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THE LAST STEAMSHIP

THE SEARCH FOR THE SS CITY OF MEDICINE HAT

Shipwreck Documentary Announces World Premiere, City of Saskatoon Partnership

Colourful Luggage Productions Inc and PotashCorp Fireworks Festival Saskatoon are thrilled to announce that the feature-length documentary film *The Last Steamship: The Search for the SS City of Medicine Hat* will celebrate its world premiere on September 3, 2010 at 7:00 PM, to be hosted at the Broadway Theatre in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

The Last Steamship chronicles the events surrounding the first and only nautical disaster in prairie history: the wreck of the luxurious SS City of Medicine Hat, a 130-foot steamship which met her untimely end on June 8th, 1908 when she crashed into the newly constructed Traffic Bridge and sank to the bottom of the swiftly flowing South Saskatchewan river -- right in downtown Saskatoon.

In 2006, divers from Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services recovered a hundred-year-old anchor that was quickly confirmed to be a relic from the ill-fated vessel. The discovery of the anchor ignited the curiosity of shipwreck enthusiasts and historians alike, and as a result, an intensive underwater excavation was planned in the hopes of discovering more of these artifacts as the one-hundredth anniversary of the collision loomed. Director Leanne Schinkel, producer Nils Sorensen, and editor Corby Evenson were on hand to capture this exciting adventure on film!

Presented by SaskEnergy, the premiere screening is open to the public. Immediately following the screening, PotashCorp Fireworks Festival will present a choreographed fireworks display at 9:30 PM at River Landing, on the Traffic Bridge – the very location where the SS City of Medicine Hat crashed and sank! Tickets for the premiere are on sale at the Broadway Theatre box office (306.652.6556) or at www.laststeamship.com -- the film's official website.

On Monday, June 28th the City of Saskatoon announced a funding partnership with *The Last Steamship* to help bring the project to completion. The City of Saskatoon joins the film's established production partners: the Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce, Stantec Consulting, BMO Nesbitt Burns, Shearwater Tours, the Saskatoon Public Library, the Sam Waller Museum, Karen K. Ingram CMA, and Backstage Music Ltd in recognizing Saskatchewan heritage and independent filmmaking.

Colourful Luggage Productions Inc is a single-purpose entity incorporated to facilitate the production of *The Last Steamship: The Search for the SS City of Medicine Hat*.

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