

They Agree to Disagree. Irish Movie Review Show The Film Talk moves to Nashville

**'The Film Talk', the Belfast based movie review show, which has just been added to the nomination list for best Arts and Culture Blog in Ireland, is moving to Nashville. Hosted by BBC Comedy Director Jett Loe and author Gareth Higgins this weekly Internet Radio Show is a battle of wits between the hosts as they analyze new movie releases as well as old classics.**

Nashville, Tennessee, Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – Belfast based movie review show 'The Film Talk' is moving production to its sister city, Nashville, Tennessee. Just added to the nomination list for Best Arts and Culture Blog in Ireland by the Irish Blog Awards, 'The Film Talk' is a weekly audio battle of wits over movies, hosted by BBC Comedy Director Jett Loe and author Gareth Higgins. 'The Film Talk' is available free through Apple's iTunes store and on the Show's website at <http://thefilmtalk.com>.

Says 'The Film Talk' co-host Jett Loe, "I'm excited to move to Nashville, Belfast's sister city. I've been visiting here for a year and have fallen in love with the town, including its Belcourt Theatre, one of the best repertory movie houses in the U.S. People here love film and it shows, Nashville is a great place for movies."

Says Program Director for the Belcourt, Toby Leonard, "'Shows like 'The Film Talk' coming here are an indicator of a growing film culture in Nashville. We're all the better for it."

'The Film Talk' is a show that takes advantage of people getting their media increasingly on the Internet, their laptops, iPhones and iPods.

Says Jett Loe, "I've been directing TV for years yet I love the flexibility of doing shows online. Not being constrained by Network Television time limits means we're able to discuss Heath Ledger's brilliant impersonation of Tom Waits in 'The Dark Knight' or Stanley Kubrick's use of color in 'Eyes Wide Shut' in depth without having to watch the clock.

He continues, "And with more people watching movies online through services like Hulu and Netflix's Watch Instantly it makes sense that they get their film reviews online as well. Our fans tell us there's a real hunger for good movies out there and we love being able to point the way to films they wouldn't otherwise have heard of, but are available through the Net."

The Film Talk has just been added to the nomination list for Best Arts and Culture Blog this year at the 2009 Irish Blog Awards, with winners announced at a ceremony in Dublin, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Says 'The Film Talk' co-host Gareth Higgins "It's a real pleasure to be on the nomination list at the Irish Blog Awards. I like to think that even though we'll be recording 'The Film Talk' in the U.S. we'll keeps things Celtic enough for people in Ireland to keep listening!"

Says Jett Loe, "Being on The Irish Blog Award nomination list reflects that 'The Film Talk' is more than just a weekly show. The TFT website is updated throughout the day on all matters cinemactical with a focus on politics, theology, technology and the actual process of making movies."

To celebrate the move to the U.S. 'The Film Talk' is running its first contest. The winner will get a customized DVD commentary for their favorite U.S. film, with Jett Loe and Gareth Higgins arguing over the merits of every aspect of the production. To win this unique DVD commentary, provided on MP3 to watch with the movie, go to [http://www.thefilmtalk.com/2009/01/28/commentary\\_contest](http://www.thefilmtalk.com/2009/01/28/commentary_contest) and explain in 25 words or less why your favorite U.S. film should be the one to win. Contest closes February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Jett Loe Bio: San Francisco-born television director and photographer, who's lived the last 10 years in London and Belfast, Jett has directed all 5 seasons of the BBC Comedy series 'Just for Laughs', and reviewed movies on BBC Radio.

Gareth Higgins Bio: Belfast-born writer Gareth is the author of the book 'How Movies Helped Save My Soul', has written for the Irish Times and Beliefnet and presented on BBC Radio. He holds a Ph.D. from Queen's University Belfast and is a Visiting Scholar at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

To listen to 'The Film Talk' go to the Apple iTunes store and subscribe or download the show directly at <http://www.thefilmtalk.com>.

For additional information about 'The Film Talk', including audio clips of the show contact Jett Loe, or go to the Press Page at: <http://www.thefilmtalk.com/press-page>.

'The Film Talk' is a Lucky Starr Media LLC Production. Lucky Starr Media LLC was formed in 2008 by Jett Loe to produce entertainment for television and the Internet and is based in Nashville, Tennessee.

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