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News & Events

NEWS:

FLORIDA-BASED FILM SETS NEW EMMY NOMINATION RECORD

Recount Receives 11 Nods from Academy of Television Arts & Sciences

TALLAHASSEE, FL—The Academy of Television Arts & Sciences announced yesterday that HBO Films' critically acclaimed movie, *Recount*, which was shot in Florida and chronicles the weeks following the 2000 U.S. presidential election, is the recipient of 11 Emmy Award nominations. The nominations are the most ever received for a Florida-based movie production. In 1998, Florida-based mini-series *From Earth to the Moon* received 13 Emmy nominations, taking home three of the awards and also winning a Golden Globe. *Recount*, starring Kevin Spacey, was a recipient of the 2007/2008 Florida Film, Television & Digital Media Incentive program offered by the Governor's Office of Film and Entertainment, and was filmed last fall in Jacksonville and Tallahassee.

Recount received nominations for several major categories, including Outstanding Made for Television Movie; Outstanding Lead Actor in a Miniseries or a Movie (Kevin Spacey and Tom Wilkinson); Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Miniseries or a Movie (Bob Balaban and Denis Leary); Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Miniseries or a Movie (Laura Dern); Outstanding Directing for a Miniseries, Movie or a Dramatic Special (Jay Roach); and Outstanding Writing for a Miniseries, Movie or a Dramatic Special (Danny Strong). Additional nominations were received for art direction, casting (nominees include Florida native Lori Wyman) and editing.

The Governor's Office of Film and Entertainment is charged with attracting film and television productions to Florida, which generate a significant economic impact.

Read more [here](#).

PUPSOCK & WENDELL SHORT FILM AT PALM SPRINGS AND SMITHSONIAN

Pupsock & Wendell in The Gallery of Doom, the short film from Poem Pictures, Inc. and Blue Juice Films, Inc., has recently been accepted into the 2008 Palm Springs International Short Film Festival & Film Market — a festival renowned worldwide for the extraordinary community of filmmakers it attracts and for the quality and scope of its programming. The festival, known as "The Sundance of Shorts," will run from August 21st – 27th in Palm Springs, California (www.psfilmfest.org).

In other exciting news, *Pupsock & Wendell* will screen in Washington, D.C., at the world's largest museum complex, The Smithsonian Institution ([Press Release](#)). This summer, the Smithsonian will celebrate creativity and the power of imagination with the exhibition Jim Henson's Fantastic World from July 12th – October 5th in the Smithsonian's International Gallery. *Pupsock & Wendell* will screen October 3rd and 4th as part of Heather Henson's Handmade Puppet Dreams for Kids (www.handmadepuppetdreams.com), a film festival of puppetry put together by Jim Henson's talented and visionary daughter Heather.

Pupsock & Wendell in The Gallery of Doom is the latest creation from internationally acclaimed Writer-Director Patrick Algermissen. The film was Produced by Emmy-Award winner Thomas Mumme, DP'd by Emmy-Award nominee Jeremy Schneider, and edited by Adam Miller.

Produced in Central Florida, the groundbreaking 13-minute family-film combines live action, puppetry, hand drawn animation, 3D animation and virtual worlds. The film is based around characters from Algermissen's feature length screenplay *The Little Dream Engine*, which is currently in development, and also serves as a pilot for a prospective children's series.

For more information visit www.BlueJuiceFilms.com/films.htm or see Poem Pictures, Inc.'s official site at www.PoemFilms.com/doom/.

FIRST MEETING OF THE FLORIDA FILM PRODUCTION COALITION A SUCCESS

On Monday, July 14, 2008, The Florida Film Production Coalition Initiative, a pro-active political group formed to support the incentives for filming on a State and Local Level held their first meeting and brainstorming session, sponsored by the Conrad Hilton Hotel, with much success.

The support of the South Florida Film Community was evident with over 125 members of all crafts of South Florida Film Community attending.

Jeff Peel, Miami-Dade's film commissioner, said "The Florida Film Production Coalition is the grass roots of the industry in South Florida, and will be an important connection to Florida's legislature as we work towards a meaningful incentive program next year. This is one of the best initiatives I have seen to involve our industry in positive political action."

State Representative Julio Robaina shared that it is the responsibility of the Film Community to be active in communicating with the Legislature that Florida's Film Industry is a Clean, Viable, and Economically Profitable Industry in the State of Florida.

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HILARY DUFF JOINS S.T.A.R.S. TEENS TO SERVE HOMELESS IN WEST PALM

Hilary Duff invited teens from S.T.A.R.S. Mission International (Spirit-led Teen Artists Reaching for Success) and United Global Youth Leaders to join her in serving a meal to homeless individuals at Curry Park, recently. "Arts in Compassion" has been holding Sunday worship services and caring for the needy for several years at the park. They along with "Boca Harvest", founded by Stan Curtis, arranged for a nutritious hot meal to be prepared and our S.T.A.R.S. teens were thrilled to assist with serving those who came to share the meal. Industry professionals and friends of S.T.A.R.S. Mission International, Paul and Sherry Sirmons, Christy Lee Taylor, Chris Wallace and Kim Stryker (S.T.A.R.S. Founder), joined the teens in serving.

The ministry of S.T.A.R.S. Mission International stresses the importance of "service to others", as part of developing a balanced and healthy perspective on life. Hilary Duff sets a great example for these young people. She actively supports "Blessings in a Backpack", as well as, other charities. In the near future, S.T.A.R.S. Mission International will be assisting Sunday morning worship services held by "Arts in Compassion" as they use their gifts and talents through music, prayer, interpretive dance and drama to reach the hearts of the hurting and needy in their local community.

Our next event will be the "S.T.A.R.S. Florida Opportunities Tour". Email Kim@stars4him.com for details. For more information and photos of the event visit www.stars4him.com and click on blog and/or gallery.

SOCIAL EQUITY VENTURE FUND INVITES ENTRIES FOR FILM COMPETITION

Up to \$20,000 will be awarded to new and professional filmmakers worldwide who have made short films showcasing real people working to end poverty through enterprise-based solutions

Deadline: September 15, 2008

Click [here](#) for more info.

FLORIDA ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

FILM CREW TAKES A LOOK AT THE DARK SIDE OF BOCA RATON

Palm Beach Post - FL © July 11, 2008

Our not-so-lucky stars are the protagonists of a new feature documentary partly filmed last week at the city's Gumbo Limbo Nature Center and other south county beaches.

MONTHLY COMPETITION GIVES CENTRAL FLORIDA FILMMAKERS A VENUE

Orlando Sentinel © July 12, 2008

Sunday afternoon at 1, Maitland's Enzian theater will fill, as it does every second Sunday of every month. But this crowd isn't just your normal alternative cinema audience. These are filmmakers, there to show off their work and be judged by both film fans and their peers in the Enzian's monthly FilmSlam short-film competition.

'BURN' HEATS UP USA

Variety, CA © July 13, 2008

USA strengthened its standing as cable's top-rated network with Thursday's second-season debut of "Burn Notice," which topped its first-run ABC and CBS competition in key demos.

VALCOM SIGNS JV WITH FUTURE FILMS

MarketWatch © July 14, 2008

ValCom Inc., specializing in providing state of the art facilities and production for the entertainment industry, announced today the signing of a joint venture with Future Films for production of three Horror movies. This joint venture between ValCom, Executive Producer, and Future Films is anticipated to generate revenues of approximately 2.3 Million for ValCom. Production will begin in August with locations in Michigan and Florida.

DARK NIGHT: THIS KINGDOM IS BUILT ON SNEAKY FILMING IN THE FLORIDA KEYS

Riverfront Times © July 16, 2008

For part of the production of *Mosquito Kingdom*, the cast and crew traveled to an island in the Florida Keys and shot the film without permits on a budget of less than \$100,000. Over ten grueling twenty-hour days, they broke into back yards and built sets, siphoned electricity to power their lighting, and fled from the police as they were reported for trespassing.

USF FILM STUDENTS NATIONAL FINALISTS IN SAFE DRIVING VIDEO

Tampa Bay's 10, FL © July 17, 2008

Seffner, Florida - Two USF film students are among the top 10 finalists in a national video contest about teens and safe driving.

USA'S 'BURN NOTICE IS NO. 1 ON CABLE TV

The Associated Press © July 17, 2008

Rankings for the top 15 programs on cable networks as compiled by Nielsen Media Research for the week of July 7-13. Day and start time (EDT) are in parentheses: 1. "Burn Notice" (Thursday, 10 p.m.), USA, 3.86 million homes, 5.38 million viewers.

AUDITIONS SET FOR TONIGHT IN TALLAHASSEE FOR 'AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL'

Tallahassee Democrat, FL © July 18, 2008

If you think you have the runway skills, you can audition for the show 5:30-9 p.m. at Baja's Beach Club, 2020 W. Pensacola St.

ARTICLES ABOUT THE COMPETITION:

PASSED BUDGET TO SPEND MILLIONS ON AREA PROJECTS

StarNewsOnline.com – Wilmington © July 13, 2008

The film industry also got a tax incentive extension in the budget. The state will allow qualifying a tax credit against qualifying expenses for production costs until 2014.

GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES FILM PRODUCTION ADDS \$160 MILLION TO NC ECONOMY

Leland Tribune © July 14, 2008

Gov. Mike Easley today announced that spending by film, television and commercial production companies increased to \$160.2 million in North Carolina in 2007, a 61 percent increase from 2006.

FILM INDUSTRY SUMMIT PLANNED FOR SHREVEPORT

2TheAdvocate - Baton Rouge, LA © July 14, 2008

Shreveport, a city whose star in the film industry continues to rise, doesn't want a multimillion-dollar good thing to wane. To that end, the city's mayor is convening film industry professionals and politicians from across the state and from outside the state for a Louisiana Film Summit on July 31 and Aug. 1.

THE CAROLINA FILM INSTITUTE OPENS IN GREENVILLE

Greenville News © July 15, 2008

Film Institutes of America is proud to announce that Greenville has been chosen as the location of its second film institute. The Carolina Film Institute is the sister school of the acclaimed Seattle Film Institute which was founded in 1994. Classes at the Carolina Film Institute begin Sept. 8, 2008.

MOVIE AND TV CREWS HELP LOUISIANA RECOVER

USA Today © July 16, 2008

New Orleans — A record number of major feature films and television pilots are being filmed in New Orleans and throughout Louisiana, creating an economic boost to a region rebuilding from the destruction of Hurricane Katrina three years ago.

FILM CHIEFS DENY LOSING ?20M EPIC

Heraldries - Dublin, Ireland © July 16, 2008

Film industry chiefs have denied rumours that Ireland has lost a lucrative deal to lure Scarlett Johansson here to film a period drama.

FILMMAKER: NC NEEDS NEW SOUND STAGES TO COMPETE

WRAL.com - Raleigh, NC © July 16, 2008

North Carolina must start planning immediately to spend money on a dozen new sound stages from the coast to the mountains or risk losing its entertainment industry, a Hollywood film producer said Wednesday.

HUNGARY GETS EU OK ON TAX BREAKS

Variety, CA © Jul 16, 2008

Hungary's film law, which offers some of Europe's most generous tax incentives, is back on track after amendments bringing it into line with European Union laws were approved Wednesday, according to sources in Budapest.

LIGHTS, CAMERA... FERNDAL!

Metromode Media © July 17, 2008

A few months ago not many people had a Hollywood star sighting story. But now, with Michigan's film incentive packages, it seems as if the entire state has seen stars. "Guess who I saw yesterday," is becoming a widely used phrase. The entertainment industry is moving in and places like Ferndale are becoming a hotbed of stars - a supernova, if you will.

FERNDALE STREET COMES ALIVE WITH MOVIE MAGIC

C&G Newspapers - Detroit, MI © July 17, 2008

"Youth in Revolt" continues a trend this year of movies being filmed in metro Detroit — including Clint Eastwood's "Gran Torino" and "Prayers for Bobby," starring Sigourney Weaver — on the heels of a new state incentive package meant to draw filmmakers to Michigan through tax credits.

GEORGIA BOOSTS INCENTIVES FOR ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

Lakefront Hartwell - Hartwell, GA © July 17, 2008

Governor Sonny Perdue recently signed into law the 2008 Entertainment Industry Investment Act (HB 1100), new legislation designed to encourage entertainment industry productions in Georgia. Lake Hartwell was recently the setting for a TV-pilot.

'GET IN THE PICTURE' LOOKS FOR THE NEXT HEARTTHROB

Salt Lake Tribune © July 17, 2008

The series could easily have been shot in Los Angeles, but the production company decided to shoot in Murray for the convenience of being in the same city where the movie was shot - and also, in part, because the Governor's Office of Economic Development gave producers \$279,000 in incentive funds to lure them here, said Utah Film Commission Executive Director Marshall Moore.

CLINT EASTWOOD ATTRACTS GIDDY GAWKERS

DetNews.com © July 18, 2008

"Gran Torino" is also one of the first films to take advantage of Michigan's new lucrative incentive package for film productions, which gives producers 40 cents back for every \$1 spent on filming and an additional 2-percent rebate if the film is shot in certain communities. Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed the bill, described as the best film tax incentive in the U.S., into law in April.

MICHIGAN TO BECOME MAJOR FILM DESTINATION?

SooToday.com © July 18, 2008

Lansing - A bipartisan group of state lawmakers is coming to Traverse City on July 28 to hear feedback about the Michigan film incentive package signed into law earlier this year.

GENERAL ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

ANTI-SMOKING MOVEMENT CATCHES ON

Variety, CA © July 13, 2008

The U.S. movement to reflect smoking depictions in film ratings has reached across the Pond.

WGA STRIKE SHIFTED EYES

Variety, CA © July 17, 2008

The hangover from the writers strike is reflected among the winners and losers in this year's Emmy noms derby.

SAG'S ALLEN BLASTS MAJORS' FINAL OFFER

Variety, CA © July 17, 2008

In a move that deflates hopes for a deal any time soon, Screen Actors Guild national exec director Doug Allen has blistered the majors' final offer -- despite the congloms' repeated insistence that they won't change the terms.

Statewide Events:

SOUTH FLORIDA THEATRICAL PREMIERE OF BRENT BAMBIC'S FILM, *EXPLORING LOVE*

Exploring Love, which was filmed in the Miami area, will have its theatrical premiere in South Florida on Friday, September 5th at Flagship Cinemas. Show times are at 2:15 pm and 7:30 pm every day. See it on the opening weekend!!

Free 45oz. popcorn with purchase of Exploring Love ticket (offer valid 1st week only)

For more information, please visit www.flagshipcinemas.com.

For more information regarding "Exploring Love", please contact truth+spirit films at 310-420-2014 or truthspiritfilms@aol.com, or visit www.exploringlovethefilm.com.

LOCALLY PRODUCED DOCUMENTARY, *HALLS OF TRADITION: HILLSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL*, PREMIERING ON THE EDUCATION CHANNEL

The Education Channel will premiere its latest locally produced documentary, "Halls of Tradition: Hillsborough High School" at 3:00 and 7:00p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4th in cooperation with the Old Seminole Heights Neighborhood Association and the Hillsborough High School Alumni Association as part of Hillsborough High School's Homecoming festivities.

The documentary covers the history of Hillsborough High School from its meager 4 student graduating class in 1886 to its current

astounding gothic structure on North Central Avenue in Seminole Heights. These beautiful hallowed halls have been the educational incubator for more than 38,000 alumni and is one of the oldest high schools in the South and the oldest high school in Hillsborough County.

Celebrated alumni featured in the program include: baseball greats Dwight Gooden and Gary Sheffield, country singer Slim Whitman, the father of drag racing Don Garlits as well as several City of Tampa Mayors.

From the bronze terrier mascot to the striking clock tower that all alumni remember with pride, this documentary is a must see for them, as well as for those interested in Tampa's history, education, athletics, architecture and community spirit.

Following the premiere on Oct. 4th the documentary will be available only on The Education Channel, channel 614 on Bright House and 32 on Verizon. For additional information about programs at The Education Channel call 254-2253 ext. 211 or check www.educationchannel.org.

NEXT FMPTA-JFC MEETING AUGUST 12TH

The next meeting of the Jacksonville First Coast chapter of the Florida Motion Picture & Television Association will be Tuesday, August 12th, at 6:30pm. We will be meeting in the Phillips Fine Arts Building located on the campus of Jacksonville University.

Our Guest Speaker for this meeting will be Corey Kolb and his team of Stop Action/Claymation Animators. Corey and his team are award winning producers of "Claymation" movies and will be discussing how to do Stop Action filming with today's modern video cameras. In addition they will demonstrate their techniques.

We also would like to extend a special invitation to all students interested in Film/Television production to attend as this will be a very informative and educational program.

In addition to our guest speakers we will also hold short discussions on the progress for our chapter short film "The Cult" and also our project with Hubbard House to produce a short video for them.

This meeting is a special presentation of the FMPTA-JFC and is open to the public. Admission is free for FMPTA members, students, and first time guests. It is \$10.00 for returning guests. For more information about this event, and the FMPTA go to www.fmptajax.org or email info@fmptajax.org.

Job Opportunity:

PINK SNEAKERS PRODUCTIONS SEEK FINAL CUT PRO EDITORS

Pink Sneakers Productions is looking for talented Final Cut Pro editors for the next 2-8 weeks to work on several new reality/doc programs. Interested candidates can email resumes to: HR@pinksneakers.net. Please include "FCP editor" in subject line.

For more information on Pink Sneakers check out www.pinksneakers.net.

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