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JACOB WETTERLING DOC 'ECHOES IN THE NIGHT'
EXPANDS ITS THEATRICAL RUN

*After national spotlight from July 17 '**20/20'** episode and a robust limited release across MN*

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Sept 16, 2026 — The documentary *Echoes in the Night: The Search for Jacob Wetterling* will expand its regional theatrical run, bringing the film to screens across Minnesota and to several midwestern states.

"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 on Friday, July 17. The broadcast revisited the case with new insights, and featured an interview with director Chris Newberry. It 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 six-week-and-growing regional release. The film has reached 28 screens across Minnesota, and is now expanding to Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota and Iowa. The run has featured engagements extended by popular demand and several sold-out screenings.

New venues are coming online daily. For the most up-to-date list of venues and dates, please see the theatrical schedule.

Minneapolis-based filmmaker Chris Newberry is an acclaimed documentary director whose work has aired on two acclaimed PBS series, *America ReFramed* and *Independent Lens,* as well as several national and international television networks. A 2014 regional Emmy Award winner, his first feature-length documentary, *American Heart*, took home six film festival prizes and made its nationwide broadcast debut in 2015 on the PBS World Channel. His follow-up as director, *Trusted Messenger*, was translated into multiple languages and aired internationally on the Al Jazeera Documentary Channel. His feature as producer and cinematographer, Norah Shapiro's *Time For Ilhan*, premiered at the 2018 Tribeca Film Festival and earned an NAACP Image Award nomination, among other accolades.

To learn more about *Echoes in the Night*, visit: https://www.jacobwetterlingfilm.com/

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