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PATTY WETTERLING, OTHER SPECIAL GUESTS COMING TO LISBON, ND FOR SCREENING OF DOC 'ECHOES IN THE NIGHT' AND BOOK EVENT

*After national spotlight from '**20/20**' episode and a robust release of film across MN*

LISBON, N. Dakota — October 29, 2026 — The documentary *Echoes in the Night: The Search for Jacob Wetterling* will expand its regional theatrical run with a special screening and conversation at the Historic Scenic Theatre in Lisbon at 1pm on Nov 15.

The film's producers are partnering with the Scenic to host this special event, featuring an in-person appearance by renowned child safety advocate Patty Wetterling, writer Joy Baker, and the film's director Chris Newberry.

In addition to a screening of the film and a conversation with the special guests, the event will feature a meet & greet with Wetterling and Baker, who will be signing copies of Wetterling's memoir "Dear Jacob" (co-authored by Baker). Copies of the book will be made available to moviegoers, and proceeds from ticket and book sales will in-part go toward a fundraiser for the local Lisbon Public Library.

Wetterling's son was abducted in 1989 in one of the most notorious crimes in Minnesota history, the complicated aftermath of which is the subject of both the documentary and the book.

"The legacy of the Wetterling family and their love for their son have kept us motivated during the ten years needed to tell the story in *Echoes in the Night,*" said director Chris Newberry. "We're so proud to finally be able to share the deepest account of what happened not only to a family but to a community. It was incredibly lucky that we started filming just as the perpetrator responsible for Jacob's abduction was apprehended, and it's a real privilege to have the Wetterling family embrace the film as we share how their work made the world a safer place for the next generation of children."

Excerpts from *Echoes in the Night* found a national audience as ABC's flagship investigative series *20/20* devoted a two-hour episode to the Jacob Wetterling story in July. The broadcast revisited the case with new insights, and featured an interview with Newberry. the *20/20* episode is now available to stream on Hulu and Disney+.

Despite the film's humble origins, several factors such as broad interest in the Wetterling story, strong reviews, and great word-of-mouth have propelled *Echoes in the Night* through a thirteen-week regional release. The film has reached 49 screens across

Minnesota and neighboring states. The run has featured engagements extended by popular demand and several sold-out screenings.

The Lisbon Historic Scenic Theatre is a unique fixture in this part of the country, as it bills itself as the longest continuously-run movie theater in North America, at 115 years and counting.

Tickets for the Nov 15 special event can be purchased prior to the event by texting 701-866-2211, by emailing lisbonhistoricscenictheatre@gmail.com, or at the Lisbon Public Library during regular hours.

Minneapolis-based filmmaker Chris Newberry is a multi-prize-winning documentary director and producer, recipient of a 2014 regional Emmy Award, and a 2019 NAACP Image Award nominee. His films have appeared on two acclaimed PBS series, *America Reframed* and *Independent Lens*, as well as several national and international television networks. *Echoes in the Night: The Search for Jacob Wetterling* is his third feature-length documentary as director.

To see a trailer, and learn more about *Echoes in the Night: The Search for Jacob Wetterling*, visit: https://www.jacobwetterlingfilm.com/

To learn more about authors Patty Wetterling and Joy Baker, and their book “Dear Jacob,” visit: https://www.dearjacobbook.com/

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Note to journalists and news directors: Director Chris Newberry will make himself available for interviews by phone or Zoom from now until the Nov 15 event. Please email cnewberry@gmail.com to request an interview.

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