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FILUM PRESENTS IRISH FILMS FOR MISSISSIPPI

Event: Filum – a Night of Irish Film
Date: 7:00pm, September 10, 2009
Place: Main Exhibit Building, Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Museum, Jackson, MS
Cost: \$7 / \$5 Crossroads, CHS, JID members
Information: www.CelticFestMS.org

(Jackson, MS) The Crossroads Film Society and CelticFest are partnering to present **Filum**, a night of Irish film. Increasingly visual artists from Ireland are turning to film to express themselves and their culture. Crossroads and the Celtic Heritage Society are taking the first step in presenting these expressions to Mississippians.

Filum will present a series of Irish short films for the first half hour of the event (titles TBA), and then a discussion about the feature film, *The Wind that Shakes the Barley* (2006), led by Máirtín de Cógáin. A native young Corkman, de Cógáin plays the character "Sean" in the film which won the Palme d'Or at the 2006 Cannes.

"It's the greatest retelling of Ireland's dark history during the civil war, and it would have to take an Englishman to tell it," jokes de Cógáin. The film starring Cillian Murphy (another Corkman) is a sympathetic look at Irish Republicans in early 20th century, and two brothers who are torn apart by the rebellion. It will begin showing at 8:00pm and is rated R.

Food and drink vendors will be present for the film-induced munchies. Tickets for the Filum are \$7 or \$5 for members of the Crossroads Film Society, the Celtic Heritage Society, or the Jackson Irish Dancers.

"We're very excited to be able to partner with CelticFest to further the Crossroads mission of bringing film events to the Jackson area," said Rick Patt, co-chair of Crossroads Film Society's Events Committee. "We encourage all who are interested in establishing a year-round Crossroads events schedule to attend and support independent film in Jackson."

The Thursday night Filum event kicks off the 18th annual CelticFest Mississippi, which runs September 11-13.

The Irish cinema doesn't stop on Thursday night, however. Two family-friendly Irish films will be presented during CelticFest: *Darby O'Gill and the Little People* (1959) Saturday at 2:00 pm, and *The Quiet Man* (1952) Sunday at 3:00pm. An hour of short Irish films will be screened at 8:00pm Saturday night and for a half hour on Sunday at 2:30pm. There is no separate fee for films screened during CelticFest.

Tickets for the Filum and for CelticFest can be purchased at the door or online at the CelticFest Mississippi website (www.CelticFestMS.org). For more information, please visit the CelticFest web site: www.CelticFestMS.org.

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