

The Nebraska Film Office announced today that native Nebraskan Alexander Payne will be filming his next feature film titled “Nebraska” in the state in October.

Produced by Bona Fide Productions and released by Paramount Pictures, the film stars Bruce Dern and Bill Forte. The road picture is the story of a father and estranged son on a journey from Montana to claim winnings from a sweepstakes ticket in Lincoln.

Nebraska Film Officer Laurie Richards has been identifying locations across the state for the project. Nebraska Department of Economic Development staff and other contacts statewide have been instrumental in this quest.

“We are so happy to have Alexander back in Nebraska for this project. We have been working on this for seven years, and now it will finally happen,” said Richards.

Two-time academy award winner, director and writer, Payne is famous for three previous films shot here, Citizen Ruth, Election and About Schmidt.

Filming will begin in October in northeast Nebraska, Lincoln, and several other key locations across the state.

“Alexander is a huge fan of Nebraska, the small towns, the unique landscape and environs. He is also hoping to hire local crew and actors. There have been several casting calls and we will see familiar local faces in this film and know local crew and service providers will play a big role in all of this,” said Richards. “It also means millions of dollars left behind in wages, lodging, rentals, food, and many services necessary to film on location. The economic impact is huge and the soft spinoff of tourism is palpable.

“For this project, Alexander is particularly interested in rural towns that have kept their historic identity,” added Richards. “We have many towns that fit his location descriptions; it’s a challenge to find everything in a 60 mile radius or what we call “zone of production.”

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