



THE STUDIO@620 HOSTS A UNIQUE SIDEWAYS CONVERSATION

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St. Petersburg, FL (04/09/05): The Studio@620 is honored to present a personal encounter with the artistry of movie-making as part of its ongoing fifth anniversary celebrations.

On Saturday, May 30, from 1:30–3:00 p.m., three of the artists from the independent film success *Sideways* will discuss the creative process that brings a movie from idea to audience.

Sideways is one of the most successful and critically acclaimed independent films ever made, winning 93 film awards including the Oscar[®]. This film expresses the same uncompromising yet beautiful vision of life, love, and relationships found in the many artistic collaborations at Studio@620 in the past five years.

Alexander Payne directed and co-wrote *Sideways*, for which he shared the Academy Award[®] for Best Writing (Adapted Screenplay) with our second panel participant, **Jim Taylor**. Their collaborative work has resulted in a string of challenging and critically acclaimed films, including *About Schmidt*, *Election*, and *Citizen Ruth*.

The third member of our panel is **Virginia Madsen**, an actress with 80 movie and television credits in her active career. Ms. Madsen received her first Academy Award[®] nomination for Best Supporting Actress for her work on this groundbreaking film.

The panel will be moderated “Actor’s Studio”-style by **Neil DeGroot**, a director and writer from St. Petersburg with an extensive resume in television and film. Together, they will discuss the complex interaction of writing, acting and directing to create a singular artistic vision on film. Examples drawn from the making of *Sideways* and other movies will provide practical, critical insights for anyone seeking to join the film community.

This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity is free to registered participants. Registration is limited to 120 only and reservations will be required for admittance.

RSVP by May 15, 2009, to 727-895-6620 or online at www.studio620.org/620/ticketsales.

The Studio@620 is a nonprofit arts venue located at 620 First Ave S, St. Petersburg, FL, 33701.

Please arrive before 1:15 p.m. to ensure entry. Free street parking is available.

Visit TheStudio@620 online at www.studio620.org or call 727-896-6620 for more information.