Film Festival is a project of the El Paso Community Foundation, which provides a wide range of charitable and philanthropic services in the region. To learn more, visit www.epcf.org .

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About the Plaza Theatre Performing Arts Centre

Known as “The Showplace of the Southwest”, the Plaza Theatre (theplazatheatre.org) opened in 1930. It was a first-run commercial movie palace until it closed in the 1970s. Its restoration, which won the National Preservation Award in 2009, was a joint project of the El Paso Community Foundation and the City of El Paso, and resulted in one of the best performing arts facilities in the country. The Plaza Theatre Performing Arts Centre hosts a broad range of arts entertainment, from movies to symphony, Broadway to opera and rock & roll. The Plaza Theatre is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as a “Place of National Significance,” a moniker reserved for only about 5 percent of the historic structures in the United States. It is a unique example of a historic atmospheric theatre with the most modern working parts behind the antique beauty.

The Plaza Theatre has been home to the Plaza Classic Film Festival since 2008.