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FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL CALL FOR ENTRIES

Now approaching its seventeenth exciting year, the Florida Film Festival seeks film submissions from filmmakers worldwide. The Festival, which will take place March 28 through April 6, 2008, is an annual event dedicated to showcasing the best American Independent and Foreign Films. It is also a qualifying festival for the Oscars in the category of live-action short films. Produced by Enzian Theater, the Florida Film Festival has become one of the most respected regional film events in the country.

To submit a film, visit the Festival website at www.FloridaFilmFestival.com. There are two ways to enter: 1.) register online through WithoutABox (www.withoutabox.com/login/1139), or 2.) print and mail the official entry form (www.floridafilmfestival.com/FFF2008.pdf). Members of WithoutABox receive a \$5 discount when entering online.

The postmarked early deadline for Feature Film entries is October 26, 2007, and the late entry deadline for Features is November 30. The entry fee for Feature Length Films (41 minutes or longer) is \$40.00. The postmarked early deadline for Short Film entries is October 12, 2007, and the late entry deadline for Shorts is November 16. The entry fee for Short Films is \$25.00. Early submission to the Florida Film Festival is encouraged! There is a \$20.00 late fee for films submitted after October 12th (shorts) and 26th (features). Films will not be accepted after November 30, 2007.

GOVERNOR CRIST APPLAUDS GREEN LODGING PROGRAM

~ Announces launch of Green Lodging Web site ~

ORLANDO â€“ Yesterday Governor Charlie Crist joined Secretary Michael W. Sole to applaud the Florida Department of Environmental Protectionâ€™s Green Lodging Program and to launch the Green Lodging Program Web site at the Hilton in the Walt Disney World Resort.

This month, the Green Lodging Program will designate seven additional hotels, including the first in Tallahassee and the first two in Jacksonville. The new designations raise the total to 33 hotels, with 58 others currently in the reviewing process. Since Governor Cristâ€™s executive order initiating state energy-use policies, 25 hotels have begun the designation process.

Governor Crist signed Executive Order 07-126 on July 13, at Serve to Preserve A Florida Summit on Global Climate Change. Beginning January 1, 2008, the executive order requires state agencies and departments to hold meetings and conferences at hotels participating in DEPâ€™s Green Lodging Program whenever possible.

The Hilton in the Walt Disney World Resort uses ENERGYSTAR appliances to conserve energy and has implemented a comprehensive recycling program for paper, cardboard, aluminum and steel cans, magazines, plastic, ink cartridges, kitchen grease, fluorescent lamps and soaps. In addition, the property installed low-flow toilets, faucets, and showerheads, as well as charcoal air filters to reduce heating and cooling costs.

Green Lodging Program Web Site

Governor Crist and Secretary Sole also announced a new Green Lodging Program Web site. The site contains photos and detailed information about designated facilities as well as tips on becoming a member of the Green Lodging Program. Additionally, visitors can offer feedback, suggest new ideas and access links to climate friendly Web sites. For more information on the Florida Green Lodging Program, please visit www.dep.state.fl.us/greenlodging.

Florida Green Production Plan

In July the Governorâ€™s Office of Film & Entertainment launched the Florida Green Production Plan to encourage companies filming in the Florida to make environmentally-wise decisions on set and in their script. A copy of the Florida Green Production Plan can be obtained by visiting www.filminflorida.com or by calling 850.410.4765.

MARIA CONCHITA ALONSO TO EMCEE THE GLOBAL FILM AND MEDIA DISTRIBUTION AND FUNDING CONFERENCE IN SOUTH FLORIDA AS CONTESTS GET UNDERWAY

Acclaimed actress and singer Maria Conchita Alonso has confirmed she will emcee FMM's Global Film/Media Distribution & Funding Conference taking place in South Florida this October. The Cuban-born, Venezuelan-raised artist has co-starred in a variety of TV shows and films with the likes of Jeremy Irons, Robin Williams, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Edward James Olmos. She's also a Gold and Platinum album-selling singer/songwriter with 11 albums as well as a three-time Grammy(R) nominee who's sure to bring her incredible business savvy to the Conference proceedings.

This unique Conference will join distributors, executives and financiers from around the globe with aspiring and established film and TV makers at the Alexander Hotel in Miami Beach from October 18-21, 2007.

Participants can register for the Global Film and Media Market Conference online at www.floridamediapro.com. Room reservations can be made by calling the Alexander Hotel at 1-800-327-6121. Participants are strongly encouraged to sign up as soon as possible to take advantage of the Early Bird discounts.

The conference features three tracks of seminars for every level of film executive:

• Track 1: "Let's Make a Deal" - Media executives will be present to buy and sell media products and for one-on-one pitch sessions.

• Track 2: "Teach me something I don't already know" - Educational workshops and panels featuring experts who will share best practices and education on working around the globe.

• Track 3: Independent Showcases - Independent content creators will be given the opportunity to showcase and demo their work to both television and film producers searching for new content. In the months leading up to conference, aspiring filmmakers can get a jump on the market by entering on of many competitions whose winners will be announced during the Conference:

For contest entry rules and regulations, please visit our [Official Without-A-Box entry page](http://www.withoutabox.com/entry) or submit your entry right away at www.withoutabox.com/login/6240

For more information, please call (305) 372-4563 or via email at info@floridamediapro.com

FLORIDA ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

ALREADY A CREATIVE FORCE, FSU FILM SCHOOL STUDENTS NOW CAN LEARN ABOUT DISTRIBUTING FILMS

The calls were coming from Hollywood, and often. Agents and producers would reach out to Florida State University film school dean Frank Patterson, seeking young talent for their projects. He directed them to his most talented students, then watched as they graduated from the award-winning film school and took jobs in New York and Los Angeles.

Read more at: http://www.sptimes.com/2007/08/13/State/Moving_beyond_the_cam.shtml

AMBITION AND HISTORY MEET IN CHINA'S HOLLYWOOD

The size of Paramount and Universal Studios combined, Hengdian in southern China is the world's largest film studio. In just 10 years, Hengdian has transformed itself from a poverty-stricken farming village to a collection of replica palaces, temples and historical streets, open to film crews, often for free.

Read more at: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=12741465>

BRITISH NANDY COMM TO ANIMATE HOWRAH BRIDGE

The film is being made by PNC as a tribute to the genius of Samanta and the animation will be done by Florida-based Motion Pixel Corporation, who are already partnering PNC on four other animation film projects.

Read more at: <http://www.businessofcinema.com/boc/?file=story&id=4801>

FLORIDIAN VAN HARE TAKES FIRST PLACE IN TEEN FILM COMPETITION

As soon as Holly Van Hare and her brother Nathan, 9, stepped off the airplane from their home in Florida to their father's house in Ashburn, they began work on the film "Oh, To Fly!"

Read more at: <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=85995&paper=67&cat=115>

FEMA CITY CAPTURES HOUSING PLIGHT AFTER CHARLEY

Documentary filmmaker Jamin Griffiths has preserved the experiences of displaced Charlotte County residents who found themselves living in FEMA mobile homes on Airport Road in the wake of Hurricane Charley.

Read more at: <http://www.sun-herald.com/Newsheadline.cfm?headline=9024>

TWO DAY FILM SCHOOL? IT HELPED SPIKE LEE

The creator of the Hollywood Film Institute, Dov Simens, will be offering his highly acclaimed 2-Day Film School on August 25th and 26th in Miami, Florida. The class, which has been attended and praised by some of the industry's elite, will take place at the Doubletree Hotel Coconut Grove between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. "After taking Dov's course, I made *She's Got to Have It* and launched my career," said American film director/producer/writer/actor Spike Lee.

Read more at: http://blogs.orlandosentinel.com/entertainment_movies_blog/2007/08/two-day-film-sc.html

Hollywood Blamed For Scientific Ignorance

In an article published in the German journal "Praxis der Naturwissenschaften Physik," two University of Central Florida professors argue that the disregard for the laws of physics evident in Hollywood films is contributing to students' poor understanding of science.

Read more at: <http://www.informationweek.com/news/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=201800373>

Additional article: http://blogs.orlandosentinel.com/entertainment_movies_blog/2007/08/weird-scienceuc.html

LIFE IMITATES ART FOR JIMMY SMITS ON CBS

Actor Jimmy Smits returns to series television on CBS this fall as an heir to a family-owned sugar cane empire based here in South Florida.

Read more at: http://cbs4.com/topstories/local_story_226123907.html

COX COMMUNICATIONS LAUNCHES ON DEMAND IN FLORIDA MARKETS

Cox Communications announced today that On DEMAND service is now available in its Gainesville/Ocala and Pensacola/Fort Walton, Florida markets. In addition, consumer demand for instant access to Cox's vast library of programs continues to grow, with more than 1 million Cox customers using On DEMAND at least monthly.

Read more at: http://home.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/index.jsp?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20070816005762&newsLang=en

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES TO PARTICIPATE IN UNIVISION'S HISTORIC PRESIDENTIAL FORUM

Univision Communications Inc., the nation's leading Spanish-language media company, and the University of Miami, one of the top research universities in the U.S., will hold two historic forums that will focus exclusively on the issues of particular interest to the Hispanic community, which comprises the fastest growing segment of the U.S. electorate. The events will be broadcast in primetime on the most significant Spanish-language media outlets in the country - Univision's television, radio and online platforms.

Read more at: http://home.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/index.jsp?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20070815005983&newsLang=en

ARTICLES ABOUT THE COMPETITION:

HOLLYWOOD HIATUS A BONANZA

AUSTRALIA is on track for a record level of foreign film and television production this year. Even before the federal Government's Australian Screen Production Incentives take effect, a confluence of events is likely to lead to a rush of foreign film production in Australia in the fiscal year 2007-08.

Read more at: <http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,22251561-7582,00.html>

CONNECTICUT GOVERNOR CELEBRATING NEW FILM INCENTIVE BILL

Governor M. Jodi Rell celebrated a new state law Thursday that will boost state tax credits for the film industry.

Read more at: <http://www.wtnh.com/Global/story.asp?S=6942243&nav=3YeX>

EXECS EXCITED TO SEE ALBUQUERQUE STUDIOS WORKING AT CAPACITY

It's just six months old, but Albuquerque Studios is running out of space.

Read more at: <http://www.abqtrib.com/news/2007/aug/16/execs-excited-see-albuquerque-studios-working-capacity>

FILM SPENDING IN STATE MAY JUMP TO \$100M

The Bay State is poised to reap a \$100 million windfall in spending by Hollywood movie studios this year, initial estimates show.

Read more at: <http://business.bostonherald.com/businessNews/media/view.bg?articleid=1017084&src=biz>

SOUTH CAROLINA EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

The Commerce Department's decision to be a little more sparing with the cash it throws around when movie producers come calling is welcome news. It makes no sense for the taxpayers to quite literally help pay the salaries of film production workers shipped in from other states for temporary work.

Read more at: <http://www.timesanddemocrat.com/articles/2007/08/16/ap-state-sc/d8r28rt03.txt>

SHOT IN TEXAS: LOUISIANA WINS TULIA PRODUCTION

What? Wasn't the new \$20 million Texas film incentives program supposed to make sure Texas movies were made here? Not necessarily, says Janis Burklund, head of the Dallas Film Commission.

Read more at: http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/ent/stories/DN-shotintexas_0810gl.ART.State.Edition1.336f3f5.html

ELSPA BACKS CALL FOR GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT GAMES INDUSTRY

ELSPA, the Entertainment and Leisure Software Publishers Association, has declared its support for Eidos chief executive Jane Cavanagh, who said in an interview with games industry trade magazine MCV that the games industry is "not being taken seriously" by the Government because it fails to offer developers enough incentive to operate in the UK.

Read more at: <http://www.marketingweek.co.uk/item/57485/254/260/3>

STUDIO PROJECT COULD REVITALIZE LEDBETTER HEIGHTS

Shreveport officials hope to turn that around if a deal is struck with Millennium Films when council members meet Tuesday to consider leasing the company 6.7 acres of city-owned property to build an estimated \$10 million studio in Ledbetter Heights

Read more at: <http://www.shreveporttimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070812/NEWS01/708120333/1060/NEWS01>

Statewide Events:

22ND ANNUAL FORT LAUDERDALE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL OCTOBER 15 – NOVEMBER 11, 2007

Recently named one of the top destination film festivals in the United States by Movie Maker Magazine and the highest rated film festival in the State of Florida by the Florida Arts Council, Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival (FLIFF) attracts thousands of movie lovers each fall. Now in its 22nd year, the annual fest will reel out over 175 films from around the globe between October 15 and November 11.

FLIFF offers a variety of Group Travel Packages which include hotel, festival discounts, car rental discounts, and transportation to Fort Lauderdale. FLIFF's host hotel and hub of activity is Gallery One. Fort Lauderdale's premiere Intracoastal 5-star, all-suite boutique hotel is conveniently located just 2 blocks from the beach. The hotel offers individual discounted room rates and 2 for 1 ticket vouchers to attend FLIFF. And, for a change of pace, take the water taxi from the hotel to FLIFF's year-round art house, Cinema Paradiso, one of the festival's three theatre venues, located just around the corner from renowned Las Olas Blvd. Other theatre venues include Nova University's Miniachi Theatre in Davie and Regal Cypress Creek in Pompano Beach.

Tickets to FLIFF range from \$8 to \$10 for films. Tickets for major film events, like Opening Night and Closing Night Films & Parties, vary and are reasonably priced. Festival Fast Passes and year-round memberships offer discounted rates and even some free films.

Check <http://www.fliff.com/> for additional information as we get closer to the festival!

“LAST STOP FOR PAUL” BATTLES TWO WORLD PREMIERS FOR HIGH FEATURE HONORS AT THE CENTRAL FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL

The 2nd Annual Central Florida Film Festival begins its three day event over the Labor Day weekend (August 31st thru September 2, 2007) at the Osceola Center for the Arts. The festival, which includes documentaries, shorts and feature films, boasts being the "Film Festival Movie Watchers can afford!"

For \$50 you can attend 50 films, three seminars and a Gala Opening Night party.

In the feature film category, the festival includes two world premieres, "One of Our Own", and "The Metrosexual", going up against multiple festival winner "Last Stop for Paul." Tickets can be purchased online at, www.CentralFloridaFilmFestival.com

LOCALLY PRODUCED “FILM CONTEST?” TO SCREEN AT THE LAKE WORTH PLAYHOUSE

Film Contest?, a full length comedy shot in Palm Beach County, Florida, by local filmmaker V. Alex Marquez, will screen September 19, 2007 at 6:00pm and 8:00pm, at the Stonzek Theatre of the Lake Worth Playhouse at 709 Lake Avenue, Lake Worth, Florida. Director V. Alex Marquez will be available after both screenings for Q&A and discussion.

"*Film Contest?*" is a fictitious story documenting the tragic events which occurred as a result of the "Shoot Sunshine!" film competition ending in murder. After five filmmakers are selected to compete for a generous grant to shoot a feature film in the State, Miguel Gonzalez and his documentary crew begin an indiscreet look at the "behind the scenes" stories of the controversial film contest, its bizarre finalists and wannabe organizers.

The locally produced film was shot "guerilla style," in its entirety, in just nine days with a budget under ten thousand dollars. The ensemble cast of thirty local actors worked a partially-scripted, partially-improvised story in over twenty separate locations within South Florida.

Tickets for the event can be purchased in advance by visiting <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/18400>

“BEST OF” FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR JACKSONVILLE’S INAUGURAL 48 HOUR FILM PROJECT; SCREENING AND WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED AUGUST 25

The judges' votes are in and the audience has picked their favorite, now the city's top contenders will appear at a "Best of Jacksonville" screening event at San Marco Theatre on August 25 to find out if they've won.

The Judging was handled by a panel of esteemed professionals that included filmmaker and Flagler College staff member Lorraine Portman, film critic Matt Soergel, Emmy Award-winning producer/director Bryan Hickox and television news personality and original CNN

anchor Marcia Ladendorf. Film mastering and preparations for the audience screening was also done in about 48 hours by Easy Edit Video's own David Zuckerman.

The following films will be shown at the "Best of Jacksonville" screening on August 25. Award winners won't be revealed until the event, and not all the films have won a prize. But the public is encouraged to attend as the teams hope to become one of the following: Best of Jacksonville, Runner-up, Best Directing, Best Writing, Best Editing, Best Acting as an Ensemble, Best Cinematography, Best Use of Character, Best Use of Prop, Best Use of Line of Dialogue, Best Use of Jacksonville Landmark, Best Musical Score and Best Costumes.

â–ª Kettle Black - "Two Good Beans"
â–ª Psycho Film Binge - "Easter Bunny Super Hero"
â–ª Dr. Dangerous - "My Imaginary Girlfriend"
â–ª Sweaty South - "Where Have You Been"
â–ª NFocus - "Belong"
â–ª Don Flynn Pictures, Inc. - "Big Sister"
â–ª Pollack - "A Man's Touch"
â–ª Somebody Call An Ambulance - "Apartmental"
â–ª Jax Film Junkies - "B + A = Heart"
â–ª Babble - "Over Crossing"
â–ª 6th Floor Museum - "The Present"
â–ª Standby - "Invulnerable"
â–ª Bunnies In The Sun - "Black & White"

Questions about the Jacksonville 48 Hour Film Project should be sent to jacksonville@48hourfilm.com. Winners at the local level will compete at the national finals, with the potential to be named "The Best 48 Hour Film of 2007" which means the film may also be shown at venerable festivals such as Cannes and Filmapalooza. For additional information visit <http://www.48hourfilm.com/jacksonville>.

Tickets are \$8.50 each plus Florida sales tax and can be purchased at the event with cash only. To pre-purchase them online go to www.fmptajax.org and click the "Jacksonville 48 Hour Film" button. Seating is limited and there is a \$1 handling charge for advance purchases.

MEETING REMINDER - FFEAC CONTENT CREATION TASK FORCE TELECONFERENCE CALL WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22ND AT 9:30 AM

Just a reminder that the Florida Film and Entertainment Advisory Council's Content Creation Task Force will have a teleconference call on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 @ 9:30am (EDT). The purpose of the conference call is to consider and study, identify and recommend, and ultimately advise and consult on film financing programs to increase physical production in the State of Florida.

The meeting is open to the public either in person (Suite 2001 at The Capitol, Tallahassee) or via the toll-free conference call system below:

1.888.808.6959

Enter CONFERENCE CODE #: **4104765** followed by the # sign.

Once the tele-conference call is setup and ready to go, you'll be taken off hold and the meeting will begin. Just a reminder, the conference call will be recorded in accordance with the sunshine laws that govern the Council.

An audio record and minutes of the meeting will be available within a month on-line on our website: www.filminflorida.com

10 DAYS UNTIL DOV SIMEN'S TWO-DAY FILM SCHOOL!

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.womeninfilml.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>

CASTING CALL:

HEINZ PRODUCTIONS IS CASTING FOR ADVENTURES BY DISNEY!

For casting requirements ~ Call our Hot Line @ 407-224-5613

E-mail: info@247cast.com, www.247casting.com

Be a part of Adventures by Disney! Any age, gender, race or species are welcome to audition! Create an ORIGINAL CHARACTER, MASCOT or UNIQUE NEW PERSONALITY! Anything you do, say, sing, impersonate, dress as MUST BE ORIGINAL!! Everyone has a chance of having their unique talent featured on the "Adventures by Disney" Web site.

Casting will be filmed so EVERYONE MUST sign a talent release. \$100 will be paid to only those featured on the site. We might select the new "Adventures by Disney" Personality Mascot! You have 2 MINUTES OR LESS to WOW us!!

CASTING ON

Sat. Aug 25th, 2007

9 am - 5

Casting Location ~ Last Stage Out Of Town ~ For directions to the casting location go to www.laststage.com

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