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## **NEW HARMONY WILL BE FILM SITE FOR MOVIE**

*New Harmony's rich culture and history to be portrayed in film by Ball State University*

NEW HARMONY, IN (April 25, 2008) – Ball State University (BSU) will be filming an educational movie about a 19<sup>th</sup> century utopian community that was located in New Harmony, IN, May 5-9 and May 12-16. The funding for this movie is through the Ohio River Teaching American History Project given by the U.S. Department of Education. The grant will be administered by BSU.

The movie's target audience is elementary students and the movie will be incorporated into their study of Indiana history, which is part of the fourth grade curriculum. One thousand copies will be distributed this fall to schools and libraries across Indiana.

The movie will be filmed in New Harmony and in other locations throughout the state. Exterior and interior shots of various historical buildings dating from the era will be filmed in New Harmony.

In addition, BSU students and Posey County community members will be serving as re-enactors in both Harmonist and Owen scenes. Interviews will also be conducted with scholars and descendents of Owen community members.

Robert Owen, an industrialist and social reformer of Welsh descent, purchased New Harmony in 1825 to establish a model community where education and social equality would flourish. Although Owen's experiment dissolved in 1827, his utopian dream brought significant contributions to American scientific and educational theory, study, and practice.

For more information about the movie or to arrange an interview, please contact Dr. Ron Morris at [RVMorris@BSU.edu](mailto:RVMorris@BSU.edu) or 765-285-8720. Dr. Morris is a history professor at Ball State University and will oversee the filming of the movie.

### **About Historic New Harmony:**

Historic New Harmony is a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve New Harmony's utopian legacy by inspiring renewal and fellowship between people and communities through its programs and collections. Historic New Harmony is a unified program of the University of Southern Indiana and the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites. For more information on Historic New Harmony, please visit [www.newharmony.org](http://www.newharmony.org).

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