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Final Work of Horton Foote Set for Australian Premiere

In March of 2009 screenwriter *Horton Foote* died at the age of 92 after a long and successful screen writing career. Now his final work, ***MAIN STREET***, is set for its Australian premiere at the Gold Coast Film Festival 2010, presented by Australia Fair Shopping Centre.

MAIN STREET is a contemporary drama about several residents of a small Southern city whose lives are changed by the arrival of a stranger with a controversial plan to save their decaying hometown. In the midst of today's challenging times, each of the colorful citizens of this close-knit North Carolina community -- from its Mayor to a local police officer to a once-wealthy tobacco heiress -- will search for ways to reinvent themselves, their relationships and the very heart of their neighborhood.

"It is about the loss of the town, the loss of innocence, the loss of love and yet, rebirth" Oscar nominated actress Patricia Clarkson.

Beyond acclaimed screenwriter Horton Foote, who won the Academy Award for Best Screenplay in 1962 for *'To Kill a Mockingbird'* and in 1963 for *'Tender Mercies'*, ***MAIN STREET*** features an all star cast and crew. Ellen Burstyn, Colin Firth, Patricia Clarkson, Amber Tamblyn and Orlando Bloom star with Andrew McCarthy, Tom Wopat, Margo Martindale and Victoria Clark. Tony Award-winning director John Doyle (the 2004 revival of *"Sweeney Todd"*) makes his feature film debut, with Donald M. McAlpine (Oscar nominee for *Moulin Rouge!*) serving as director of photography.

Typical of Foote's past film work (*Tender Mercies*, *The Trip to Bountiful*), ***MAIN STREET*** focuses on the dreams and aspirations of everyday people, reflecting his early upbringing in the small town of Wharton, Texas. It was this love of simple folk and their beloved hometowns that led to the writer focusing on the plight of Durham, North Carolina five years before filming took place.



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Before the film could start shooting, Horton Foote died in his sleep on March 4, 2009, at the home of daughter Hallie Foote in Connecticut at the age of 92. Although saddened, the cast and filmmakers resolved to create ***MAIN STREET*** as a homage to Horton Foote, breathing life into his story as they believed he would have wanted them to.

“I would have loved to have met Horton. It is sad to have come this close to having actually worked with him and to have missed at the last minute. This story needed to be kept alive, and it turned out to be a wonderful thing for us to do this final work of his with love and accuracy.” Actor Colin Firth.

“It is a great honour to be presenting the Australian premier of Horton Foote’s final film at this year’s Gold Coast film festival. It is one not to be missed by local cinefiles”. Casey Marshall Siemer, Festival Director.

The Gold Coast Film Festival presented by Australia Fair Shopping Centre, will be held November 10-16 at Australia Fair Birch Carroll and Coyle Cinemas in Southport. Gold Coast City Council’s Film Gold Coast is the major Government sponsor of the event. The full program of films and events will be launched October 14. For more details please see www.gcfilmfestival.com

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