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Admiral Twin Drive-In to be Rebuilt - Public Groundbreaking Event to Take Place June 11

Like the mythological Phoenix, the Admiral Twin Drive-In is rising from the ashes. The Tulsa icon, destroyed by fire on September 3, 2010, will be rebuilt and once again serve the community that has shown an outpouring of support, charity and nostalgic reflection since the fire. "The donations, and overall support for the rebuilding has been truly overwhelming since last September," says Blake Smith whose family have owned the drive-in since 1987. Within hours of the fire a Facebook page was created and touted nearly 4,000 people sharing memories of the Admiral Twin and donating money toward its rebuilding. Numerous fundraising events were held the largest of which took place at the drive-in on October 16, 2010. Attended by thousands of supporters the benefit featured a full day of music from some of Tulsa's most popular musical acts, a classic car show and many vendors who donated proceeds to the cause. In all \$33,710.70 has been raised to-date by private donations.

At the time of the fire the owners had serious doubts that the drive-in would qualify for any additional loans to rebuild. "Without question it was the support of all these people that have donated their time, effort and of course money that showed our lenders that rebuilding was justified. Without that we wouldn't be announcing that the Admiral Twin is coming back," says Smith. There will be a public groundbreaking ceremony Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the drive-in with gates opening at 10:00 a.m. and ceremony beginning at 10:30 a.m. and the entire community is invited. "This is happening because of this amazing community of ours," says Smith, "and we would like everyone to grab a shovel and come out. Whether or not you donated or have ever even been to a movie at the Twin we would like to invite you to be there for the groundbreaking on the 11th." Bring the family, your neighbors and anyone that would like to be a part of the second chapter of the Admiral Twin's great history in Tulsa as we turn that ceremonial spade of dirt signifying the Admiral Twin's literal rise from the ashes.

The groundbreaking ceremony will be led by Smith, Shelby and Rachel Navarro of ONE Architecture, who created the plans for the new construction and several Tulsa community leaders.

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