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### Celebrate 20 Years of 'Dazed and Confused'

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Reunite with Simone, Tony, Cynthia, Jodi, Mitch, Benny, Darla, Sabrina, Cynthia and Tommy for a beer-buzzed existential walk down memory lane. Select *Dazed and Confused* cast members and writer/director *Richard Linklater* will celebrate the film's 20th anniversary with two screenings and a Q&A with the cast and crew on Wednesday, March 6 at 7 pm and 9:30 pm at The Marchesa Hall & Theatre (6226 Middle Fiskville Rd) in Austin. General admission and VIP tickets *go on sale* at noon on Friday for Austin Film Society members, and to the public on Thursday, Feb. 21. VIP tickets include access to a party with the film's stars and preferred seating for the screening with the Q&A.

The film's anniversary screening and party kicks off the celebration: Linklater and a number of the movie's cast members will accept the Star of Texas award for *Dazed and Confused* at this year's **Texas Film Hall of Fame** awards gala the day after the anniversary party (Thursday, March 7).

Dazed and Confused takes place during a time when you could haze and humiliate people without the threat of a lawsuit. Bongs blazed, joints were passed and the keg never seemed to run dry. The times they were a'changin' in 1976, and the characters in Linklater's film weren't immune. Their crazy hijinks and adventures of a group of seniorsto-be and incoming high-school freshman on their last day of school is chronicled in this 1993 retrospective.

Not since *American Graffiti* has a coming-of-age comedy had such a unique cast of former nobodies, some of whom will be in attendance at the anniversary screening and party. See you at the moontower.

## Let's see where some of them are now:

Austinite **Wiley Wiggins**, now 35, has appeared in other films since his days as Mitch Kramer, including Linklater's animated film *Waking Life* and SXSW 2013 selection *Computer Chess*. As an adult, Wiggins has been writing and working as a video-game designer. He is the creative director of Karasaka Games.

Parker Posey made her feature film debut as the sadistic high-school cheerleader Darla Marks. Posey has gone on to star in a number of independent films, like Christopher Guest's Best In Show, and has a recurring role on the FX series Louie as comedian Louis C.K.'s love interest.

**Anthony Rapp** played intellectual good guy Tony Olson in *Dazed and Confused*. Rapp has reprised this persona in films like *A Beautiful Mind*. Maybe his most notable role was that of an aspiring filmmaker in the Broadway musical and film adaptation of *Rent*.

**Joey Lauren Adams** has gone on to star in many movies and television series since her role as Simone in *Dazed and Confused*. The Arkansas native may be best known for her roles in the Kevin Smith films *Mallrats* and *Chasing Amy*. She also directed the 2006 feature *Come Early Morning*.

**Cole Hauser**, aka Benny in *Dazed and Confused*, continues to play the role of the tough guy, sans paddle, in films like 2 Fast 2 Furious and Pitch Black.

**Christin Hinojosa**, who may be best known as Sabrina in *Dazed and Confused*, the incoming high-school freshman who is forced to propose to Tony, left acting in the late 1990s and became an anti-war activist.

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**Michelle Burke Thomas**, who some may remember as Connie Conehead in *Coneheads*, played Mitch's meddling older sister Jodi in *Dazed and Confused*. Burke can be seen in the Miley Cyruss-fronted film *LOL*.

Marissa Ribisi, the thought provoking redhead who catches the eye of Wooderson, continued to act in television and film, and is now a co-designer of a fashion line. Ribisi married Beck in 2004. They have two children.

**Mark Vandermuelen** played Tommy in *Dazed and Confused*, one of Mitch's friends who helps to fend off the tyrant O'Bannion (played by Ben Affleck). The Dallas native has since gone on to work behind the scenes of films as an editor and post-production assistant.

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