

## **BATJAC, Old Tucson Studios and the Fox Tucson Theatre Foundation to Present John Wayne's HONDO in 3-D**

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**The 1953 western classic "HONDO", filmed in 3-D and starring film icon John Wayne, will be screened for the public March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the historic Fox Theatre.** The film, fully restored in 2007 by **Gretchen Wayne** and screened previously only at the 2007 Cannes film festival and in Los Angeles last November to sold out audiences, will be accompanied by a display of costumes, props and other memorabilia from the film. A guest panel of directors/producers including Ron Shelton, Walter Hill and Mick Garris will discuss the film in a pre-screening panel discussion Saturday night.

"The Fox was often visited by Mr. Wayne when he was in Tucson filming at Old Tucson Studios" said Fox Tucson Theatre Foundation CEO Herb Stratford. "Mr. Wayne filmed several movies in Tucson, and was frequently seated in the Fox's then-closed balcony to see the latest movie. We're thrilled that Gretchen Wayne (of BATJAC) has allowed us to present this version of 'HONDO' to the public." Wayne filmed four westerns at Old Tucson Studios which include McLintock, Rio Lobo, Rio Bravo and El Dorado from 1959 through 1970. Red River (1948) was filmed using several locations in Southern Arizona.

"Old Tucson Studios and its recently formed Production Company Old Tucson Productions are promoting film making **in Tucson and throughout Southern Arizona.** This Premiere gives Tucson the opportunity to highlight our locations and services to 'A List' Hollywood producers and directors" said Pete Mangelsdorf Chief Executive Officer of Old Tucson Company. The Fox Tucson Theatre, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, seats nearly 1,200 and will host two screenings in part due to sponsorship support from *Old Tucson Studios, Dolby Labs, BATJAC productions* and others.

Tickets for the Saturday screening are \$55 per person, which includes the pre-screening viewing of HONDO movie memorabilia as well as the panel discussion with guest directors. Sunday matinee screening tickets are \$20 per person. Tickets are available starting Tuesday, January 29 at the Fox Tucson Theatre Box office, 17 West Congress (M-S 11am - 6pm), by phone at 520-547-3040, and online at [www.foxtucsontheatre.org](http://www.foxtucsontheatre.org).

For more information regarding Old Tucson Productions and the experiences visitors will find at Old Tucson Studios, the "Hollywood of the Desert," check [www.oldtucson.com](http://www.oldtucson.com).

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