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## **Wilder School District Recognized as Nation’s Best Student-Run Animation Studio**

(BOISE) – Students and staff in the Wilder School District will be honored tomorrow, May 23 for the distinction of having the “#1 Student-Run Animation Studio” in the country. The event will feature a reception followed by a screening of Wilder School District student film, “The Return of Oz” at the legendary Egyptian Theatre in Boise.

This is Wilder School District’s second full-length feature film and first time being honored by Los Angeles-based Wonder Media. In 2019, students from the Wilder School District, the Melba School District and the Notus School District premiered “A WonderGrove Wizard of Oz” at the Egyptian Theatre. According to Wonder Media, it was the first ever full-length animated film produced by students. Wilder’s newest film marks the second.

The event is being hosted by Terry Thoren, CEO of Wonder Media and the former CEO of Klasky-Csupo, the company that produced hit kid shows Rugrats and The Wild Thornberrys. Thoren will honor the students, the school district board of trustees and Superintendent Dr. Jeff Dillon.

The screening begins at 7 p.m. at the Egyptian Theatre, and follows a 5 p.m. reception at Bardenay Restaurant in downtown Boise. Tickets for the reception can be reserved [here](#) and tickets for the film premiere can be reserved at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

Press is encouraged to attend. Please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/return-to-oz-movie-premiere-tickets-627233170297> to learn more about the event.

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