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West 47th Street Debuts in Tulsa

Tulsa, OK--The Crossroads Clubhouse, along with sponsorship from the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and NAMI Oklahoma, is bringing the award-winning documentary film ***West 47th Street*** and its co-producer/director, to Tulsa Thursday, July 24th, 2003.

Produced and directed by Bill Lichtenstein and June Peoples, ***West 47th Street*** was called “a documentary masterpiece,” by the Cleveland International Film Festival and won “Best Documentary” at the Atlanta Film Festival. Variety called it “involving, insightful.” ***West 47th Street*** follows four people with serious mental illness over three years.

The film’s showing at The Westby Cinema, 309 E. 2nd Street will serve as a “Friend-Raising” event for the Crossroads Clubhouse, a social/vocational rehabilitation program for adults with serious mental illness. The Clubhouse gives members the opportunity to rebuild their lives and achieve greater independence through work. The Clubhouse structure is based on the work-ordered day and offers a variety of work areas ranging from clerical duties to food preparation. Clubhouse staff and members work side by side to complete work of the Clubhouse. The work focus and relationships are key in identification of individual strengths, skill development, and social interaction. The Clubhouse also enables its members to return to paid work through Transitional Employment, Supported and Independent Employment.

Patrons will be able to meet Lichtenstein on the 24th prior to the film during a social opportunity which will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the film starting at 7:00 p.m. The Thursday showing is invitation only and an RSVP will be required.

West 47th Street will also be shown two more times at the Westby Cinema: 6:15 p.m. Friday, July 25th and a 2:30 p.m. matinee Saturday, July 26th. Tickets for these two showings are \$7.00 for general admission, \$5.00 for seniors and students. Donations to the Clubhouse will be accepted at all showings.

The Tulsa run of ***West 47th Street*** precedes its debut on the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) in August. ***West 47th Street*** will have its national broadcast premiere on ***P.O. V. – American television’s longest running documentary series on PBS on Tuesday, August 19th at 10:00pm EST.***

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