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STAR WARS: The Force Awakens 3D Coming to Whitaker Center in December
Harrisburg Non-Profit to Show Film on Central PA's Largest Screen

Harrisburg, PA –Whitaker Center will be showing STAR WARS: The Force Awakens when the film debuts in theaters on December 18. The Select Medical Digital Cinema at Whitaker Center boasts the largest screen in Central PA, features a completely immersive sound system and, through the power of digital projection offers a crystal clear picture. The film, which STAR WARS fans have been eagerly awaiting since The Walt Disney Company acquired Lucasfilm in 2012, will be shown at Whitaker Center in 3D. Tickets are on sale now at whitakercenter.org.

“We are thrilled to announce that we will be showing Star Wars this December,” said Dr. Michael Hanes, President and CEO of Whitaker Center. “A film this epic and rich in special effects is what our digital cinema was designed to showcase and we know that fans of the film will absolutely love seeing it in our cinema.”

While larger, national film chains have known for months that their theaters would be showing STAR WARS: The Force Awakens, smaller and independent theaters such as Whitaker Center had to wait their turn to be granted permission to show the film. Production companies often negotiate larger contracts with national theater chains and then look to smaller theaters to fill in gaps in markets. Whitaker Center, being a non-profit and not part of a large theater chain was one of thousands of theaters that only recently found out that they would be able to show the film. “Finding out that we are able to show this film was a huge win for us” remarked Steve Bishop, VP of Science & Cinema Programs at Whitaker Center. “We know that our guests want to see this film and they want to see it on our screen. We are happy that we can bring Star Wars to Whitaker Center in 3D and show the film the way it was meant to be seen; on a four story screen with a 5 channel, 20,000 watt surround sound system and super sharp digital image.”

STAR WARS: The Force Awakens will begin showing at Whitaker Center on Thursday evening, December 17 with two special opening night shows at 7:00pm and 10:00pm. Tickets are on sale now at whitakercenter.org. Ticket prices are \$11.75 for Juniors (age 3 – 17) and \$13.75 for Adults (age 18+). Whitaker Center members, military personnel and groups of 10 or more are eligible for discounted tickets by calling 214-ARTS or purchasing at the Whitaker Center Box Office.

Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts is a non-profit center for the arts, education, entertainment and cultural enrichment located in the heart of Harrisburg's vibrant downtown. Whitaker Center is home to Sunoco Performance Theater, Harsco Science Center and Select Medical Digital Cinema. Visit whitakercenter.org for a full list of events, shows, hours of operation and ticket rates.

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