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LEWIS AND CLARK FILM RETURNS TO THE GATEWAY ARCH

ST. LOUIS, Mo. – Beginning January 2, 2008, the National Geographic film *Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West*, filmed in the Imax format, will again be shown continuously in the World Odyssey Theatre beneath the Gateway Arch at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. “We are glad to once again have this exciting and informative film for visitors to the Arch,” said Acting Superintendent Frank Mares. “Lewis and Clark began their trek in the St. Louis area, and returned in 1806 to the Levee in front of where the Arch stands today. It is a very appropriate presentation for our visiting public.”

With sweeping panoramas of the rugged American West and stunning aerial photography, one of the greatest adventures in American History comes to life in *Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West*. A National Geographic production, the film tells the story of the team’s arduous expedition from 1804 to 1806, the spectacular wildlife they encountered, the punishing winters they endured, the diverse Native American tribes they met and the breathtaking vistas they experienced on their journey into uncharted territory. The film was produced by National Geographic Television and Film, distributed by Destination Cinema, Inc. and is endorsed by the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. The film is narrated by actor Jeff Bridges and features an original score by Emmy Award-winning composer San Cardon.

The Odyssey Theatre beneath the Gateway Arch, with a four-story tall screen and Dolby digital sound, is the only theater of its kind in the National Park System. *Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West*, will be shown once each hour, with each showing at half past the hour; screenings begin at 9:30 a.m. each day, with the final showing at 4:30 p.m. Prices are \$7 for adults (which includes the \$3 National Park entrance fee), \$4 for those 13-15 years of age, and \$2.50 for youngsters 3-12.

The Museum of Westward Expansion and Gateway Arch are open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Historic Old Courthouse is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All ranger-led and special programs are free of charge. For additional information, call (314) 655-1700 weekdays, or 7-1-1 voice/TTY Telecommunications Relay Service, or visit www.nps.gov/jeff.

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