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**DOCUMENTARY ON ARTIST FRANK REAUGH SELECTED TO SCREEN APRIL 3
IN INDIE FILM SERIES PRESENTED BY HILL COUNTRY FILM SOCIETY**

FREDERICKSBURG, Texas — In partnership with [Fritztown Cinema](#), the [Hill Country Film Society](#) presents their next FREE independent film series screening on April 3, 2016, starting at 5:30 p.m. The fourth screening in the series in 2016 is the new art documentary **[FRANK REAUGH: PASTEL POET OF THE TEXAS PLAINS](#)** (d. Marla Fields, U.S., 2015). In addition to the special screening, [RS Hanna Gallery](#) will host a weekend of events in honor of Reaugh (pronounced Ray), starting with the city's popular First Friday Art Walk beginning April 1, 2016.

"RS Hanna Gallery is proud to be the host of a weekend celebration of Frank Reaugh, one of the West's most influential frontier artists," comments gallery owner Shannon Hanna. "His haunting landscapes, rooted in early impressionism, are like the skin of a well developed thought, lyrically whole, opening to the timeless conversation of the Texas wilderness and beyond. We are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of honoring such iconic talent."

Beginning on Friday, RS Hanna Gallery will display three generations of works by artists Lucretia Donnell and daughter Lucretia D. Coke, two of Mr. Reaugh's favorite students, plus a pastel from her daughter Cari Newman Vieregge. Also on display, a select few of original Reaugh's also from the Jim and Bonnie Pohl and Lucretia D. Coke Collection. The gallery will play host to a Reaugh lap easel, his pastels, and photos as well. Guests are welcome to come during the day and/or attend the evening's reception from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in conjunction with the First Friday Art Walk and this month's exhibition celebrating photographer James Heupel.

On Saturday, April 2, 2016, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., guests are invited to meet two of the gallery's talented artists, [Garland Weeks](#) and [Jeri Salter](#), and hear how Mr. Reaugh has influenced their work even today.

And, on Sunday, April 3, the gallery will host a tea party in honor of the Texas artist, Reaugh student [Lucretia Donnell Coke](#), and her daughters from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. In the proud tradition of the Frank Reaugh Art Club, club president Bonnie Rea will speak and make the introductions. Filmmaker Marla Fields will be in attendance to answer any questions that art and film lovers may have during the gallery events and after the screening Sunday evening.

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“We’re excited to have the opportunity to share the life story of Frank Reaugh and how he earned the ‘Dean of Texas Painters’ title,” said Chad Mathews, executive director, at Hill Country Film Society. “As a society, our mission is to create experiences that educate, inspire, and engage, and we believe this documentary will do just that as attendees come away with a greater appreciation of Reaugh and his influence on Texas artists.”

“It is the hope of our Texas filmmakers that this documentary, featuring Reaugh's impressionistic images of the Southwest, period photographs, original music and colorful commentary from scholars, people that knew him, and the film’s narrator and singer/songwriter Michael Martin Murphey, will finally bring deserved attention to this artist’s fascinating life,” adds Marla Fields.

Gallery events are free. Admission to the screening is free; donations will be accepted benefiting the Hill Country Film Society. Seating for the screening is first come, first serve at the Fritztown Cinema. Doors open at 5:15 p.m.

About Hill Country Film Society

The Hill Country Film Festival, created in 2010 to celebrate and showcase filmmakers from Texas and around the world, quickly evolved into a non-profit organization with a broader vision. The Hill Country Film Society not only hosts the annual festival, but provides year-round independent film programming in the Texas Hill Country as well as education in the art of independent film. Its mission is to encourage discovery through visual storytelling and create experiences that educate, inspire and engage. The society relies on its sponsors and members to help achieve its mission and ensure the future of film as part of a vibrant, creative culture. For more information, visit www.hillcountryff.com/film-society/.

About Fritztown Cinema

Newly licensed for beer and wine sales, Fritztown Cinema, owned and operated by Sloan Ruth, is welcoming movie fans to its location at 2254 Highway 87 South in Fredericksburg, Texas. For more information, visit www.fritztowncinema.com or www.facebook.com/fritztowncinema.

About RS Hanna Gallery

Shannon Hanna has been connecting exceptional art and collectors since 1998 in Fredericksburg, first for Whistlepik Gallery for 11 years, then founding InSight Gallery with her sister in 2009 to national article fanfare. In 2011, Shannon opened RS Hanna Gallery with the philosophy to hold open a place for sharing life’s beauty with others, bringing “artist’s artists” and art lovers together. Thirty recognized artists from 14 states, Scotland, and Canada have found a home at 208 S. Llano St, Fredericksburg, TX 78624. An emphasis on new, fine quality work of highly collectible artists, together with

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her thoughtful and attentive style to both artists and collectors alike, has marked her success with her new gallery. Experience RS "Shannon" Hanna's passion for art, contagiously sharing that passion with others at www.rshannagallery.com.

About Frank Reaugh (1860 - 1945) and the Film

Many consider Charles Franklin (Frank) Reaugh's oils and pastels some of the most poetic depictions of Western landscapes ever produced. A key figure in the state's development of visual art and art education beginning in the late 1800s and early 1900s, Reaugh was also an inventor, naturalist and photographer. He affected more Texas artists through his paintings, teachings and annual sketching trips than any other Texas artist in history. While his contributions are known to historians, curators and collectors, his story is remarkably unfamiliar to the general public. Learn more about this man and his story at <http://marlafields.com/frankreaugh>.

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