

# ***Romancing Stone***

## **Theater backers rallying support for premiere of 'JFK'**

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Oliver Stone has done a nice Hollywood makeup job on Dallas, but some community leaders hope the "JFK" movie director eventually will leave a more lasting impression.

A movement is under way to bring the world premiere of Stone's movie about the assassination of President Kennedy to the Texas Theater — and use proceeds of the event to restore the theater.

The 60-year-old movie house, located in the heart of Oak Cliff, is where alleged assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested about an hour after the president was shot to death.

"It would be a natural," theater manager Pamela Mount said of the world premiere idea. "I would love to see the searchlights out in front that night."

Among those lobbying for the movie premiere — or planning to get involved in the effort — are the Texas Theater Historical Society, the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, the Jefferson Area Association and the Southern Dallas Development Corporation.

A letter hand-delivered to the "JFK" set recently sought to enlist Stone's support, and a campaign to woo studio Warner Brothers Inc. is being contemplated.

A spokesman for Stone and his traveling entourage, known as Camelot Productions Inc., said it was

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Advocates of restoring the Texas Theater with proceeds from a Hollywood movie premiere include (left to right) Steve Elwell, Maxine Burroughs, Dora Woods and Laura Mulry. Gus Gustovich