



NEWS AND EVENTS, DECEMBER 18, 2009

NEWS

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FILM & ENTERTAINMENT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS

The Governor's Office of Film and Entertainment will be closed Friday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday and will re-open for normal business hours on Monday, December 28th. The office will also be closed on Friday December 31st in observance of the New Year's Day and will re-open for normal business hours on Monday, January 4, 2010. The newsletter will be distributed on Wednesday both the week of Christmas and New Years.

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

'KISS OF LIFE' TAKES TOP EMMY HONORS

TV Retrospective on Famous Photograph Wins 2 Suncoast Emmy Awards

Kiss of Life, The 40th Anniversary—the TV documentary depicting the dramatic story of a Jacksonville newspaper photographer who snapped the shot of a lifetime—took two Emmy's at the 33rd annual Suncoast Emmy Awards, held December 5 in Orlando, Florida.

"It's a terrific honor and we're thrilled," said Bill Retherford, who produced, wrote and narrated the *Kiss* documentary.

Kiss was named Best Documentary in the Historical category; Retherford won an Individual Achievement Emmy for Best Writing. The program—produced at Jacksonville's PRC Digital Media and edited by PRC's Chris Linke—was sponsored and underwritten by the Jacksonville Historical Society.

"We're honored to have shown how this one image touched so many lives," said Ray Hays, PRC President and the program's Executive Producer.

Kiss told the now-legendary story of *Jacksonville Journal* photographer Rocco Morabito—and his Pulitzer Prize winning news shot.

On July 17, 1967, Morabito—near the intersection of West 26th and Grunthal Streets in Northwest Jacksonville—snapped the stunning photograph of a city utility worker resuscitating a fellow lineman shocked by a high-voltage wire. The lineman survived. Morabito's photograph earned him the 1968 Pulitzer in the Spot News category.

"Rocco's photo rocked the world," said Retherford. "Virtually every newspaper on Earth put that picture on its front page the next day."

"It was an incredible act of heroism, a life-or-death moment, all captured by Rocco in a split second," said Emily Lisska, Executive Director of the Jacksonville Historical Society. "It was an extraordinary moment for our city."

Morabito—who died last April at age 88—was the guest of honor at the documentary's 2008 premiere to a standing-room-only crowd at Old St. Andrews Church, the Society's downtown headquarters.

"I think it's wonderful that Rocco had the opportunity to experience the impact of his beautiful, life-affirming photograph," said Lisska.

WJXT-TV broadcast *Kiss of Life* in November, 2008. DVD copies of the program are available through the Jacksonville Historical Society (www.jaxhistory.com).

FLORIDA ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

FAMU GRADUATE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN PRINCESS IN DISNEY FILM

WCTV © Dec 11, 2009

Disney's new movie *The Princess and the Frog* makes its debut today. And the princess has local ties as a Rattler. Anika Noni Rose, who lends her voice to the character Princess Tiana in the film, received her undergraduate degree from Florida A & M University in the early nineties.

FLA.'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR STARTED ON 'MIAMI VICE'

MiamiHerald.com © Dec 12, 2009

To see Florida's top teacher, turn on the TV and find an old episode of "Miami Vice." Joe Underwood appeared a number of times on the show, sometimes as a narcotics officer, other times as a dancing bar patron. But when the series went off the air, Underwood took on a new role: He became an educator.

GRAMMY-WINNING BAND TO GIVE FREE SHOW AT LIGHT UP UCF

Central Florida Future © Dec 12, 2009

Anyone in the Orlando area Dec. 17 will be able to see the Grammy Award-winning band Jars of Clay play a free concert for Light Up UCF. The concert is open to everyone, and there is no cost for admission. Parking is also free and will be available in Event Garage F. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. outside the UCF Arena....

LAST CALL FOR FFF FEATURES (SERIOUSLY)

Indie Wire (blog) © Dec 16, 2009

If you're a WAB member and are still interested in submitting to the upcoming 19th edition of the festival April 9 - 18, you get the benefit of an extra week but must get your submission in transit by this Friday, December 18.

HIDE THE VODKA! THE OC HOUSEWIVES ARE COMING

NBC Miami © Dec 17, 2009

"We were so thrilled that Bravo chose Greater Fort Lauderdale to film an episode of 'The Real Housewives of Orange County' that we put together a trip giveaway for visitors to take in all the glam, glitz and the wild side of Greater Fort Lauderdale," said Nicki E. Grossman, president of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau.

DIGITAL DESIGN STUDENTS IN MARTIN COUNTY OVERLOADED WITH CAREER INFO FROM THE EXPERTS

Stuart News © Dec 17, 2009

Nearly 100 students enrolled in the Digital Design programs at Jensen Beach, South Fork and Martin County high schools learned about the different jobs within film and advertising industries that require a mastery of digital design. Guest speakers included Mark Conrad, who owns his own graphic design studio, freelance graphic designer Ricky Silliker and John Textor, chairman of Wyndcrest DD Florida Inc.,

which plans to build a 150,000-square-foot movie animation and video game production studio within the Tradition development in Port St. Lucie.

ARTICLES ABOUT THE COMPETITION:

DC OWES FILM COMPANY \$1.4M FOR PRODUCTION

Washington Examiner © Dec 15, 2009

ThA promised \$2 million incentive payment from the District to a major movie studio remains largely unpaid six months after filming wrapped, sparking concern that an overly complicated bureaucracy might drive future productions away.

STUDIO SPACE FOR TORONTO

Variety © Dec 16, 2009

Toronto's Cinespace is developing a 30-acre complex in the western part of the city, with 50,000 square feet of production offices available now and studio space in early 2010. The new acquisition will make the company Canada's largest provider of film studio space, according to Cinespace prexy Steve Mirkopoulous.

STATE OFFICIALS SET DEADLINE FOR FILM PROJECTS SEEKING TAX CREDITS

Sioux City Journal - Iowa © Dec 17, 2009

State officials will give production companies until Monday to say whether they will move forward with their film projects and are still intending to seek tax credits from the state. Fred Hubbell, interim director of the Iowa Department of Economic Development, outlined the deadline at a meeting of the department's board Thursday.

MICHIGAN TO THE RESCUE

Detroit Free Press © Dec 18, 2009

Originally, the producers wanted to shoot in Iowa and had looked there for the holidome-style hotel that's in the script. A possible site in Cedar Rapids had flood damage, so another location was found in Des Moines. But when Iowa suspended its film incentive program in September, it was "the thing that kind of catapulted us up to Michigan," says producer Jim Burke.

GENERAL ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

WGA ANNOUNCES TV NOMS

Variety © Dec 14, 2009

NBC's "30 Rock" and "The Office," AMC's "Mad Men," plus ABC's frosh hit "Modern Family" lead the way in major categories with three nominations each for Writers Guild Awards. Fox's rookie tuner "Glee" garnered two mentions from the scribe tribe, which unveiled its smallscreen contenders Monday. WGA's feature noms will be out Jan. 11.

SAG NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED

Variety © Dec 17, 2009

"Inglourious Basterds," "Precious" and "Up in the Air" scored the most traction among thespians with three Screen Actors Guild feature nominations each as actors opted for a mix of mainstream and specialty titles. On the TV side, "30 Rock," "The Closer" and "Dexter" led the way with three nominations apiece.

NOW PLAYING: 3D SPECS FOR BLU-RAY

Variety © Dec 17, 2009

The long-anticipated spec calls for every 3D Blu-ray software/hardware product to be TV agnostic: The 3D images will work with any compatible 3D display regardless of whether it uses LCD, plasma or any other technology. In addition, 3D Blu-ray products will output eye-popping content regardless of what 3D technology format the displays use.

GUILD LOSES HOPE ON VIDGAME PACT

Variety © Dec 17, 2009

The Screen Actors Guild remains at a standstill on reaching a deal with the videogame industry -- and will probably see further erosion of its tiny slice of vidgame voice work. SAG negotiators reached a tentative deal in early October on the vidgame pact, but about 75 members working the contract in Hollywood spurned the deal on Oct. 28 due to concerns over the "atmospheric" provisions allowing employers to use actors to perform up to 20 voices of up to 300 words at the daily base rate.

'AVATAR' GIVES THEATER OWNERS INCENTIVE TO SHOW 3-D MOVIES

St. Louis Post-Dispatch © Dec 18, 2009

Now, as opening-day reviews of the sci-fi epic "Avatar" are hailing the film as a technological breakthrough, theater owners are betting that its immersive 3-D techniques will add depth to threatened coffers. "This is what we've been waiting for," said Kelly Hoskins, director of marketing for the locally based Wehrenberg Theatres chain.

STATEWIDE EVENTS:

FILMMAKERS SOCIAL EVENT

Eye on Talent is putting together a Film Makers Social Event slated for Feb. 26, 2010. The purpose of this purpose is to bring film makers together to meet and pitch film ideas. If you are a Director or Producer looking for talent and crew, and industry professional working in front of the camera or behind the scenes, or just someone wanting to see the film industry flourish in Tallahassee and North Florida, this event is for you. Experienced filmmakers and film students will be able to present their work at this event.

More information will be coming as plans are finalized. If you want would like to participate in the event or volunteer, please send an e-mail to Eyeontalentpr@aol.com.

"A NIGHT OUT" WITH FLORIDA ENTERTAINMENT

Florida Entertainment is hosting their next event on Saturday, December 19th at Paradise Salon, Spa, and Café (<http://paradisosalon.net>, 140 NE 2nd Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444) from 7:00pm to 12:00am. There will be music performed by local musicians and a showcase with a "Featured Artist," local short films, and the "Fab 5." Food, fun, and much more will be available for all.

Five Florida Entertainment guest, known as the Fab 5, will be selected at random by the Florida Entertainment's Advisory Board to showcase themselves at the event and be videotaped for uploading to the group page after the event. Those chosen will be notified prior to the event, so they can be prepared to showcase themselves, their talent, their business, or whatever they would like.

Florida Entertainment's commitment has continued to be passionate about maximizing the exposure of talent here in Florida. In combining talent, production, and corporate America, Florida Entertainment feels that the only way to survive the decline in Florida productions is to join forces and unite resources and voices.

They are currently looking for raffle items, volunteers, and sponsors. If you, or someone you know, would like to donate, participate, or volunteer, or sponsor, please send contact FloridaEntertainment@live.com.

There is a suggested "love offering" of \$5 to cover the overhead for the event.

THE FLIFF 2009 SHORT FILM FESTIVAL AND HOLIDAY PARTY TO BENEFIT THE HOMELESS & KIDS IN DISTRESS AT CINEMA PARADISO, DECEMBER 20

This year, Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival (FLIFF) received a bumper crop of short films for their 2009 Annual event in October/November. So much so, that they decided to add an extra day of short films combined with an all-day holiday party on December 20th beginning at 1:00pm at Cinema Paradiso (503 SE 6 Street, Fort Lauderdale).

The day is \$5 for general admission and free for FLIFF members. FLIFF asks that you bring either two cans of food or one new unwrapped toy per person. Food items will be donated to Broward County Partnership for the Homeless, and toys will be given to Kids in Distress.

There will be 23 films totaling 374 minutes. That's a little over 6 hours, plus a holiday cookie and eggnog break! Shorts and sweets!

For more information visit www.FLIFF.com or call 954-525-FILM (3456).

Parking is Free, all day Sunday, in the Courthouse Garage and at Meters.

A.D.A.M. & E.V.E. MIAMI WINTER BREAK MINI FEST

The A.D.A.M. & E.V.E Miami Winter Break Mini Fest 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.

Price: \$5 for Adults, Free for children 10 and under
Location: Miami Science Museum
Dates: Sunday and Monday, December 27-28, 2009
Time: 9:00am – 11:00pm

Location: South Dade Chamber of Commerce
Date: Monday, December 28, 2009
Time: 10:00am – 5:00pm

Tickets are available to purchase online or at the above locations. For more information, visit the website at www.adamandevfestivals.com.

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.

8-WEEK VOICE OVER WORKSHOP AT VENUE ACTORS STUDIO STARTING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010

The workshop will cover all aspects of breaking into the voiceover business, as well as voice techniques, developing your own style and demo CD's, and much more. Interested participants should contact Venue Actors Studio at 727-822-6194 or by e-mail at VenueActorStudio@gmail.com. Venue Theatre is located at 9125 US 19 N., Pinellas Park, FL in the Broyhill Furniture Plaza 2 lights north of Gandy and Park Blvd.

Fee: \$320 for 8 weeks – There is a minimum \$100 deposit to hold space and Venue Membership is available for only \$25 per year extra.

Size: The workshop is limited to 12 participants.

About the Instructor

Ginny Kopf is well known throughout Florida as a voice, speech and dialect coach for actors and singers. For over 25 years she has been a college and acting studio instructor in Orlando, currently at Valencia and Seminole Community College and L.A. Acting Workshop in Orlando. She has given thousands of workshops nationally and has done extensive coaching for Disney and Universal Studios and numerous theatres, drama departments, films and television series. Kopf also gives private lessons in singing, voiceover, dialects, and public speaking. She holds a Masters degree in Theatre Voice and an MFA in Vocal Science. Kopf has produced a 3-CD set titled "Accent Reduction Workshop," and her textbook "The Dialect Handbook" has received international recognition.

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 info@locationresources.com.

PLEASE NOTE:

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