



The nonprofit Circle Cinema is an indispensable cultural institution, exposing Tulsans to a bounty of arts and educational films and championing local filmmakers.

The Circle, through its innovative mix of films and unique events, has gained a reputation as one of the leading arthouse cinemas in the U.S.

From where I stand, the Circle towers above the rest, through in-theater conversations with prominent filmmakers, authentic and heartfelt dedication to diversity and inclusion, and an unwavering commitment to its simple yet strong mission: “elevating community consciousness through film”.

But the future of arthouse cinema is not assured. Major industry disruptions, including the pandemic and rise of home streaming, have threatened its future.

Although support from area foundations and businesses is important, it’s not enough to sustain the Circle. To that end, I am pleased to serve as the inaugural Honorary Chair of the new Circle Producer Society.

The Circle Producer Society is a philanthropic organization of individuals and couples who are committed to the future of arthouse cinema by providing general operating support of \$2,500, or \$1,000 (Associate Producer), renewable annually, to ensure the Circle remains a key part of Tulsa’s vibrant arts and cultural community.

I consider the Circle the best arthouse cinema in the U.S. and a place I will always call home. As Honorary Chair of the Circle Producer Society, I would like to encourage you to join me in preserving the future of the Circle Cinema and its bright red, iconic marquee that illuminates the Tulsa sky every night of the year.

Can you imagine Tulsa without an arthouse cinema? Together, with your support, we can ensure that the Circle remains a cultural beacon and provides that traditional yet innovative movie experience for generations to come.

With warmest regards,



Tim Blake Nelson
Producer, Director, Actor
Honorary Chair, Circle Producers Society



Steve Higgins
Chair, Board of Directors
Circle Cinema Foundation, Inc

