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***“Friends United”
Legacy of an Icon***

Officially named ***“Gary Cooper Day”*** the final day of *Hatch* film festival October 9th 2005 will represent the gathering of celebrity writers, directors and producers- all friends united as one to pay homage to the *‘Legacy of an Icon’*, Classic Hollywood actor, *Gary Cooper*.

Gary Cooper was a hunter, a fisherman, an architect, a photographer and a writer. He loved sports, animals, and music. The quintessential American male, Cooper was and remains admired by all his peers. *In the words of renowned author, Ernest Hemingway, he is “The best actor there is, because he never acts. He just is.”*

As a Hollywood idol Cooper saw the transition from silent film to sound pictures; from black-and-white to color and though he never took acting classes, it was through his mastered portrayals that he was able to redefine Hollywood heroism and the western genre in ways others could not. The tall, laconic actor appeared in over 107 films, won 2 Oscars and several other awards.

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As an honor to the celebrated actor, *Hatchfest* will present the screening of the 1940s classic western “*The Westerner*” at 2:00pm on Sunday October 9th at the historic *Ellen Theatre*, downtown *Bozeman*. ‘*The Westerner*’ classifies as one of the finest of its genres, containing elements, of humor, history and adventure. Gary Cooper, though initially rejecting the role, became a hero in one of Hollywood’s most classic western films.

Immediately following the screening, the momentous ‘legacy panel’, will lead the discussions of the famed actors work. The panel includes award winning writers, directors, producers, and friends of Mr. Cooper. They are, writer/director and official representative of the Gary Cooper Estate, Mr. John Mulholland, Producer-Richard Shepherd, Director- Michael Anderson, and award nominated writer – Mr. Brian Garfield.

Each panel member in his time has made a significant contribution to the creative arts through their efforts and inspiring stories. They have all worked and have known personally, America’s favorite and most legendary cowboy: *Gary Cooper*.

Mr. John Mulholland:

A contributor to film and a teacher to many, John Mulholland is an expert on Cooper and Hemmingway, classic Hollywood, and film history. He is most known for his works in, Liza Minnelli on ‘*Meet Me in St. Louis*’ (2004) (V) (producer, director) *Inside ‘High Noon’* (2003) (TV) (producer, director) and *As Time Goes By: The Children Remember* (2003) (V) (producer, director)

Mr. Richard Shepherd:

Award winning producer, Mr. Richard Shepherd is known most prominently for his work in ‘*Breakfast at Tiffany’s*’, ‘*The Hunger*’ and ‘*Hanging Tree*’. He is said to have produced one of Gary Cooper’s most memorable roles as the wise and weary ‘*Doc Joe Frail*’ in the unforgettable western drama “*Hanging Tree*”.

Mr. Michael Anderson:

UK born actor, director and producer, Mr. Michael Anderson was a longtime personal friend of Mr. Gary Cooper. He is associated with a numerous amount of films including, his second film with Cooper, ‘*The Naked Edge*’ (1961), Oscar winning Best Picture ‘*Around the World in 80 days*’ (1956) and ‘*Logan’s Run*’ (1976). Known for his occasionally flamboyant and aggressive visual style, he was said to have shown Cooper, “in an equivocal way, teasing audiences on whether his character was devil or saint” in ‘*The Naked Edge*’.

The ‘*Gary Cooper Legacy Panel*’ will take place on *October 9th 2005 at 4:00pm*, immediately after the 2 o’clock screening of “*The Westerner*”, starring Gary Cooper at the historic *Ellen Theatre*, downtown Bozeman where Gary’s star rests.

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