

VETERAN POLITICOS TO SPEAK POST SPECIAL DREXEL SCREENING OF *THE IDES OF MARCH*

Following the 7pm screening of *The Ides of March* on Wednesday, October 19, the Drexel Theatre will hold a moderated audience talk-back on political campaigning with Doug Preisse, Chairman of the Franklin County Republican Party and David Wilhelm, former Chairman of the Democratic National Committee. The event will be moderated by Dr. Herb Asher, Professor Emeritus and Special Counselor to the President, The Ohio State University.

Tickets are \$8.50 (\$6.50 for students and seniors) and include admission to the film and the post-screening event. Tickets can be purchased by phone at (614) 231-1050, at www.Drexel.net, or at the Drexel Theatre box office (2254 E. Main St.) in advance or the night of the event.

About *The Ides of March*

Directed by George Clooney, *The Ides of March* is based on Beau Willimon's play, *Farragut North*, which loosely covers the 2004 Democratic primary campaign of Howard Dean. Synopsis: As Ohio's Democratic primary nears, charming Governor Mike Morris (George Clooney) seems a shoo-in to win the nomination over his opponent, Senator Pullman (Michael Mantell). Morris' idealistic press secretary, Stephen Meyers (Ryan Gosling), believes in his candidate's integrity and the democratic process, but his meeting with Pullman's campaign manager (Paul Giamatti) and a dalliance with a young intern (Evan Rachel Wood) set in motion a chain of events that threaten Morris' election chances.

About Doug Preisse

Doug Preisse, a principal at Van Meter, Ashbrook & Associates, a government affairs consulting firm, has nearly three decades' of experience in local, state, and national politics. Preisse has worked as a legislative staffer and in the executive office of the Governor. Preisse managed Governor George Voinovich's re-election effort in 1994 in which Voinovich received the highest percentage of the vote since the early 19th century. Preisse was appointed Executive Director

of the 1992 and 1996 Republican Presidential Campaigns in Ohio. He has played leadership roles in many other local and state campaigns, most recently in the elections of Governor John Kasich, State Treasurer Josh Mandel, and the Ohio House Republican majority. At several National Conventions, Preisse has variously served as a delegate, assistant delegation floor manager, policy committee staffer, and delegation whip. In 2004, Preisse was elected Chairman of the Franklin County Republican Party.

About David Wilhelm

David Wilhelm is a recovering political operative who is now doing worthwhile things. As the founder of venture capital funds and developer of clean energy projects, he is working hard to build businesses, create jobs, and bring investment capital to his native Appalachian Ohio region. Earlier in his career, Wilhelm served as national campaign manager for President Bill Clinton, as well as Joe Biden, Richard Daley, and the late Paul Simon. Upon his election in 1992, President Clinton nominated Wilhelm to serve as Chair of the Democratic National Committee. Wilhelm was one of the first super delegates to support the candidacy of Barack Obama and was a frequent surrogate for the Obama campaign on national television. A graduate of Ohio University and Harvard University, Wilhelm lives in Bexley with his wife, Degee, and boys, Luke and Logan.

About Herb Asher

Dr. Herb Asher is professor emeritus of political science at The Ohio State University, counselor to the university president, and Senior Vice President for Government Affairs. He previously served as special assistant to the university president for government relations and founding director of the John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy. He is frequently called upon as an expert political analyst by local and national media. Dr. Asher earned his BS in mathematics from Bucknell University and PhD in political science from the University of Michigan. Dr. Asher has authored numerous books and articles, his most recent book being *Polling and the Public: What Every Citizen Should Know*. Dr. Asher serves as faculty adviser to several student organizations, including the Undergraduate Student Government, the College Democrats, and two fraternities. He also serves on the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of Hillel, and formerly served as faculty adviser to the College Republicans.

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CALENDAR LISTING

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About Drexel Theatre, Inc.

For generations, the Drexel Theatre has been central Ohio's first source for independent film and the best of Hollywood and international cinema, striving to specialize in simply the best films from around the world.

About Friends of the Drexel, Inc.

Established in late 2009 by a group of committed community leaders and arts patrons, Friends of the Drexel, Inc. is an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to a more creative and prosperous future for the Drexel Theatre. Its mission is to secure and sustain the future of the historic Drexel Theatre as a distinctive cultural asset to Bexley and the greater Columbus community. It envisions the Drexel as a sustainable provider of unique arts content as well as a vibrant community meeting place that preserves the charm and eclectic, neighborhood film-going experience in a warm and inviting, yet technologically-advanced, facility.

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