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REMINDER! APPLICATIONS FOR FLORIDA'S NEW INCENTIVE PROGRAM ACCEPTED STARTING MONDAY, JULY 2ND AT 8:30 AM!

The Florida Governor's Office of Film & Entertainment will be accepting applications for the new Florida Film, Television, and Digital Media Incentive program starting Monday, July 2nd at 8:30 am. Applications will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis via any delivery method. (NOTE: original signatures are required) The application and supporting information are available right now on our website at www.filminflorida.com. Give us a call with questions at 877-FLA-FILM.

PROJECT-A-THON GRADUATES TEN LOCAL FILMMAKERS

MIAMI, June 19, 2007 – The third Project-A-Thon, hosted by Florida Media Market (FMM), kick-started the film and TV production careers of ten graduates Saturday, June 16th, at DOT 51 in Wynwood, FL.

Project-A-Thon-ers, made up of budding directors, producers and writers, learned over seven weeks how to take their projects from idea to reality with the help of established professionals in the field. Participants received feedback on their pitches and projects from Maritza Guimet, FMM President and Founder, Javier Mitchell, NALIP Miami Chapter President, screenwriter-instructor Horacio Rodriguez, independent producers, writer, lawyers, talent agency and Screen Actors Guild (SAG) representatives, among others.

Students also learned how to "fast track" their projects by taking a business-oriented, yet creative approach to the financing, production, marketing and distribution of their films.

"At the start, I didn't even know what project I would be developing, but being in this environment inspired me to focus and commit to an idea," said Project-A-Thon participant Angelica Cadena. "I understand the industry a lot better now."

Graduates of all three Project-A-Thons will put what they learned to the test at this October's Florida Media Market Conference, which will give local directors, writers and producers the chance to present, discuss and show their projects to high-level executives from top movie-making studios, production companies and TV stations.

"The Project-A-Thon is, in essence, a mini version of the conference that will take place this fall," said Maritza Guimet, founder of Project-A-Thon and the Florida Media Market. The Florida Media Conference is scheduled for October 18 – 21 at the Alexander Hotel on Miami Beach. For more information on the market and on the next Project-A-Thon visit www.floridamediemarket.com or call 305-305-1949.

MIAMI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL CALL FOR ENTRIES

Early submissions: July 16 – August 31, 2007
Final submissions: September 1 – November 7, 2007

For info and application visit www.miamifilmfestival.com. Online forms for MIFF 2008 Call for Entries will be live on the MIFF web site JULY 16.

Questions? Send an email to callforentries@miamifilmfestival.com

FLORIDA ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

FIRM PICTURES HOLLYWOOD IN FLORIDA

Several Florida politicians have been touring executives from a Dubai-based Capital Plus Holding around Florida cities in hopes the Middle Eastern film would pick Florida for a major new media production site.

Read more at: <http://www.tbo.com/news/nationworld/MGBMB9U8F3F.html>

Similar articles: <http://www.gulfnews.com/nation/Media/10135697.html>

<http://www.myfoxtampabay.com/myfox/pages/News/Detail?contentId=3593016&version=1&locale=EN-US&layoutCode=TSTY&pageId=3.1.1>

LATEST MIAMI-BASED DRAMA'S JUST SPOOKY

The USA cable network says tonight's premiere of its spy comedy-drama *Burn Notice* is commercial free, but I beg to differ. Set in South Florida, the whole thing is one long advertisement for Miami...

Read more at: <http://www.miamiherald.com/272/story/152653.html>

Another review at: <http://www.reuters.com/article/televisionNews/idUSN2742683720070627>

STUDENTS PUT HIV MESSAGE ON BIG SCREEN

Guests streamed down the red carpet like Hollywood stars at the Oscars. But instead of Martin Scorsese and Steven Spielberg sauntering into the Kodak Theatre, about 80 people, mostly teenagers, walked into the University of Miami's Mailman Center for Child Development to watch the premiere of three student-made films whose message was HIV prevention.

Read more at: <http://www.miamiherald.com/416/story/154764.html>

DJIMON HOUNSOU IS ABOUT TO GET SOME

Summit Entertainment has just finished overhauling its studios. According to *Variety*, their first feature film since doing so will be **Get Some**, a teen version of fight club that will now feature Djimon Hounsou.

<http://www.movieweb.com/news/59/20759.php>

FLORIDA GOVERNOR CRIST AND SHAQUILLE O'NEAL BATTLE CHILDHOOD OBESITY

Florida Governor Charlie Crist and Shaquille O'Neal, NBA Miami Heat basketball star, today joined efforts to encourage children and young adults to adopt healthy lifestyles that include daily physical activity and healthy eating habits. They participated in a rally for about 500 students from the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend after meeting earlier in the day to discuss the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and O'Neal's prime-time television show Shaq's Big Challenge.

Read more at: http://www.allamericanpatriots.com/48725892_florida_florida_governor_crist_and_shaquille_oneal_battle_childhood_obesity

AREA PASTOR'S BOOK ABOUT DAFUR TO BE MADE INTO FILM

Executive Pastor Art Ayris will take a giant leap from the pulpit of First Baptist Church of Leesburg to a movie set in South Africa, in February, when Hollywood filmmakers begin shooting a movie from a script he wrote.

Read more at: <http://www.ocala.com/article/2007206160318>

FILM BY UF GRADUATE GETS NOTICED BY PBS

Sarah Zaman, a recent graduate from the University of Florida Documentary Institute, may have sealed a deal with one of the industry's top execs last week after pitching her film at the Silverdocs documentary film festival held here.

Read more at: <http://www.gainesville.com/article/20070618/COLLEGE/706180313&SearchID=73284548150320>

SCREEN MEDIA FILMS NABS 'CANVAS'

Screen Media Films has acquired Joe Pantoliano and Marcia Gay Harden starrer "Canvas" for theatrical release.

Read more at: <http://www.variety.com/article/VR1117967126.html?categoryid=1236&cs=1>

BRAVE ENOUGH TO STAY TWO NIGHTS IN ROOM 1408? FORT LAUDERDALE MARRIOTT NORTH OFFERS SPECIAL PACKAGE IN HONOR OF UPCOMING STEPHEN KING MOVIE

Opening nationwide on June 22, "1408," starring John Cusack, Mary McCormack, and Samuel L. Jackson, is a new Stephen King movie about a haunted hotel room. Horror movie fans are invited to stay in room 1408 at the Marriott North Fort Lauderdale hotel and see if they can keep from getting too scared.

Read more at: <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2007/6/prweb534427.htm>

INAUGURAL 'SCENE FIRST' NATIONAL STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2007 FILM AWARD WINNERS

The Grand Jury Award was presented to American Deluxe, directed by Aaron Brownlee and produced by Matthew Chai from the University of Central Florida.

Read more at: <http://sev.prnewswire.com/entertainment/20070619/CLTU05719062007-1.html>

MASHES SANDS BEACH BECOMES MOVIE SET FOR FSU FILM SCHOOL STUDENTS

The beach at Mashers Sands became a temporary movie set for a group of Florida State University Film School students this past Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, complete with large cameras, actors, and creative props.

Read more at: http://www.wakulla.com/Wakulla_News/Local_News/

[FSU_Film_School_Students_Transform_Mashes_Sands_into_Movie_Set_200706273394/](http://www.wakulla.com/Wakulla_News/Local_News/FSU_Film_School_Students_Transform_Mashes_Sands_into_Movie_Set_200706273394/)

FANJULS DISTURBED BY FILM'S PORTRAYAL OF SUGAR 'SLAVERY'

The Palm Beach clan of Cuban-Americans is sour on a fictional CBS drama that they say hits too close to home; a movie script reproving the family is floating around Hollywood; and on Wednesday a viewing of a film featuring their Dominican Republic operations caused a near riot at Florida International University.

Read more at: http://www.palmbeachpost.com/localnews/content/local_news/epaper/2007/06/29/c1a_SUGAR_CANE_0629.html

ARTICLES ABOUT THE COMPETITION:

FREEZE FRAME: INFORMATION ABOUT SOUTH CAROLINA'S FILM INDUSTRY

S. 667 may not be the best known Senate bill, but it would likely have brought millions of dollars to South Carolina if it had been renewed earlier this month. <http://www.charlestoncitypaper.com/gyrobase/Content?oid=oid%3A29025>

N.C. FILM OFFICE WANTS INCENTIVE CHANGE

Aron Syrett doesn't see any reason why that work can't be done in the Tar Heel state. But the new chief of the North Carolina Film Office said getting that slice of the movie business will require a fresh interpretation of North Carolina's film incentive program, a 15 percent tax credit that doesn't apply now to post-production costs.

Read more at: <http://www.hemscott.com/news/latest-news/item.do?newsId=45709189738946>

SIC MAKES LOANS TO TWO FILM PRODUCTIONS

The State Investment Council has approved loans for two films that will be shooting in New Mexico.

Read more at: <http://www.bizjournals.com/albuquerque/stories/2007/06/25/daily14.html>

NEW MEXICO REBATES PUT STATE ON H'WOOD MAP

Val Kilmer is having a surreal day on the set. That's because the location is none other than the "Conspiracy" star's New Mexico ranch, a 6,000-acre sprawl about half an hour northeast of Santa Fe.

Read more at: <http://www.variety.com/article/VR1117967639.html?categoryId=2613&cs=1>

PENNSYLVANIA TO HOLLYWOOD: WE'RE READY FOR OUR CLOSE UP

State film professionals are convinced Pennsylvania can have a starring role in the film industry.

Chanting "Lights, camera, action!" and toting signs that read "Pa. knows film" and "Keep the cameras rolling," about 25 actors, producers, directors, technicians, and union and business representatives rallied yesterday at the state Capitol.

Read more at: <http://www.pennlive.com/news/patriotnews/index.ssf?/base/news/118291022054780.xml&coll=1>

NOT MUCH ACTION! ON COLORADO FILM SCENE

Colorado has been struggling to attract films in an era when production companies can collect hefty financial rewards for agreeing to shoot the bulk of their movies in more generous states or countries.

Read more at: http://www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/local/article/0,1299,DRMN_15_5604173,00.html

TAX BREAKS WANTED FOR SMALL FILMS

Make it less expensive to make movies in Massachusetts was the message sent to the Legislature, last week. Executive Director of the Massachusetts Film Office, Nick Paleologos, urged lawmakers to expand tax incentives for the movie industry. Read more at: <http://www.bostonnow.com/news/local/2007/06/25/film2/>

GENERAL ARTICLES OF INTEREST

U.S. TO REVISE PASSPORT RULES

The Bush administration said Tuesday it will ease the controversial border-security rule requiring U.S. citizens to present American passports when they return by land and sea from Canada and Mexico.

Read more at: http://www.palmbeachpost.com/business/content/business/epaper/2007/06/20/a5a_passports_0620.html

Statewide Events:

REMINDER! UPDATED WIFT EVENTS!

Pitch Like a Pro

Interactive Pitch Program hosted by Mark & Jeanne Simon, Founders, SellYourTVConceptNow.com

- Top 5 Pitch Secrets Revealed
- Practice Pitching with Experts
- Get Instant Feedback

When:

Tuesday, July 10
6:30 -9:00pm

Where:

The Gallery at Avalon Island (formerly DMAC)
39 South Magnolia, Downtown Orlando

Cost:

WIFT Members Free! Non-members and Students: \$10
Reserve your spot! Register in advance at www.womeninfilmmfl.org!

Dov Simens' Two-Day Film School - UPDATED!

The class that has launched over 3,000 careers is coming to Miami for one weekend only, and you can't afford to miss it! From tips on how to buy film cheap to securing funding for your film to negotiating foreign rights deals, Dov covers everything a filmmaker needs to know. For the past decade, the films of Dov Simens' graduates have grossed more than \$6 billion at the box office...from only one weekend of rigorous learning! It's a no-holds barred, rapid fire weekend designed for anyone from first-time filmmakers to industry professionals seeking the information they need to make their movie. You bring the talent and the passion, Dov will supply you with the rest!

When:

Saturday and Sunday, August 25th & 26th
9:00am – 5:00pm Daily

Where:

Doubletree Hotel Coconut Grove
2649 South Bayshore Drive

Cost:

\$389.99 (General Registration)
\$289.99 (Members of Women in Film & Television Florida, Florida's Future Filmmakers and Film Florida)
Reserve your spot! Register in advance at www.womeninfilmmfl.org!

The DoubleTree Hotel Coconut Grove is offering a special "Dov Seminar Rate". Call 305.858.2500 and ask for the "Dov Seminar" rate of \$109 per night. To book online: <https://www.123signup.com/servlet/SignUpMember?PG=1520729182300&P=1520729191155369400&Info>

FLORIDA CAST & CREW PROGRAM (MONDAY, JULY 9th): "CAST & CREW CLIPS!"

The *Florida Cast & Crew Association* (FCCA) is a new not-for-profit trade Association (dedicated to the growth and development of Florida's live and recorded entertainment industries) and will be kicking off its first official meeting with a wildly entertaining program that is sure to please talent and crew alike. This program is open to anyone in the entertainment business who has a short 60 second clip to show off. Commercials, TV pilots, film scenes, trailers, demo reels, - they're all fair game as long as they run approximately 1 minute (60 seconds) and do NOT exceed 90 seconds. First priority will be given to *Florida Cast & Crew* members, but we hope many people will get the opportunity to have their own "Cast and Crew Clip" projected up on the big screen in front of a live audience! Awards will be given out for: Best Cast member, Best Above-the-Line Crew (Producer, Director, or DP), Best Below-the-Line Crew or Department Head, and Best Student. The awards will be judged exclusively by audience response.

Submissions must be in DVD format and brought to the theatre on the day of the event between 6:30pm – 7:00pm. Each DVD must be labeled with the entrant's name, role or crew position, and title of the project. Submissions are FREE and will be handled on a first come, first serve basis. Mark your calendars for Monday, July 9, as this is one program you won't want to miss! The event will be held at the Plaza Theatre at 425 North Bumby Avenue, Orlando, 32803 (near the intersection of Colonial Drive and Bumby). There is plenty of free parking. The FCCA networking hour starts at 6:30 in the lobby, complete with cash bar (beer, wine, sodas, and light snacks), and the main program kicks off at 7:30pm. FCCA members are admitted for free, guests for \$10 and students and members of reciprocal organizations for just \$5. For more information on this program or on how to become an FCCA member, please visit our new website: www.floridacastandcrew.com or call Scott at (407) 629 – 7268.

INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL FILM FINANCING MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

The Institute for International Film Financing (IIFF) was going to hold its first town hall meeting in Orlando, Florida on June 28th, but that **meeting was postponed** for several reasons (including a speaker conflict and the fact that many Florida film makers will be busy filling out the last minute incentive applications this upcoming week).

For all Florida film makers or guests who already pre-registered for this Film Financing event, there will be immediate and full refunds for all tickets sold. For ticket refund inquiries or ticket exchanges for the next event in September, please e-mail team@filmfinancing.org. We apologize for any inconvenience. The Institute for International Film Financing (IIFF) is an innovative, independent social-impact organization that endeavors to bridge the gap between filmmaking and finance for the benefit of all stakeholders - including the public at large by fostering economic development. Founded in 2003 by former investment banker Thomas Trenker, IIFF is incorporated as a 501-c3 not-for-profit, public benefit corporation. IIFF currently has chapters in the San Francisco Bay Area, New York City, New England, Los Angeles, and Switzerland. For more info visit: www.filmfinancing.org.

Please Note: If you have a press release or an educational event, you can post it on our website www.filminflorida.com. The Governor's Office of Film & Entertainment reserves the right to edit or exclude any content not deemed appropriate.

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