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Guest Speakers Announced for Sixth Annual Silver Screen Series

Maturity and Its Muse, and the City of Creve Coeur Arts Committee, is proud to announce the guest discussion leaders for the sixth annual Silver Screen Series. The free film series focuses on films that explore positive aging themes, and each film concludes with an optional discussion between attendees and guest discussion leaders.

The films and guest discussion leaders are:

SEPTEMBER 17:

Film: *Still Alice*

When words begin to escape her and she starts becoming lost on her daily jogs, renowned linguistic professor Dr. Alice Howland must come face-to-face with a devastating diagnosis: early-onset Alzheimer's disease.

Discussion leader: Alzheimer's Association

The discussion leader will offer her personal experiences as a care giver and volunteer from the Alzheimer's Association, St. Louis. The Alzheimer's Association provides education and support to all those facing Alzheimer's and other dementias throughout the community, including those living with the disease, caregivers, health care professionals and families.

OCTOBER 15:

Film: *Nebraska*

When cantankerous old buzzard Woody Grant (Bruce Dern) receives a sweepstakes notice in the mail and insists on making a 750-mile trip to Lincoln, Neb., to collect his prize, it falls to baffled son David (Will Forte) to accompany him.

Discussion leader: Jan McGillick, MA, SW, LNHA - Director of Community Engagement at Dolan Memory Care Homes

Jan McGillick has had a lifelong passion advocating for older adults. She received her Master's

Degree in social work from the University of Chicago and later served as Education Director and Director of the Alzheimer's Association Education Institute. McGillick now works at the Dolan Memory Care Homes, building programs that meet the psychosocial needs of the Dolan residents through aging in place and end of life care.

NOVEMBER 19:

Film: *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*

Benjamin Button (Brad Pitt) springs into being as an elderly man in a New Orleans nursing home and ages in reverse. Twelve years after his birth, he meets Daisy, a child who flickers in and out of his life as she grows up to be a dancer (Cate Blanchett).

Discussion leader: Gary F. Bell, Artistic Director of Stray Dog Theatre

Gary F. Bell has done it all, from acting to directing to teaching, and is currently the Artistic Director and founder of the Stray Dog Theatre in St. Louis. Before moving to St. Louis in 2000, Bell attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and joined the American Ensemble Studio Theatre. He is also a celebrated playwright, recognized by the Eugene O'Neill Playwrights Conference for his play, *Justice for Justine*.

In previous years, the film screenings were held every Monday in September. Starting this year, the Silver Screen Series will instead be presented on the third Monday of each month — September 17, October 15, and November 19. All film screenings will be held at AMC Creve Coeur 12, 10465 Olive Blvd., from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.

Thanks to the generosity of AMC Creve Coeur 12 and the City of Creve Coeur, the Silver Screen Series is offered free of charge to the public. These events would not be possible without the support of our community partners: Oasis, Cinema St. Louis, The Harvey A. Friedman Center for Aging at Washington University, and VOYCE.

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