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A Glance Back in Time of Atlanta's Own Popcorn Palace

Jonesboro, GA - The Clayton County Convention & Visitors Bureau is excited to announce a fantastic upcoming exhibit at Arts Clayton Gallery. *Reflections of Hollywood's Golden Era - Movies Connecting the Past and Future* takes visitors back in time and pays homage to Hollywood's Golden Era and also showcases how film has advanced over the years. This exhibit will be on display from August 2 through September 27.

This remarkable exhibit will feature hand-painted movie posters ranging from the 1920s to the 40s. During that time, it was common for movie theaters to have in-house artists create posters for upcoming movies, so each theater's posters would have a very unique look for the same feature film. After extensive research, the posters were discovered to have connections to the Loew's Grand Theater that was destroyed by fire in Atlanta in 1978. Typically, posters were thrown out or reused after a movie closed.

Herb Bridges, owner of this historic collection, has special ties to these movie posters. As a teenager, Bridges worked as an usher at the Loew's Grand Theater. He recognized that these posters were from MGM movies that played at that very theater. As a special treat during this exhibit, Herb Bridges will be at Arts Clayton Gallery on September 7th from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm to answer questions and tell stories related to the collection and his acquisition of the posters.

Visitors will be immersed in the artistry of the posters and the history and timeline that film has created. "This is going to be a wonderful exhibit that will appeal to anyone who loves movies. This exhibit covers a wide array from well known films such as *Meet Me in St. Louis* and lesser known movies like *Bataan*," says Danielle Conroy, Director of Marketing and Communications at the Clayton County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The public is invited to enjoy this free exhibit Tuesdays through Saturdays at Arts Clayton Gallery located at 136 South Main Street, Jonesboro, GA 30236. For information on other Arts Clayton events during August and September visit them online at www.artsclayton.org or call 770-473-5457.

Clayton County Convention & Visitors Bureau

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