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FILM LIFE'S AMERICAN BLACK FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2010 DATES AND CALL FOR ENTRIES

HBO(R) Continues as Founding and Premier Sponsor. Festival to Spotlight Black Women in Hollywood.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24 /PRNewswire/ -- Film Life, Inc., announces the 14th annual American Black Film Festival (ABFF) to be held in Miami, Florida, June 23-26, 2010. The ABFF is an industry retreat and competitive marketplace that facilitates distribution opportunities for independent Black films. Home Box Office, Inc. (HBO), returns for the thirteenth year in support of the festival's mission.

The 2010 ABFF will feature accomplished women in film and television. Female industry leaders will be thoroughly integrated into all aspects of the festival programming including the creation of the first all women Grand Jury. "Our organization is devoted to diversity, and next year's festival will bring attention to some key women who are influencing this business. I am delighted that HBO is on board; their loyalty to the ABFF underlines their commitment to develop and promote the work of a diverse group of artists," says ABFF's founder, Jeff Friday.

"HBO is proud of its long-standing partnership with the ABFF," said Olivia Smashum, executive vice president, Affiliate Marketing at HBO. "With our HBO Short Film competition housed at the ABFF since its inception, our combined efforts have given much needed exposure to 60 emerging filmmakers to date. We look forward to working with the ABFF again in 2010."

ABFF submissions are now open in the Narrative Features, Documentary and Short Film categories. Awards presented include: The HBO Short Film Award; Grand Jury Prizes for Best Film, Best Documentary and Best Performance by an Actor; as well as the newly launched (2009) ABFF Audience Award for the best of festival. Prizes range from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

Established in 1997, the core mission of the ABFF is to promote cultural diversity within the motion picture industry by strengthening the Black filmmaking community through resource sharing, education, artistic collaboration and career development. Through its film showcases and special contests, it annually introduces the top echelon of emerging artists to the film and television industry.

The ABFF is a property of Film Life, Inc., a New York-based event marketing, production and distribution company founded in 2002 by Jeff Friday (CEO). For information about the festival, submissions and registration, visit abff.com, call 646-375-2144, ext.1, or e-mail: abff@thefilmlife.com.

PRINCE OF PRESTIGE ACADEMY SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR FREE PROGRAM

Prince of Prestige Academy in Orlando, FL is currently seeking 25 – 30 qualified students to evaluate their new 12 week online Digital Motion Picture Production (DMMP) program. The tuition for the Jan – March 2010 term will be absorbed by the academy. Students DO NOT have to pay the tuition cost. However, the applicant will be required to furnish their own equipment, text books, and any other school supplies needed. Students that successfully complete the program will receive a prestigious diploma in Digital Motion Picture Production.

The program's start date is January 1, 2010 and the end date is March 31, 2010. The deadline to apply is January 1, 2010. Priority is given on a first-come basis, so submit your application as soon as possible. They are looking for high school graduates who are serious about filmmaking and will take the opportunity seriously.

If you are interested in becoming a student evaluator, please contact the academy via email at info@princeofprestige.com or by phone at (407) 245-7355. For more information, visit their website at www.princeofprestige.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE MIAMI MUSIC FESTIVAL (DOWNTOWN MIAMI) DECEMBER 10-12, 2009

Be a part of the nation's newest showcase festival and conference for emerging musical acts (www.miamimusicfestival.org) and be on the inside of Miami's largest ever new music event. Participate in a major music festival and gain hands-on experience with an organization presenting 600 performances on three stages over three days.

Opportunity:

Volunteers may be asked to help with ticketing and stage management or to serve as production assistants.

Requirements:

Volunteers must be 21 years of age or older and respond via email to lisa@transitlounge.us, or via phone 305.860.0571 X 125 by Tuesday, December 8th to schedule an interview. Orientation will take place on Wednesday, December 9th at which time volunteers will be provided with festival materials, including job description, information sheet, tee shirt and credentials, protocols and procedures.

FLORIDA'S LARGEST STUDENT FILM COMPETITION OFFERS \$15,000 IN CASH AWARDS AND A MOVIE PREMIERE

Palm Beach County, Fla. (November 24, 2009) The Palm Beach International Film Festival (PBIFF), in collaboration with the Palm Beach County Film & Television Commission, is pleased to announce the official Call for Entries for the 2010 Student Showcase of Films (SSOF). Film students enrolled in Florida high schools and colleges are encouraged to submit their entries no later than Wednesday, January 20, 2010. To submit and view the awards breakdown and other information, please visit www.pbfilm.com.

Celebrating 15 years, the highly acclaimed festival is the largest statewide film competition and awards ceremony for Florida student filmmakers. The juried competition recognizes outstanding high school and college students by presenting over \$15,000 in scholarships and awards in 6 film categories: Feature/Shorts, Documentary, Animation, Commercial/PSA, Music Video, and Audience Award, plus a screenwriting and poster competition. Honoring the legacy of Burt Reynolds, the festival also awards annual scholarships bearing his name.

Each year, organizers produce a sizzling live awards show for more than 800 attendees from around the state. Guests have included such notables as Steven Bauer, Amanda Bynes, Vincent Cecere, Clint Howard, Jonathan Krane, Louis Lombardi, Vincent Pastore, Burt Reynolds, Al Sapienza, Tico Torres and Nick Zano.

The 15th Annual Student Showcase of Films awards ceremony will be held on April 23, 2010, in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Winning student films will also be screened in their entirety at the students' own premiere during the film festival.

FLORIDA ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

SARASOTA OFFICIAL WANTS LOCAL 'COUGAR TOWN' SCENES

Sarasota Herald-Tribune © Nov 26, 2009

The Sarasota County film commissioner, who works to entice film and TV productions to the area, is tickled every week when a map of Sarasota is featured in

THREE NEW PROGRAMS LAUNCH AT MEDIA CENTER

Central Florida Future © Dec 02, 2009

These programs join several other high-profile programs at the center: The Florida Interactive Entertainment Academy, UCF's graduate video-gaming school; Vicon Entertainment's House of Moves, one of the largest motion-capture studios on the East Coast; and the soundstage and editing suites of Studio 500.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL FILM AND ARTS FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES ITS 2010 DATES IN CELEBRATION OF ITS 5TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

PR-inside.com (press release) © Dec 02, 2009

The Women's International Film and Arts Festival will be celebrating its 5th anniversary from March 25th – April 2nd 2010 in Miami, Florida. The Women's International Film & Arts Festival (WIFF) is a unique, cultural event featuring films, visual and performance arts and other artistic expressions by women.

TRENDSETTERS IN ANIMATION

Florida Trend © Dec 01 2009

You can trace Philip Holt's job leading a 600-employee video game developer back to age 12, when his parents hogged the Atari 2600 they gave him. His father, a Boeing engineer, and mother, a technical editor, were so taken that they founded a game company in their log cabin in the Cascade foothills of Washington. "High tech in the most rustic setting," Holt says.

FAMU SENIOR BROADCAST JOURNALISM STUDENTS SHOWCASE THEIR DOCUMENTARIES

WCTV © Dec 03, 2009

Florida A&M University (FAMU) senior broadcast journalism students will showcase their documentaries at the Student Documentary Night on December 4 and 5. This year, the event has expanded into two days. The premier night is scheduled for December 4, at 7 p.m. with a reception immediately following the showing of the documentaries. A matinee is scheduled for December 5, at 2 p.m. This year's theme is "Thoughts From An Unread Journal: Films From Life's Diary."

ARTICLES ABOUT THE COMPETITION:

FILM INCENTIVES PAYING DIVIDENDS (KENTUCKY)

California Chronicle © Nov 27, 2009

Then, Cassidy said, "the governor signed the bill. I called to tell them about it and they were in the state within a week. We got 14 days of filming with an impact of \$6 million to \$7 million. And they wouldn't have been here at all without the incentives." A smaller independent film, "Popcorn Ceiling," will be filming in the Anderson County area in December, he said. "That will have a \$3.5 million impact," Cassidy said. "So, we've gone from \$0 to \$10 million pretty quickly. Our calls have at least quadrupled. Usually putting something together takes time, but these two came together quickly."

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION, LEAVE

Fox and Hounds Daily © Dec 1, 2009

Only five major movies with a budget over \$75 million are being produced in Los Angeles this year according to one report. That compares to 21 films produced in L.A. last year and 71 in 1996. Forty states are offering filmmakers financial incentives to film and many are building state of the art studios. With the advent of digital media production equipment it is much easier to move around. Many states offer rebates and interest free loans to lure movie producers.

MASS. RAMPS UP BUSINESS TAX INCENTIVES

Boston Globe © Dec 02, 2009

In addition, the state has seen an increase in spending from some relatively new incentives for the film industry and life science companies. The state is expected to spend \$150 million on film tax subsidies and \$25 million for the life sciences incentive program in 2010.

WSU FILM STUDENT TRADES CLASS FOR LOCAL WORK

Detroit Free Press © Dec 03, 2009

A film major at Wayne State University, he left school to work in the state's burgeoning movie industry. Michigan has become a magnet for filmed entertainment since creating a refundable tax credit of up to 42% on production expenses, and Dresser is taking advantage of the opportunity. The 21-year-old has worked in various capacities on nine different productions — feature films, a made-for-television movie and a TV pilot — in less than two years' time.

STATE FILM INDUSTRY CONTINUES TO GROW

LSU The Reveille – Louisiana © Dec 04, 2009

The movie is one of about 21 projects currently filming in Louisiana and one of three projects filming in Baton Rouge, said Chris Stelly, director of film and television for the Office of Entertainment Industry within Louisiana Economic Development. Stelly said the total number of films for the state is going to be lower than last year, which saw about 80 productions.

GENERAL ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

NINTENDO DOWN TODAY AS VIDEOGAME SECTOR GETS SCARY

BloggngStocks © Dec 02, 2009

Well, those who own Nintendo Co., Ltd. (NTDOY) are experiencing discomfort of their own this afternoon. My screen shows them down \$1.22, or 4%, to \$29.37, or right near the 52-week low, at the time of this writing. Not only is the Wal-Mart news probably helping in the sell-off, but the market is surely paying attention to the fact that production activity on the Wii appears to be contracting, as this item over at CrunchGear mentions.

DIRECTORS' UNION SEALS DEALS

Variety © Dec 02, 2009

The Stage Directors and Choreographers Society, the legit helmers union, ratified three labor contracts at a recent meeting that included the announcement of the results of its executive board elections. The trio of labor agreements had been hammered out in recent rounds of negotiations with three separate producers groups.

COMCAST AND GE TO CREATE LEADING ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY

TMCnet © Dec 03, 2009

The joint venture, which will consist of the NBC Universal (News - Alert) (NBCU) businesses and Comcast's cable networks, regional sports networks and certain digital properties and certain unconsolidated investments, will be well positioned to compete in an increasingly dynamic and competitive media and digital environment.

HOWARD STERN TO SAG AWARDS: WHO CARES?

TheWrap © Dec 03, 2009

The radio host says he's using his slot to only vote for people who have appeared on his show. "I'm going to take this seriously, and reward our friends. I don't give a s--- if they were good or not," Stern announced on his radio show this morning, citing Kevin Bacon as someone who would earn his vote because he appeared on Stern's show.

FTC: STILL TOO MUCH VIOLENCE FOR KIDS

Variety © Dec 03, 2009

The Federal Trade Commission is unhappy with the entertainment industry's continued promotion of violent films, music and videogame industries to children. In a report on the subject released Thursday, the agency said the three segments have made positive strides in shielding children from the marketing of mature products but cited room for improvement: The studios continue to intentionally market PG-13 films to children under 13...

STATEWIDE EVENTS:

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)

AERIAL DIRECTOR AND STUT 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.

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.

FMPTA SCREENING AT THE OAKS 10 PREMIERE THEATRE

The cost to attend the Florida Motion Picture & Television Association's (www.FMPTA.org) Holiday Screening is Free to FMPTA members and \$8 for ALL non-members. No credit cards are accepted. All attending will get admission to the screening and a free pass to a future movie of their choice at the Oaks 10 Premiere Theatre courtesy of the Oaks 10 Premiere Theatre (www.Oaks10.com).

The December 14, 2009 screening at the Oaks 10 Premiere Theatre at 7:00 PM is open to all. Anyone under 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Any submission, which is determined solely by the FMPTA, to be deserving of a rating of PG-13 will be shown at the end of the evening and an announcement will be made in advance of that showing. Any comments or questions should be addressed to: Bill@ACutAboveVideo.com

CRYSTAL HARTIGAN PRESENTS...SONGWRITER'S SHOWCASE

"Showcasing local, national, and international Songwriters "in the round" style 3rd Tuesday of every month."

This month's Songwriter's Showcase will be held Tuesday, December 15th. Open mic begins promptly at 8pm, and all participants must be signed up no later than 7:50pm. The showcase will begin at 9pm. Cover is \$5 and payable at the door.

Featured Songwriters:

Alex Nelson www.alexnelsonmusic.com

Chloe Dolandis www.chloedolandis.com

Mark Solomon www.imsolomon.com

Lauren Adams www.laurenadams.com

Location:

Broward Center for the Performing Arts in the Abdo New River Room
201 SW Fifth Avenue
Downtown Fort Lauderdale, FL
Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District
954-462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

There is a parking garage across the street from BCPA and additional parking along the streets at the

parking meters and surrounding area. There is also a parking garage east of the Railroad Tracks and transportation by boat and dock is available on the river as well as Water Taxi.

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.

CASTING CALL:

JOB OPENING: LOCATION COORDINATOR

One of South Florida's Location companies for Film, TV, Print and Events is looking for a Location Coordinator (in office) for a temporary position starting December 11th through January 15th (could become permanent).

MUST have production knowledge, great ability to multi-task, work well under pressure, be computer savvy and resourceful.

Required qualifications include:

- Bachelor's Degree in communication, art, design, film, TV and related fields, preferred
- 3 or more years of production experience
- Team player
- Go getter
- Very computer competent
- People person
- Easy going
- Organized
- Detail oriented

Responsibilities will include (but not limited to):

- Assisting national and international productions in finding locations for film, TV and print shoots.
- Negotiating locations' rates
- Coordinate the logistics involved in the usage of the location (parking, permitting, notifications, sign-offs, maps and directions)
- Issue contracts

- Collaborate with site manager or location managers on location
- Arrange locations scouting
- Keep the internal database and web site up to date
- Basic accounting functions

Resumes are only being accepted from those that meet all these qualifications. Qualified applicants should send their resumes to careers@locationresources.com.

EXTRAS NEEDED FOR TV PILOT

A major network will be shooting a television pilot titled "Sugarloaf" in the Tampa, Florida area the week of December 7th – December 11th and are seeking paid extras. They are looking for men and women mostly 18-40, although there are a few spots for kids and people over 40.

They will be filming beach bar scenes where some jet skiers and volleyball players will be needed. The beach scenes are Tuesday and Wednesday, at which time there will be a need for individuals age 20 – 30 that are comfortable wearing a bathing suit all day.

Golfers with their own golf gear are also needed. Cars ranging from pick ups to tricked out custom everyday cars will be used also.

Extra roles do not require any experience. All positions are paid. If you are interested, send a recent photo, your age, and phone number to Sugarloafextras@gmail.com.

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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