



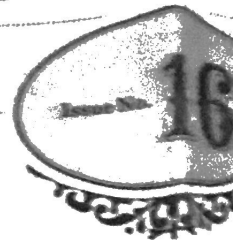
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Lights, Camera and Plenty of Action Covey is Almost Here

Three years is a charm and Thomasville's Third Annual Covey Film Festival will be packed with great movies, speakers and events. With the theme Nature, Community & Caring, movies are selected to fit this criteria and include Academy Award-nominated features and winners of major film festival awards. All proceeds benefit the Thomasville Community Resource Center (TCRC), which serves over 350 children.

Running through October 8 - 18, films are available during the day and evenings. Industry speakers will discuss films and answer questions after many of the screenings. A special highlight includes "Lost Boy" Jacob Atem, speaking about *The Good Lie*. Jacob suffered every obstacle life could offer while running for his life through Africa as an eight year old with other children of South Sudan. He brings his story faith and perseverance to Thomasville, a great honor. Now completing his PhD and an inspirational speaker, Jacob has also appeared in TED talks.

Covey proudly announces a World Premiere and a Sneak Preview - two films never seen anywhere before! On Monday, October 12th, Rhett Turner screens his new documentary *Secrets of the Longleaf Pine*. Much of the documentary was filmed in the region, including Thomasville. It will air on Georgia PBS a few days later - making Covey first! Rhett joins the audience after the movie for discussion and Q&A. Prior to the premiere, there is a 4PM reception, sponsored by Jon Kohler & Associates, for sponsors and underwriters of Covey at The Greenwood Plantation. A tour of the big woods is included, with thanks to Mrs. Paddy Wade. Rhett Turner will join the guests to discuss his film in a more intimate setting.

A "Sneak Peak" of the short film *Amerigo* highlights the October 17th Short Film Event. Covey Ambassador, Todd Thompson, writer/producer/director will speak after the

evening of shorts for discussion about the film and why short films are important. He and Paul Cohen, Covey Advisor from the FSU School of Motion Picture Arts, Executive Director of The Torchlight Program, will join the audience in a Q&A.

There are many wonderful film events including The History of Film in Thomasville hosted by Thomasville Landmarks and the Thomas County History Museum, an evening at Tall Timbers, with the must see film *Who Owns Water*. For animal lovers, a film about the power of animal rescue, with discussion by Carol Jones from Miss Kitty's Sanctuary. Local film director, Victor Nunez, joins Covey with his Academy Award-nominated *Ulee's Gold*. Filmed in the Tallahassee region, this film forewarned the current loss of bee populations. Victor, an FSU Film School professor, was also a founder of The Sundance Film Festival and will speak after the film.

Look for The *Townie's* special Covey Film Festival publication coming out mid-September which will have a complete line up of all movies and events. Passes are available online at www.coveyfilmfestival.com or tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10. Tickets also are available for receptions and an autograph signing with Nico Evers-Swindell, a very busy working actor on the rise! He played Prince William in *William & Kate*, Prince Kenneth in *Grimm* and along with other exciting past and upcoming roles, plays the handsome fireman in the long running Alka-Seltzer ad.

Not to be missed is the Masked Quail Ball, this year's Covey Gala, sponsored by Southwest Georgia Farm Credit, Thursday, October 15th featuring a Stars under the Stars cocktail reception on the bricks, followed by dinner and dancing and an A-List Auction! Tickets \$200 per person or \$375 per couple. An evening worthy of the red carpet.

— Didi H.