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One-Of-A-Kind Event Brings Distant Culture to Downtown Denver

An evening of Mongolian culture...right here in Denver! **Denver Film Society** and **Denver Zoo** have teamed up to bring the Denver community a unique film and music event, "From Colorado to Mongolia," on Friday, May 7th 2004 at 7:00 pm, that promises to satisfy filmophiles and music lovers alike. And to top it all off, it's for a good cause!

This benefit event, to be held at **Starz FilmCenter**, (9th St. and Auraria Pkwy), on the Auraria Campus in Denver, will feature the Colorado premiere of Mongolia's recent Academy Awards submission, *The Story of the Weeping Camel*. The film has already earned widespread critical acclaim as an impeccable cinematic achievement, and as Mongolia's first feature film to be distributed globally. The *New York Times* says of *Weeping Camel*, "It's a picture that will...keep eyes entranced."* After the sneak preview screening, there will be a dynamic reception at the nearby Emmanuel Gallery, to include live Mongolian musical performances, cultural cuisine, and interactive exhibits, creating an opportunity to experience the vibrant culture and exceptional arts of Mongolia, right here in Colorado.

But the entertaining potential and the alluring features of this event aren't all it has to offer. The evening will serve as a benefit event for Colorado non-profit, **The Itgel Foundation**, which is actively working to preserve endangered musical traditions in Mongolia through the construction of a music school in Mongolia's Gobi desert. The event will highlight the traditional music of Mongolia, which is one of the themes in the film, *The Story of the Weeping Camel*. In addition, live traditional music will be performed by members of the Mongolian community in Denver, a city that hosts the largest population of Mongolian individuals outside of Mongolia! And with Mongolia's capital, Ulaanbaatar, as Denver's newest Sister City, the connections deepen that make Denver the perfect host for this event, which will celebrate the cultural and community bridge that spans *From Colorado to Mongolia*.

\$35 (For members of Denver Film Society or Denver Zoo) or \$50 (For non-members)

Purchase tickets at the Starz FilmCenter box office, or call (303) 448-9115 to make a reservation.



Denver Film Society

* Mitchell, Elvis. "Ritual and Trust in Mongolia," *New York Times*: March 26, 2004.

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