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STORY TOWN WITH WELDON'S

A Western Way of Life

a documentary short film

director

SUSAN CAROL DAVIS

writer and producer

LINDA S. ANDERSON

cinematographer and editor

JEREMY TAUB

A CURIOUS DOG CREATIVE PRODUCTION 2017



About the Film

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(TRT 14:50)

Director's Statement

The Weldon Burgoon Family in Denton, Texas has been a part of my life for well over forty years so when it comes to telling a tale that is close to home, this is it. My parents grew up in a similar world as Weldon's -- the Depression, World War II and a community where agriculture and livestock were prized. Family owned businesses were the norm and hard work, a given.

Story Town with Weldon's gives you a glimpse into what was, what is and what's to come. I find a comfort and an inspiration in that passage of time. I hope you will as well.

Susan Carol Davis
March 17, 2017

Special features include:

- A trip back in time to the 1930's – 1960's with archival footage and photographs from University of North Texas – Special Collections, the North Texas Fair and Rodeo, author Nita Seals and the Weldon Burgoon family.
- Original music by songwriter and blues historian, J. Aaron Cundall Americana bluegrass from Denton artists, the Bonnie and Nick Norris Band and classical guitarist, Polly Maynard.

Production Team:

Director	Susan Carol Davis
Writer/Producer	Linda S. Anderson
Cinematographer/Editor	Jeremy Taub
Second Camera	Alex McKellar
Sound Recording/Design	JMT Productions
Color/Graphics	

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Synopses

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Short

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Photo: Weldon Burgoon

Weldon's closure in January 2017 is symptomatic of the passing western way of life, once the heart of this North Texas community. There is insight into the management of a family business and a glimpse of what the future brings. The film features lively historical rodeo footage, Americana images as well as folk music and an original ballad from Denton artists. (94 words)



Photo: Clint Wilkinson, grandson of Weldon Burgoon

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Susan Carol Davis Director

Susan thanks mentors whether in Texas, Tennessee or California who invested their time and talents in helping her build a solid foundation for artistic vision with philanthropic roots.

Story Town with Weldon's is the pilot project in a series of films celebrating her hometown's rich heritage. Susan previously directed *Living Art: Jo Williams*, the festival award-winner, *Retno's Refusal* and recently directed an inventive short film, *Waking the Dead*, with fellow filmmaker, Elizabeth Harding.



Producing credits include *Retno's Refusal*; the documentary feature, *When We Were All Broncos*; Olive Tree Television's web series, *Spirit Horse*, and the popular festival short, *The Importance of Blind Dating*, featuring Stephen Tobolowsky.

Susan holds membership in Women in Film-Dallas, the Screen Actors Guild-American

Federation of Television and Radio Artists and serves on the Board of the Thin Line Fest in Denton, Texas. Photo: Weldon's merchandise

Linda S. Anderson Writer/Producer

Linda has over 20 years of communications and marketing experience in the corporate, government and education sectors. *Story Town with Weldon's* and *Living Art: Jo Williams* mark a return to her love of the performing arts, which began in elementary school and was nurtured all the way along by teachers who allowed Linda to write, star, direct and



produce a number of memorable productions for classmates and town folk in her native small town of Delavan, Illinois. Becoming well versed in the process of documentary filmmaking provides Linda with another means of telling stories. Photo: Kippie Burgoon Wilkinson, Linda and Weldon

Jeremy Taub Cinematographer/Editor

Jeremy Taub is a consummate filmmaker. He produces, directs, shoots and edits. As a graduate of the University of North Texas Film Program, he chose the college town of Denton, Texas as his base. The creative synergy created by the undergraduate and graduate student body in the arts has provided him with a constant flow of short film and documentary opportunities including being the Director of Photography for 9 senior student films and *Story Town with Weldon's*, a documentary short film now on the festival circuit.



Jeremy is dedicated to collaborating with other creative thinkers to help bring his ideas and theirs to the screen. He has edited professionally for 8 years including *Story Town with Weldon's* and *Living Art: Jo Williams*. Jeremy works as Content Associate/Director of Photography for Zing, LLC.

Special Featured Artists' Bios

J. Aaron Cundall

Singer/Songwriter/Blues historian

Aaron goes by the moniker “Little Elmo, or Elmo” as his band, Little Elmo & The Mambo Kings have been together in various forms since the 1980's. Elmo currently lives in Denton Texas but has spent many years in the Northwest during his 25 years in the US Army. Retired now, he concentrates his efforts on Music, Performing, and Volunteering in the Denton Community. Elmo and the Mambo Kings are currently



recording their 7th Album here in Denton with a release date of summer 2017. The band has performed at the Denton Jazz Festival and will again this year as well as the Blues Festival and other private and public gatherings. Jump Blues, Boogie Woogie and Swing, Texas Style!

Polly Maynard Classical Guitarist

Polly received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Classical Guitar Performance from The University of North Texas, where she taught for 10 years. Currently she is the Director of The Denton Childbloom Guitar Program, a music education program for young people. Polly is a frequent performer, introducing audiences to classical guitar, lute, and other early



instruments. Her 'informances' are both entertaining and educational, bringing music to individuals who may have little contact with the arts. " A prolific songwriter, Polly has been featured on radio stations throughout the nation. She enjoys performing both as a soloist and with "Miss Polly and Her Tiny Big Band", a favorite group at area music festivals.

Bonnie and Nick Norris Americana Instrumentalists

Bonnie & Nick Norris have been performing in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area since 1994. The brother and sister are available as a duo or as a full band.

Bonnie sings and plays a fierce fiddle and soulful violin while Nick maintains a solid driving rhythm on guitar. He awes the crowd with his signature sound



when he solos on guitar, steel guitar, and banjo. The duo are definite crowd favorites at the Denton's Arts and Jazz Festival, Courthouse on the Square Twilight Tunes and Dan's Silverleaf on historic Industrial Street

Festival Screenings

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World Premiere
Thin Line Film Festival
April 22, 2017
Denton, Texas



Frame of Mind
Video Association of Dallas - KERA
September, 2017
Dallas, Texas

