

PRUDHOE TOWN COUNCIL - FILM: IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

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Sent: 14 September 2016 13:53

To: Jennifer McGee

Subject: FW: F.A.O. JENNIFER MCGEE - 'It's A Wonderful Life' 70th anniversary

Hello Jennifer

Please see the email below addressed to you.

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From: joanne curtis [<mailto:jocurtis77@hotmail.co.uk>]

Sent: 14 September 2016 13:08

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Subject: F.A.O. JENNIFER MCGEE - 'It's A Wonderful Life' 70th anniversary

Dear Mrs McGee,

My name is Jo Curtis and I'm a freelance TV Producer, currently working with an independent TV production company called Chalkman Productions.

Chalkman Productions are currently pitching a (1x 60 mins) documentary to the BBC which celebrates the 70th anniversary of 'It's a Wonderful Life'. Our documentary will chart the story of how the movie went from box office flop to the World's Favourite Christmas movie.

Explaining more about how the film was made, interviewing some of the surviving actors - as well as investigating it's longevity and legacy,

As you can imagine, a lot of sequences we are planning will be filmed in the USA. However, I have found some really interesting UK angles and I am keen to discover more. The stronger relevance we can make for this to interest a UK audience, then hopefully it will convince the channel bigwigs to give it the thumbs up!

Now, we have been liaising with the people Seneca Falls in the USA - a town that has been classified as 'the real Bedford Falls'. Locals say their town inspired the fictional town in the film and have an 'It's a Wonderful Life' Museum. They also hold a yearly 'It's a Wonderful Life Christmas Festival' which attracts thousands of visitors from all over the world!

Our contact there at Seneca Falls, told us that Prudhoe was recently discovered as the former home of Henry Travers (who played Clarence Oddbody, the rookie angel). I'm sure that like us, many viewers will be surprised to learn Henry was an English actor. Also, our contact mentioned that Prudhoe locals were hoping to get a plaque erected to honour him.

I'd really like to find out more about this. Is this still an ongoing project? Or has the plaque been installed already? Any further information or contacts would be gratefully received.

Many thanks,

Jo Curtis

Freelance TV Producer

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