# 'Seven Days in Utopia'

Life is never the same Once you've been to Utopia!

### Click Here to See **SEVEN DAYS IN UTOPIA – Movie Trailer**

## In Theaters August 12, 2011

The Movie 'Seven Days in Utopia' was filmed in Utopia Texas, the Utopia Golf Course & the PGA Tour shots were at a Fredericksburg Golf Course.

Robert Duvall is Johnny Crawford and Lucas Black is playing Luke Chisolm (the young golfer) Based on the book – 'Golf's Sacred Journey, 7 Days at the Links of Utopia' is really a book about life; it just so happens that the main character's life is all about golf. A professional golfer, who is actually never named in the book, has a breakdown on the golf course during a tournament in which he was favored to do well. Despondent and despairing of his future in golf, he wanders into the town of Utopia, where he providentially meets Johnny, a former golf pro who has retired to a quite country life. Johnny, a Yoda-like teacher, who is building a golf course in a field in the middle of nowhere; takes the young golfer under his wing and spends a week completely reshaping the way he thinks about the game of golf and life.

The Books web site - <a href="http://www.linksofutopia.com/cms">http://www.linksofutopia.com/cms</a>

In Utopia you can buy the Books at - Hill Country Nature Center & Main Street Utopia

Cast: Entire Cast info link - <a href="http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1699147">http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1699147</a>

Robert Duvall <a href="http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000380">http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000380</a>
Lucas Black <a href="http://www.imdb.com/name/nm00085407">http://www.imdb.com/name/nm000085407</a>
Kathy Baker <a href="http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000834">http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000834</a>

Deborah Ann Woll <a href="http://www.imdb.com/name/nm2832695">http://www.imdb.com/name/nm2832695</a>
Brian Geraghty <a href="http://www.imdb.com/name/nm1310016">http://www.imdb.com/name/nm2832695</a>

Melissa Leo <a href="http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0502425">http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0502425</a> \*2011 Best Actress of the Year in 'The Fighter' Joseph Lyle Taylor <a href="http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0852668">http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0852668</a>

**Chris Andersen** - Denver Nuggets Basketball Player "The Bird Man". Chris has a bit part as the local Mechanic 'Brody'; Brody's Garage is still painted on the Garage next to the Utopia General Store. <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chris\_Andersen">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chris\_Andersen</a>

Matt Russell – Director <a href="http://www.imdb.com/name/nm1634071">http://www.imdb.com/name/nm1634071</a>

David Mullen - Cinematographer <a href="http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0002470">http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0002470</a>

Many locals were fortunate to be extras in this wonderful movie, a fun experience; one we will never forget! Aug.30, 2010 from 7pm to 7am was the Dance Social scene about 30 couples danced the night & morning away! And then we slept all day to be ready for the Rodeo scene that next night.

Aug.31, 2010 was the last night of filming for 'Seven Days in Utopia". Extras were there from 7pm to 7am.

TV Channel 8 from Austin was there & showed a video clip on their news cast <a href="http://www.news8austin.com//?ArID=273822">http://www.news8austin.com//?ArID=273822</a> See who else you can identify in the news clip. If you look fast you can see Anthony & I to the right of the screen clapping during the rodeo scene; they show us twice. Anthony & I were fortunate to be sitting close to Duvall & Baker; just below them next to Bobby's' feet. The space was left open next to me, so no one would be blocking in front of them. Kathy Baker stayed at one of our cabins & we became friends; she is so sweet & considerate. When she saw me sitting there she said, "Oh Bobby I want you to meet my landlady, this is LeAnn Sharp & her husband Anthony". Bobby shook our hands and we spoke briefly; between filming they talked & we listened to their very interesting conversations. We were able to talk with them & participate in their cutting up & jokes. They are both very friendly & down to earth folks!

When you see Robert Duvall & Kathy Baker standing 'That's a Wrap' for them. Which means it was their last scene in the movie and everyone clapped in their honor. Mr Duvall stood up and told everyone how much he had enjoyed working with the cast & crew of 'Seven Days in Utopia'. He told us he thought the people of Utopia were wonderful, Utopia was the best town he has filmed in and he really liked it here! The actors call Duvall "Bobby", Lucas Black called him "Bobby D".

# Film Locations in & Around Utopia Texas:





**Brody's Garage** 



**Utopia Emporium** 





**Utopia United Methodist Church renamed for movie – Utopia United Church** 











Rodeo & Dance Scenes at Utopia Park

## Local Extras in Movie; Waiting & Visiting in the Park



Miss Rodeo Texas with local youth



One of the Producers visits with ladies













**Signing In With Extras Casting Assistants** 





## **Casting & Film Crews at Work**









#### Plus An Extras Blog- by Vickie Rose

Seven Days in Utopia: Or How I Made a Movie With Robert Duvall and He Didn't Even Know It I went to the Utopia to visit a friend and got to be an extra in the filming of Robert Duvall's new movie "Seven Days in Utopia." I've posted an account of it on my website, and you can view it by clicking here if you want to <a href="http://www.vickyjrose.com/utopia/Utopia.html">http://www.vickyjrose.com/utopia/Utopia.html</a>

### The Tonight Show clip

Watch this video clip from Jay Leno Show with actor Thomas Haden Church (who has a ranch north of Utopia) he talks about the movie being made in Utopia –

http://www.slashcontrol.com/free-tv-shows/the-tonight-show-with-jay-leno/3478534724-thomas-haden-church-part-1

Oscar nominee <u>Thomas Haden Church</u> is upset that a movie is being filmed a mere 18 miles from his isolated Texas ranch. I don't want movies being shot near me," he confessed on <u>'The Tonight Show'</u> "I don't like the orgies, I don't like the catering, I don't like the goat sacrifices that go along with movie-making," he joked.

But in all seriousness, he's been siding with fellow locals. When the production company forced residents to detour around the main street of little <u>Utopia, Texas</u>, Church said, "I drove by and I slowed down. So I did my little part -- 'Go home, Hollywood weirdo's!'"



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