OCTA to Film "In Pursuit of a Dream"

The Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) in association with Boston Productions is producing a 1-hour broadcast television program, "In Pursuit of a Dream," and series of short videos to be shown in schools throughout the country about what it was like to be an emigrant traveling West on a wagon train.

Casting will begin soon for a few talented young men and women who can take part in this adventure traveling along the western trails in Wyoming and Oregon for two weeks this summer. They will ride in wagons, climb mountains, cross rivers, see actual inscriptions left by emigrants who followed the trails in the 19th century, make new friends, and learn a thing or two about America's Westward Expansion.

The program is being produced by Boston Productions, an award winning Film Company that produces theatrical presentations for museums, visitor centers, and broadcast outlets. Boston Productions has worked on other projects about the overland trail experience story, but this promises to be our biggest adventure ever.

The filming and wagon adventure will be lead by teachers, Dave Vixie, Disney Teacher of the Year; Kim Merchant and Janet Wragge, all winners of the OCTA Educator of the Year Award.

Candy Moulton of Encampment, Wyoming, is writing and producing the shows and Quackgrass Sally of Bridger, Montana, is the assistant producer. Candy has written about the Trails experience for nearly 20 years. Both of these ranch women have traveled hundreds of miles with wagon trains on the western trails. The rest of our team includes wagon drivers and horseback outriders who also are extremely experienced. Several of them are teachers; others are ranchers and cowboys. Bob Noll, the Creative Director of Boston Productions, is directing the film.

Auditions will be held in Boston, Denver, and Sacramento, CA.

The film project is funded with private donations, grants, and the contributions of many OCTA members. Filming will begin in late June in Wyoming and conclude by mid-July in Oregon.

Oregon-California Trails Association For the past 25 years, the Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) has worked to protect the trails and tell the stories of the 19th century westward American migration. Through research, education, and preservation activities, the organization raises public awareness of the trails. www.octa-trails.org

Boston Productions Inc., has been producing immersive and mixed media experiences for museums and broadcast outlets including orientation films, documentaries, and historic vignettes for nearly 20 years. The company excels at producing engaging media and interpretive programs that both educate and entertain. BPI created interactive exhibits—like a stagecoach ride and wagon crossing a river—for the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming, along with an orientation film about the overland trails for that center. www.bostonproductions.com