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**Texas natives Ethan Hawke & Richard Linklater to receive inaugural
Larry McMurtry Award at the 2021 Lone Star Film Festival Gala
at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth**

FORT WORTH, Texas -- The Lone Star Film Festival Gala will take place in-person on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. Hawke and Linklater will be honored with an award named after iconic Texas novelist and screenwriter, Larry McMurtry, who passed away in March.

“We are proud to announce that two of Texas’ most famous living filmmakers, Richard Linklater and Ethan Hawke, will be feted for their contributions to American cinema at this year’s Lone Star Gala,” notes Lone Star Film Society Board Chair Red Sanders.

Hawke, who was contacted by phone remarked, “When I first met Rick, I remember him saying, ‘I’m inviting you to be a filmmaker with me. My whole life I’ve gone to the movies and there’s espionage and shootouts and helicopters... But my own life feels pretty exciting to me and I’ve never been involved in a chase or a shootout... And what’s the most exciting thing that’s ever happened to me? Connecting with another human being... If we can put that on screen I think people will care.’ That’s what Rick and I have always tried to do in the films we’ve made together. I’m excited to come to Fort Worth with him and talk about making movies!”

“Hawke and Linklater have collaborated on eight truly ground-breaking films over the past quarter-century (and for which they have been nominated for a total of seven Academy Awards,” said Lone Star Film Society Executive Director Chad Mathews. “Their Texas roots and sensibility are an inspiration to the young aspiring filmmakers that we nurture each year in Fort Worth. Incorporating Larry McMurtry’s spirit into the evening’s conversation promises to be extraordinary.”

Past Lone Star Film Festival honorees include Billy Bob Thornton, Jeff Bridges, Jane Seymour, Malcolm McDowell, Betty Buckley, Martin Sheen, Willie Nelson, Jeff Nichols, Cybil Shephard, and, Paul Schrader.

Wolfgang Puck Catering, recognized for its inventive cuisine and refined service, will provide cocktails and dinner. Individual seats list at \$500 each, with 10-seat table options ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Table options for the 2021 Gala may be reserved by contacting Ryan James Barr (ryan@lonestarfilmfestival.com).

For more information, please visit <https://www.lonestarfilmfestival.com/2021-gala>

ABOUT THE LONE STAR FILM SOCIETY

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the Lone Star Film Society exists to cultivate an appreciation and understanding of the moving image as an art form while showcasing the City of Fort Worth. The society accomplishes this mission through year-round screenings, film education workshops, film camps, and community collaboration that includes the annual Lone Star Film Festival.

ABOUT THE MODERN

The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth is a leader in collecting, showing, and interpreting art from the 1940s to the present. Situated in the heart of the Cultural District, the creative center of the city, the Modern has been housed since 2002 in an elegant concrete, glass, and steel building designed by the renowned Japanese architect Tadao Ando. In addition to 53,000 square feet of soaring, light-filled gallery space and landscaped grounds with outdoor sculptures, the museum features a reflecting pond, theater, education center, gift shop, and café, creating a thriving hub for our community and beyond.

The Modern is a center of lifelong learning and exchange. Our programs include tours, lectures by leading figures in the art world, youth and adult classes, art camps, workshops, and a range of small-group studio and gallery programs led by the Museum's educators, docents, and community artists. We also present critically acclaimed first-run films and partner with other local arts organizations to offer music, dance, and theater.

ABOUT THE FORT WORTH FILM COMMISSION

The Fort Worth Film Commission, a division of Visit Fort Worth was established in 2015 with the goal of serving as a beacon for the creative class. Since 2015 the film commission has worked with hundreds of projects and driven \$47 million in economic impact and over 4,000 jobs. Highlights of projects include films such as A Ghost Story, The Old Man & the Gun, Never Goin' Back, No Future, Miss Juneteenth, and 12 Mighty Orphans. For more information visit FilmFortWorth.com and follow on social @FilmFortWorth.

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