

NEWS AND EVENTS, NOVEMBER 20, 2009

NEWS

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FILM & ENTERTAINMENT THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Governor's Office of Film and Entertainment will be closed Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. There will also be no newsletter on Friday. The office will open for normal business hours on Monday November 30th, and the newsletter will resume on Friday, December 4th.

Please make note of these dates when contacting the office regarding filming in Florida or sending articles for inclusion in the newsletter.

MIAMI FILM SCHOOL WINS AWARD

The Miami Film School in Hollywood, Florida was presented with The FREC Award by the Film, Recording, and Entertainment Council of Miami at the Star Gala held on November 14, 2009 at the Micosukee Resort and Casino in Miami. The school received the award in recognition of its demonstration of strong leadership and achievement in the industry and its contributions to the growth and development of the film industry in South Florida. The Miami Film School teaches students of all ages to write, shoot, direct and edit their own entry-level films in a "hands-on, learn by doing" method in which each student makes their own film and each completed film is screened at a theater.

Jim York, Director of the Miami Film School, accepted the award on behalf of the staff, teachers and students. For more information, contact Jim York at 954-989-2737, or visit the website at www.miamifilmschool.net.

MIAMI'S INDEPENDENT THINKERS FUNDRAISING EXTRAVAGANZA PART II: FASHION, FILM & MUSIC

3GZ Productions, in association with Club 50, Mitrani Warehouse, AV8 Productions, The Agency Collective, Biscayne Writers and Intuition Marketing (IM Events) presents Miami's Independent Thinkers | Miami's It, a multimedia art festival dedicated to South Florida's premier and emerging artists. The mission of the event is to raise awareness about talented South Florida artists through an exclusive showcase of their work amidst the many satellite fairs connected with Art Basel Miami Beach.

As a nonprofit venture in support of local art, community support is crucial. A final fundraiser is being held at Club 50 at The Viceroy (485 Brickell Avenue) on Friday November 20th, from 10pm - 2am. Fashion, Film & Music will be an explosive evening of talent and taste, and all proceeds collected at the event will go directly to staging the art fair. A minimum \$15 donation is required at the door but patrons are encouraged to give generously in support of this community initiative. The fundraiser will be a night to mingle with Miami's cultural mavens and enjoy a live fashion showcase, meet artists and experience the talents of top local DJs, designers and filmmakers.

[About Miami's It](#)

"Art Basel is very much an international event, and while our city is the stage our stars can get lost in the mix," says Franceasca Seiden, a Miami native and the founder of Miami's It. "My goal was to bring together a network of local cultural professionals to launch a new showcase of South Florida's incredible talent - especially independent artists working outside of the gallery system."

South Florida is known globally as a community of divergent cultures and as a crossroads for creative professionals. In addition to including well-known local talent, this project will open the door to a number of artists and creative individuals in South Florida who are currently underserved by the gallery system and market resources, giving them a chance for exposure during Basel week.

The show aims to feature artists working across a range of media - work on the walls and in public spaces, painting, photography, film, writing, sculpture, mixed/multimedia, installations, performance, graphic design, street art/graffiti, and much more. Miami's Independent Thinkers will run from December 3 - 6, 2009 at Mitrani Warehouse (222 NW 27th St, Miami, FL 33127) during Art Basel Miami Beach and will include opening night entertainment, live music, DJs, performance art and much more.

If you are interested in sponsoring the event please contact Franceasca Seiden at francesca@miamithinkers.com. Please also visit our website www.MiamiThinkers.com for more information on our mission and how to submit your work to the show.

WHAT: Miami's Independent Thinkers Fundraiser Part II
WHERE: Club 50, The Viceroy, 485 Brickell Ave, Miami, FL 33131
WHEN: Friday, November 20th, 10pm - 2am
COST: \$15 minimum donation (generosity is encouraged) / First drink on us!
FASHION: Kayce Armstrong, ShopStixandStones.com (Allison Ramirez),
Lorie Lester, G.O.A.T. deconstructed
FILM: Jen Stark, TM Sisters, Christina Pettersson, Federico Nessi
MUSIC: Rooftop Pool Set by Electric Porkchop

A.D.A.M. & E.V.E. FESTIVAL - MIAMI: ANIMATION INSIDE OUT

The '09 A.D.A.M. & E.V.E – Miami event will take place at the Miami Science Museum in the heart of Miami's famed Coral Gables district. The dates are December 27 – 29, 2009. More than a showcase of innovative animation from all over the world, festival organizers are mounting a series of workshops and hands-on demonstrations by animators and digital artist to show the public how animation is made. Audiences will learn about the business aspects of the industry also. A.D.A.M. & E.V.E stands for "Animation Digital Arts Media Electronic Visual Effects."

"There will be something for everyone," says festival organizer Noreen Legault Mendoza, President and CEO A.D.A.M. & E.V.E. Festival a non-profit South Florida-based production company.

"Animation has come a long way since Mickey and Minnie cartoons," says Legault Mendoza. "When you think of the full spectrum of media technology available to us, computer animation is probably the most pervasive and innovative art form today and is being successfully used by military, medical, education, and architectural fields.

Legault-Mendoza thinks her native Miami is the perfect venue for the festival. "Miami is becoming a Mecca of the art and entertainment world – the Miami International Film Festival, the Miami Book Fair, the Basel International Art Fair, the South Beach Animation Festival and now, A.D.A.M. & E.V.E. - Miami."

For details and sponsorship opportunities, contact:

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www.adamandevfestivals.com (being revamped at this time)

FLORIDA ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

DANCER FROM KENDALL PURSUES DREAMS ON TV SHOW COMPETITION

MiamiHerald.com © Nov 15, 2009

With only five years of formal dance training, Victor Smalley of Kendall channeled his love for dance by trying out for Fox's So You Think You Can Dance twice. He now has advanced to the top 14 out of the thousands across the country who tried out for the weekly television show.

'ENDURE' SOUND EDITOR PRACTICES ADDITION, SUBTRACTION

[The Ledger](http://TheLedge.com) © Nov 16, 2009

Morris, a 1977 graduate of Lakeland's Kathleen High School, is the sound design editor for "Endure," a Lakeland-based thriller whose progress The Ledger has been chronicling since its early stages. Morris, owner of the one-man company Maverick Sound in Winter Garden, has two general objectives for the small-budget film shot this spring: removing sounds that might detract from the story and adding sounds that will enhance it.

TAMPA DIGITAL STUDIOS GOES TO MIDDLE EAST, PRODUCES LIVE STREAMING OF HYDROPLANE RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

PRLog.Org (press release) © Nov 16, 2009

Tampa Digital Studios, a digital, video and film production company, today announced that it has been selected by the American Boat Racing Association [ABRA] to produce and broadcast the inaugural Oryx Cup UIM World Championship in Doha, Qatar. The live web stream broadcast will air Nov. 19 – 21, 2009, via abrahydroplanes.com, the web site of hydroplane racing series.

WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE JOBS

[Sarasota Herald-Tribune](http://SarasotaHerald-Tribune.com) © Nov 17, 2009

Jeanne Corcoran, director of the Sarasota County Film and Entertainment Office, welcomes a group of Hollywood producers last month to a boat tour of the Intracoastal Waterway. The film office is part of the Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County, which is working with other counties to attract new business to Southwest Florida.

FOUR TERRIFIC FILMS FILL JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

[Orlando Sentinel](http://OrlandoSentinel.com) © Nov 19, 2009

Year in, year out, the Central Florida Jewish Film Festival consistently offers the best lineup of movies, top-to-bottom, of any Central Florida film festival. The 2009 edition, this Sunday and Monday at the Enzian Theater, is no exception – with a pair of "ticking clock" thrillers, a heartwarming coming-of-age picture and a hilarious obese-Israelis-learn-to-love-the-blubber and sumo wrestle comedy.

3 SOUTH FLORIDA STUDENTS FEATURED IN FILM ABOUT BUDDING ENTREPRENEURS

MiamiHerald.com © Nov 19, 2009

Three teenage entrepreneurs delivered their elevator pitches to global audiences this week as cast members of a new documentary about young start-up starters. Nineteen-year-old Jessica Cervantes and 15-year-old Alex Niles of Miami and Macalee Harlis, 18, of Fort Lauderdale, starred in Ten9Eight: Shoot for the Moon, a film tracing the journey of a dozen high schoolers vying for a \$10,000 prize in a national business plan competition.

'SIN SOCIAL,' MOVIE BY CAPE RESIDENT, TO PREMIER TONIGHT

[Cape Coral Daily Breeze](http://CapeCoralDailyBreeze.com) © Nov 20, 2009

Cape Coral resident Guillermo Salamanca's award-winning independent film "Sin Social" will premiere tonight at the Sidney and Berne Davis Arts Center in Fort Myers. The film, written and directed by

Salamanca, was shot in Southwest Florida to showcase the plights and injustices of immigrants in the communities of Naples, Fort Myers and Cape Coral.

ARTICLES ABOUT THE COMPETITION:

GATEWAY-AREA MOVIE STUDIO WINS OK

East Valley Tribune © Nov 16, 2009

Arizona's first movie production studio won approval Monday to develop a facility in east Mesa that its developer sees as an inexpensive alternative to Hollywood. Mesa approved plans for Gateway Studios, whose soundstages could host production of movies, television shows, commercials and game shows.

LOCAL VIEWS MIXED ABOUT IOWA FILM INDUSTRY

Iowa City Press Citizen © Nov 17, 2009

The once burgeoning Iowa movie industry took on a different look for Kevin Perez. The owner and chef of Mama's Deli and Catering found himself on set for about six weeks providing two meals a day for a crew ranging from 60 to 125 people. He made the food at his Iowa City kitchen and transported it to the set for "Splatter" in Washington or Burlington.

STUDY SHOWS FILM INCENTIVES PAY OFF FOR OKLAHOMA

OKC.Biz © Nov 17, 2009

Oklahoma's film incentive program was first enacted in 2001 and modified in 2005, providing tax breaks to film productions shot in Oklahoma using local facilities and talent. Since 2005, officials estimate film productions in Oklahoma have provided a combined economic impact of more than \$135 million, with \$43 million projected for fiscal year 2010 alone.

JUDGE: FILMMAKER SHOULD GET CREDITS

DesMoinesRegister.com © Nov 17, 2009

A Canadian filmmaker should be able to begin filming an \$18.7million movie in Iowa after a Polk County judge ruled Tuesday the state should award him up to \$6.5million in tax credits. District Court Judge Glenn Pille said he will hold a hearing Friday before he compels Iowa's Department of Economic Development to execute a tax-credit agreement with Iowa Eye Entertainment, movie maker Kevin DeWalt's company.

TWILIGHT FILMING SET TO GO SOUTH

Globe and Mail © Nov 18, 2009

"My understanding of the reason they moved to Vancouver was simply because there was more infrastructure here, better support for their shooting team, for their performers, more equipment, better facilities, all that kind of thing." But the feeling is Oregon's infrastructure has improved, pushed by big-budget projects such as the Harrison Ford film Extraordinary Measures .

CALIFORNIA IMPOSES RULE FOR EFFICIENCY ON SOME TVS

New York Times © Nov 18, 2009

Recognizing that giant new flat-panel televisions have become major power guzzlers, California on Wednesday became the first state to impose energy efficiency standards on them. The California Energy Commission voted unanimously to apply the standard, which would take effect in 2011. There is no federal energy-efficiency standard for televisions.

GENERAL ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

OPRAH EFFECT IMPACTS MUSIC SALES

Variety © Nov 16, 2009

"It had massive impact," says Warner Bros. chief operating officer and Reprise Records president Diarmuid Quinn. "The thing about Oprah is, her audience follows what she endorses more than anyone else we've ever seen.... She has this validity you don't see any more." On the heels of her "Oprah"

appearance in late September, Barbra Streisand scored her first chart-topping album in 12 years when "Love is the Answer" bowed at the apex with first-week sales of 180,000.

MADE IN AMERICA

Hollywood Reporter © Nov 17, 2009

For years, the closest the city of Holland, Mich., got to big time show business was its annual Tulip Time Festival. That all that changed in April 2008 when the state enacted a film and TV incentive package highlighted by a refundable tax credit of up to 42% of in-state production spend and a 25% tax credit for film and digital media infrastructure investments.

COMPOSERS SEEK TO UNIONIZE

The Wrap © Nov 17, 2009

About 450 television and film composers and lyricists met with representatives of the Teamsters Monday night to discuss unionization and collective bargaining. According to composer Alan Elliott, who helped organize the Burbank event and spoke publicly at the proceedings, more than 200 attendees signed cards expressing their wish to unionize on the spot.

DOWNLOAD VENTURE GETS FREEMAN'S HELP

Variety © Nov 18, 2009

Morgan Freeman and Lori McCreary's Revelations Entertainment has thrown its financial resources and technical expertise behind a new venture that will allow consumers to rent films by plugging in a small USB 3.0 flash drive into kiosks that will be set up at retail outlets.

DAYTIME SHOCKER: OPRAH TO LEAVE TALK SHOW IN 2011

TheWrap © Nov 19, 2009

Oprah Winfrey's show will end in 2011 after a 25-year-run, according to a statement from CBS. The talk-show host and media mogul plans to announce during a Friday taping of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" that her final broadcasts will be held in September of 2011.

STATEWIDE EVENTS:

MIAMI FILM SCHOOL SCREENINGS

The Miami Film School is presenting a public screening of student films on Sunday, November 22, 2009 at 1:00 PM at the Cinema Paradiso, 503 SE 6th ST., Fort Lauderdale, FL. 33301 (954) 525-FILM. Admission is \$5.00.

The following short films will be shown:

Corporate Karma

Written, Directed, & Edited by Cathleen Dean

Starring: Nicole Marie Buttery, Sope Aluko, Steven A. Chambers, Alberto Veloso, Jean Louis, Salome Ventura, Roy Dean, & Sandi Bellack "Corporate Karma" is the story of career girl Heather who, after getting laid off, gets so fed up with trying to find a new job that she decides to seek revenge on her former boss.

14 mins

Under-Rated

Written, Directed, & Edited by Juan Hernandez

Starring: Chris Decaro, Julio Lourdo, A.J. O'Neal, Tiffany O'Neal, Pedro Rico, & Gerard Newlond Chris meets victory in the ring and defeat out of the ring. Victory and defeat become intertwined.

13 mins

Sins of the Father

Written, Directed, & Edited by Jason Gatto

Starring: Joey Betson, Adam Fortner, Brandi Rudicil, & Anthony Aragoni "Sins of the Father" is a drama/horror about Alex Romano, a boy who finally stands up to his alcoholic, abusive father with unintentional results.

11 mins

Death & Life

Written, Directed, & Edited by Michael Chasin

Starring: Mia Terez, Michael Jacques, Jayne Ireland, Lisa Eva Gold, & Hannah Fournier A condemned killer is the only donor match for a child dying of leukemia.

28 mins

INTERMISSION - 15 MINUTES

Ocaso

Written, Directed, & Edited by Jhonny Obando

Starring: Victoria Zapata, Fernando Vieira, & Unice Ovalle Vela dreams of finding the love of her life and bringing a son into the world to fill her days. But what happens when the most important things in life fall into chaos? What happens when the light, which once shone so bright, turns into a somber sunset?

8 mins

Into Your Hands

Written, Directed, & Edited by Jean Louis

Starring: A.J. O'Neal, Diana Restrepo, James C. Louis, & Shayla Hicks A father finds out his dying daughter is not his own and makes the ultimate sacrifice.

9 mins

Not By Might

Written, Directed, & Edited by Chaim Gersheitz

Starring: Dovid Primack, Adam Fortner, Joey Betson, & Chaim Gersheitz A Jewish story about simplicity.

15 mins

Nightmares

Written, Directed, & Edited by Oriana Diaz Garcia

Starring: Oriana Falkie, Carolina Valle, Jose Luis Navas, Guadalupe Hernandez, Rebeca Aguilera, Orestes Chavez, & Sara Hernandez Flor suffered greatly in the financial crisis. How far will one person go when she loses everything and everyone she ever cared about?

17 mins

Unconquered

Written, Directed, & Edited by Meredith Bullard

Starring: Amy Gonzalez, Marquita Adrian, & C. Todd Vittum Lana returns home after a stay at rehab and must prove to her loved ones, and herself, that she can remain unconquered by her addiction.

14 mins

SARASOTA COUNTY FILM & ENTERTAINMENT OFFICE HOLIDAY MIXER

What: Holiday Film Mixer & Panel Discussion

When: December 14, 2009

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: Longboat Key Club and Resort - John Ringling Room (220 Sands Pointe Rd., Longboat Key, FL)

This is a great opportunity to hear panelists speak on successful indie filmmaking in the Gulf Coast, television program production locally for series/reality projects, and other hot topics about the "industry" in this area! Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. Admission is \$10.00 pre-registration \$12.00 at the door.

Pre-Registration deadline is December 10th! Register now at http://www.edcsarasotacounty.com/register.asp?e_id=135.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR G-STAR STUDIO'S SOUNDSTAGE/THEATER

WHAT: Groundbreaking Ceremony of G-Star's New Soundstage/Theater located at 2030 South Congress Avenue, Palm Springs, Florida

DATE: November 23, 2009

TIME: 10:00am – 11:00am

RSVP: PamelaStarkThomas@comcast.net
(561) 351-5012

GIFF 4TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL AT NEW CINEBISTRO HYDE PARK THEATERS

Featuring the Tampa Bay Real Ghostbusters, who will zap a few ghosts and entertain the children before the screening of the Ghostbusters movie. The festival will also screen The Muppet Movie and a recent children's classic for the younger kids earlier in the morning and will have filmmaker demonstrations and games for kids of all ages!

When: Saturday, December 5, 2009

Where: CineBistro Hyde Park, 1609 West Swann Avenue, Tampa

What: The Real Ghostbusters make their dramatic appearance at 12:15, followed by the film at 1 pm. The Muppet Movie and another children's classic will start at 10 am. There will also be filmmaker "hands on" demonstrations throughout the day, a presentation by a children's film and television casting director, and face painting by a movie special effects director.

Vote for which film you want to see at www.GasparillaFilmFestival.com!

Admission: Free! (Donations welcome)

CINEMA PARADISO'S TEEN FILMMAKER PROGRAM

A very special after school workshop will be presented at Cinema Paradiso from November 16th thru January 14th. The FLIFF Teen Filmmaking Program is designed to instruct teenagers in all aspects of filmmaking. Join us at Cinema Paradiso as we offer a hands-on filmmaking course for teenagers, taught by highly respected professional filmmakers.

The course consists of detailed instruction in scriptwriting, directing, cinematography, editing, acting, set design, sound, and music: culminating in the active creation of a major short film, a gala film premier, and a Teen Filmmaker Awards Ceremony. As a participant in the program, you'll learn everything you need to know to make your own films and you'll have a great time doing it.

Classes will be held at Cinema Paradiso on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 – 5:30pm. There will be a break for the Holidays. Tuition is \$275. To register, visit www.FLIFF.com. For further information, call (888) 436-2168.

Class size is limited, so register early. Early registrants will receive four vouchers for the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival.

IATSE 477 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

I.A.T.S.E. Local 477 will hold its November 2009 Membership Meeting on Saturday the 21st. All Local 477 members are urged to attend. The meeting will be held at the Local 477 Meeting Hall, located at 10705 NW 33rd Street, Suite 110, Miami, Florida. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

AERIAL DIRECTOR AND STUNT PILOT J.W. "CORKEY" FORNOFF SPEAKING

Like Movies? Come see Aerial Director J.W. "Corkey" Fornof speak about his work on "007 Octopussy," "Face Off," and "Six Days and Seven nights" at LoPresti in Sebastian, Florida on December 5th. This will be a fun round table Q & A event. Corkey will have several movie clips and will talk about how he created the stunts and later filmed these stunts.

"Directors don't pay me to take risks. They pay me to eliminate risks and get an exciting shot. I've got a yellow streak down my back so wide I can stretch it around me like a rain coat," said J.W. "Corkey" Fornof.

This event will feature a charity breakfast supporting a Sebastian food bank and will end with a free air show by Corkey in the LoPresti Fury (210 Airport Drive East Sebastian, FL 32958). For more information, contact David LoPresti at 772-538-1454.

FFEAC 4TH QUARTER MEETING

The Florida Film and Entertainment Advisory Council will hold its 4th Quarter FFEAC meeting via teleconference on Friday, December 11th. The teleconference will start at 10:00am and is scheduled to end at 11:30am.

The call-in number is 1-888-808-6959, and the conference code is 4104765. If there are any questions, please contact the Governor's Office of Film & Entertainment at (850) 410-4765.

CASTING CALL:

THE ULTIMATE BODY AUDITIONS

On Saturday December 12th and Sunday December 13th Lyon Entertainment will be holding auditions for their new reality television series "The Ultimate Body." 13 men and 13 women will have a chance to compete to win the title of "The Ultimate Body" and win \$50,000, a feature in Muscle Magazine International, an endorsement deal, a trip to Hawaii, and more!

Applications are available online. Auditions will be held at the Newport Beachside Resort in Miami, Florida. For more details, visit www.theultimatebodytvshow.com.

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