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Houston Film Commission Announces Major Production Deal

Award-winning producers Paul Colichman and Stephen P. Jarchow to shoot 20 films in Houston

Houston, TX – May 23, 2018 – The Houston Film Commission today announced that producers Paul Colichman and Stephen P. Jarchow, whose films have won multiple awards including two Oscars and six Oscar nominations, will film up to 20 movies in Houston. Colichman and Jarchow together head Here Media Inc.

Houston First Board Chairman David Minberg says film production is an important marketing and economic development tool for the city. “When producers come to Houston and see our fabulous skyline, our wonderful green spaces and experience our inclusiveness and diversity, they spread the word. They also hire Houstonians, eat in our restaurants and contribute to our economy.”

The new films will be shot over a two-year period, with the first beginning production later this summer. The themes of all 20 family-friendly movies will have a common thread of shared American values.

“We chose Houston as the home base for these films because this city represents the melting pot of citizens and cultures that make up modern Americana,” said Colichman. “We know that our country is not as divided as is portrayed in the media. These films will embrace the empathy and endless possibilities that inspire the American Dream.” Also according to Colichman, “The Houston Film Commission has shown its eagerness to entice productions by aggressively reaching out to the L.A. film and television community.”

Here Media Inc., a 21st century production and distribution company, functions as a mini-Netflix with its own successful subscription cable TV channel, subscription OTT app and transactional VOD service across all platforms. The company distributes the award-winning, Here Media library. This includes over 200 motion pictures plus 178 episodes from 22 different series.

In addition to the Academy Awards, their films and companies have received a Golden Globe and two Golden Globe nominations, three Emmy Award nominations, numerous GLAAD Awards including two for Best Picture, two Independent Spirit Awards for Best Picture and the ACLU Pride Partnership Award.

Jarchow, who lives in Dallas, thinks Houston will provide the perfect backdrop for his new films. “I have been a Texas resident since 1979 and have loved living here. I am pleased to bring these motion pictures to the state. It’s an exciting opportunity.

The family-friendly movies will have budgets up to \$2 million. The Houston Film Commission’s Los Angeles-based business development representative, Sharon Adams, enticed producers to film in Houston by showcasing all that the city has to offer.

“I’m so proud of everything the Houston Film Commission has accomplished,” said Adams. “In the past three years, the Commission has helped develop more than 200 productions, generating more than \$50 million in revenue for the Houston area.”

The Houston Film Commission has promoted this proactive approach, as Texas has slashed film incentives in the state by \$70 million over the last three legislative sessions.

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