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Remember Your Dream Film Festival to showcase student films *Inaugural event to be held in historic Tivoli Theater*

CHATTANOOGA, TN – Students from three Hamilton County middle schools will debut their films at the 2008 Inaugural *Remember Your Dream* Film Festival in downtown Chattanooga on Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.

The historic Tivoli theatre will return to its original status as Chattanooga's premiere movie theatre hosting the event.

The festival is the result of a partnership between the Hamilton County Department of Education; the Department of Education, Arts & Culture; the Public Education Foundation and the Chattanooga/SE Tennessee Film Commission.

Through a grant from the Pearson Foundation, students at Chattanooga Museum Magnet Middle School, East Ridge Middle School and Sale Creek Middle school created (20) four-minute short films. The students worked on the films during after-school programs. The subject of each film was determined by the students with the goal of focusing on their community and impact it has on their lives. The project enabled 66 students to voice their thoughts and opinions on what was important to them while advancing their technical knowledge and enhancing community partnerships.

"This partnership was a great opportunity for our students to use 21st century skills to showcase current events and opinions," Superintendent Dr. Jim Scales said. "We want to thank the Pearson Foundation, the City of Chattanooga and the Public Education Foundation and the National Education Association Foundation for giving our students this opportunity and chance to be part of the filmmaking industry."

Missy Crutchfield, administrator of Education, Arts & Culture said, "*Remember Your Dream* is a way to give students a voice on how to connect with their personal dreams. It is also a way to partner the community, the arts and social issues in a powerful medium such as film. I am honored that the Tivoli theatre is hosting this momentous occasion and I look forward to this becoming an annual event."

The Chattanooga/SE Tennessee Film Commission also participated in the partnership. Kurt Faires, commission chair added, "Film production is about more than just economic development. Promoting education through this particular medium is exciting business. We salute the students and their teachers for embarking on this adventure."

The film festival will kick off at 6:00 p.m. with a private reception for students at their families. The doors to the Tivoli will open to the general public at 6:30 p.m. with the film premiere beginning at 7:00 p.m. Advance tickets for the film premiere are \$5 and can be purchased through the Hamilton County Department of Education by calling (423) 209-8595 they may be purchased at the door. For additional information concerning this inaugural film premiere contact Lakweshia Tibbs at 209-8595.

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