

NEWS AND EVENTS, DECEMBER 23, 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.

AUDITION REELS AND HEAD SHOTS TO BE PRODUCED FOR LOCAL ACTORS, ENTERTAINERS AND REALITY SHOW HOPEFULS

December 18, 2009 – Niceville, FL – Northwest Florida Actors, Actress, Entertainers and Reality Show hopefuls will have an opportunity to have their Audition Reels and Head Shots professionally produced on January 16th and 17th during the NW Florida Audition Workshop at the Artitude-Truckin' Production Studio in Niceville.

The NW Florida Audition Workshop will provide a "one stop shop" where Entertainers will receive a personal Audition coaching session; Professional Make-Up and Hair touch-up; one Professional Head Shot and Print; a Professionally Produced Audition Reel on HD Video, Edited and electronically delivered the same day, ready for upload to on-line actors data bases, audition sites, YouTube, or directly to potential agents. In addition, the completed Audition Reels will be listed for one year listing on a NW Florida On-Line Entertainment Data Base and shared with local Film Commissioners.

Participants in the NW Florida Audition Workshop will receive:

1. A one-on-one Pre-production coaching session with Acting Coach and Professional Actress Ann Marie Crouch from AMC Talent in Navarre, FL. Ann Marie will preview and/or suggest the audition materials and provide tips to help the audition production session go smoothly.
2. Make-Up and Hair touch-up from Lisa Robinson of Howard Robinson Photography, a professional make-up artist with a long list of national print, television and feature film credits
3. Single Post Head Shot Session and single Print/electronic file with Photographer Fred Turnbow, Artitude Studios – Fred's glamour and fashion photography has been featured in many national magazines and websites.
4. High Definition Video Production Session with Producer/Director Steve Baker of SB Video Productions – Steve's work has been seen on almost every Broadcast and Cable network on Television as well as corporate video and Feature Films.
5. Post Production Session with Editor Steve Baker to create Professional looking 3-5 minute Audition reel – The reel will include the head shot and title graphics with your name and contact information, the edited audition piece. The finished reel will be rendered into a web version ready for electronic delivery. The Audition Reel and Head Shot(s) will be compiled and delivered on a Flash Drive to the entertainer at the end of the workshop session.

6. One Year Listing on NW Florida Entertainment Data Base – Actors Reels will also be provided to Linda Sargeant, Okaloosa County Film Commissioner for consideration in upcoming Film, Television and Print projects shooting on the Emerald Coast.

The cost for participation in the NW Florida Audition Workshop is \$225.00 per person. A non-refundable \$25.00 Pre-registration fee is required to secure a 45 minute audition time slot. The balance will be due upon arrival and prior to your Audition session. Auditions will begin promptly at 9am and will continue throughout the day. Cash, Check, Credit Cards or PayPal Accepted.

For more information, directions and to secure your audition time slot, please contact Steve Baker via email at sbvideo@bellsouth.net or phone (850) 582-1240.

FREE DIGITAL MEDIA TRAINING TO DISPLACED WORKERS

Seminole State College and Workforce Central Florida invite displaced workers to attend free digital media training to enhance their job prospects. Displaced workers are those who are out of work due to layoffs, shutdowns or other industry-related changes and are actively seeking employment. Part-time workers who are not fully employed due to industry-related changes may also qualify. Displaced media professionals with experience in print, broadcast, communications, online, or other media-related industries are encouraged to apply.

- Training: Consists of 21 sessions (3 hrs. each) that cover a variety of topics dealing with digital media to include:
 - Learn how to set up a web server, website development, web cast, web advertise, and video recording/editing/production
 - When: February through April 2010, 1 to 2 evenings a week and Saturdays AM
- Registration began December 11, 2009. (Seats are filled on a first-come, first-served basis)
- Location: All classes will be at the Seminole State College Heathrow Campus, 1055 AAA Drive, Heathrow FL 32746

How do I know if I am Eligible for this Training?

- 1) Contact Betty Maldonado if you are interested in the Digital Media Training at Seminole State College
 - a) Telephone: (407) 708-2681
 - b) Email: maldonadob@scc-fl.edu
- 2) View the WIA webinar to see if you may be eligible
 - a) View the WIA Program Overview Webinar at: www.workforcecentralflorida.com/webinars
- 3) If you feel that you meet the WIA requirements then let Seminole State College know (contact Betty) to continue through the registration process. Individuals must be Workforce Investment Act (WIA) eligible and approved by Workforce Central Florida before they can be registered for the training.

For More Information, please contact:

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HUB ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF FULL-SERVICE PRODUCTION STUDIO

SARASOTA, FLORIDA, DECEMBER 16, 2009 - Today the HuB announced the launch of a full service Production Studio. The Rosemary District's warehouse-turned-technological creative lab is now home to a new production facility, complete with cyclorama wall and green screen capabilities.

Currently the HuB houses five creative and tech companies all building a robust video presence online. "As The HuB's production needs grew, we found limited access in the community to production facilities," says The HuB's new Production Facilitator and award-winning videographer Matthew Carman. "We felt if we possessed the need for this space, others in the community must have the need as well. We can now offer the only professionally-run studio in the Sarasota area that is open to the public for general use."

The new studio was unveiled at the HuB's Rosemary Rising festival with a record attendance of over 500 people. "This is a welcome and valuable asset for media makers throughout Sarasota" says Sarasota Film Commissioner, Jeannie Cochran. "It's great to see the area's creative and technological capabilities expand and provide us another way to accommodate the needs of our community." The HuB's primary purpose is to offer a meeting and networking ground for the community. "Having these production capabilities allows us another way to accommodate the needs of our community," says HuB co-founder Matt Orr. "Before this, we could help introduce the filmmakers and videographers. Now we can offer them the facilities to collaborate."

The studio offers the 12- by 24-foot green screen, as well as a two-sided "cyc" wall, complete with a variety of professional lighting available. "The studio is already being used by film makers for casting calls and head shots. The HuB's core companies are using the studio for webinars, web broadcasting, commercials, and viral video. We are excited to offer this community asset to help build Sarasota's creative capital." says Carmen. More information and rates are available at www.HuBsarasota.com.

About the HuB

The HuB is a destination for entrepreneurs, artists and professionals to connect and share ideas. Founded by a group of entrepreneurs, our goal is to bring a new energy to the creative-class in Sarasota, Florida to help transform our city socially, economically and politically.

FLORIDA ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

INDIE FILM WRAPS UP IN PANAMA CITY BEACH

California Chronicle © Dec 20, 2009

Dec. 20--Shooting for the indie film "Born and Raised" wraps up today, after 20 days of filming in the St. Andrew Bay area and Newby's Package & Lounge in Panama City Beach. Screenwriter and actor Nick Loritsch, starring as Bubbs Wilson, had a soft spot for Panama City, where he lived from the eighth grade until his junior year at Bay High School.

THE 2ND ANNUAL SOUTH FLORIDA DANCEHALL AWARDS(SO FLO) TO TAKE PLACE MARCH 2010

South Florida Caribbean News © Dec 21, 2009

The awards show has been established to acknowledge and honor the accomplishments and contributions of Artists and Supporters in the arena of Reggae and Dance Hall Music. This special awards event also gives the Caribbean community in South Florida an opportunity to showcase the talent and culture of Florida Reggae artists and the hardworking people behind the scenes in the music industry in South Florida and abroad.

PSL APPROVES MOVIE ANIMATION AND VIDEO GAME PRODUCTION STUDIO

Vero Beach Press-Journal © Dec 21, 2009

The City Council Monday night unanimously gave final approval to a 20-year lease agreement with Wyndcrest DD Florida Inc. that requires the city to provide the company with 15 acres of land and a 150,000 square-foot movie animation and video game production studio within the Tradition development.

MEHTA GROUP ANNOUNCES FLORIDA'S FIRST DIGITAL MEDIA INCUBATOR FOCUSED ON 3D INTERACTIVE GAMES AND SIMULATION TO BE LOCATED IN WINTER PARK

PR Web (press release) © Dec 21, 2009

MEHTA Group will officially convert their 30,000 square foot office building, located across the street from Full Sail University near the corner of University Blvd and Semoran Blvd (S.R.436), into Florida's first Digital Media Incubator focused on 3D Interactive technology sector. The industry cluster-centric MEHTA Incubator and "Cooperative" will focus on the 3D Interactive technology sector and house 3D technology innovators...

HISTORIC MIAMI BEACH THEATER COULD GET A SECOND ACT

MiamiHerald.com © Dec 21, 2009

Losing money on the historic Paris Theater, Rodriguez is about to set off on a scouting and recruiting mission in Europe, looking for talent to come to Miami Beach and turn the film and photography studio into a one-of-a-kind, weekend nights hot spot.

SIX FULL SAIL UNIVERSITY GRADUATES WORK ON JAMES CAMERON'S BLOCKBUSTER FILM, AVATAR

PR Web (press release) © Dec 22, 2009

Full Sail University (www.fullsail.edu) would like to congratulate a total of six graduates who worked on the critically acclaimed James Cameron film, AVATAR. This film was written and developed by Cameron himself over a decade ago, but was told the technology was not available to make this film. Now in 2009, with the help of Full Sail University's graduates, the film has been completed.

ARTICLES ABOUT THE COMPETITION:

SOURCE: EA LOOKING AT SAVANNAH FOR CENTER

Atlanta Business Chronicle (blog) © Dec 18, 2009

Videogame developer Electronic Arts might be looking at a site in Spanish moss-laden Savannah, in addition to metro Atlanta — an East Coast gaming industry hub. Georgia is apparently offering EA a downtown Savannah warehouse equipped with fiber optic and other infrastructure to support a game development center that would focus on product testing, a source familiar with EA told me Friday morning.

BREAKING RECORDS BECOMING A HOLIDAY TRADITION IN HOLLYWOOD SOUTH, AND 2009 IS NO DIFFERENT

NOLA.com © Dec 19, 2009

With a flurry of late-year production work, the greater New Orleans area will close the books on 2009 after logging 23 major productions -- "major" being defined as projects that surpassed the \$300,000 spending limit required to qualify for state tax breaks. That's more than in any other year on record. "Considering that we're in the midst of a recession, we've done pretty well," Day said Wednesday.

NJ SEEKS ITS BIG BREAK, OFFERS SAME TO HOLLYWOOD

Press of Atlantic City © Dec 21, 2009

"Boardwalk Empire," an upcoming HBO miniseries set in the 1920s along the resort's Boardwalk, nearly landed its film crew in beachfront sites in New Jersey. But what swayed producers was the tax incentive offered by New York state - a tax credit worth 30 percent of the production expenses spent there, plus an additional 5 percent if shooting took place within New York City's five boroughs.

OREGON FILM OFFICE WRAPS UP BEST YEAR EVER FOR FILMING

OregonTravelDaily.com © Dec 21, 2009

"The film and television industry has been a real bright spot for the Oregon economy in 2009. Our incentives – along with great locations, casts and crews, our first rate film and television office, and an enthusiastic film community – are the winning combination that have brought millions of dollars in new production to Oregon" said Governor Kulongoski.

CANADIAN GAME INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT ALMOST "EXPLOSIVE" SAYS GAME DEVELOPER CONSENSUS

Future Shop Forums (Tech Blog) © Dec 22, 2009

While we all know the national games industry was booming, little did we know the growth could be described as almost "explosive". That's exactly how a Game Developer Research consensus painted the Canadian video game industry employment, which saw a rise from 9,500 Canadian employees in 2008 to 12,480 in 2009. That's almost a 30% growth in one year.

68 FILM PROJECTS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR INCENTIVES

DesMoinesRegister.com © Dec 23, 2009

Those projects — which include multimillion-dollar full-length films as well as much smaller productions — will be subject to a \$50 million cap on film-making tax credits set this year by state legislators if producers choose to move forward, said Kay Snyder, a spokeswoman for the department.

GENERAL ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

MICHAEL JACKSON'S CAPTAIN EO, THE FIRST REAL 4-D FILM, RETURNING TO DISNEYLAND

Examiner.com © Dec 21, 2009

Michael Jackson's Captain EO, the 17-minute film made exclusively for Disney's Theme Parks, is returning for a limited engagement to Disneyland in California in February 2010. It was announced on December 18 that this revolutionary 3-D film, which cost an estimated \$30 million to make, would finally be shown to audiences again after a 12-year absence.

STATEWIDE EVENTS:

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.

FMPTA METRO ORLANDO MEETING

FMPTA's Metro Orlando Chapter is back. With elections being held in November, the new Board of Director's led by President Thomas P. Mitchell, Sr. is off to a great start in 2010. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 18th at 7:02pm at the Hampton Inn (151 N. Douglas, Altamonte Springs, FL). For more information, visit www.fmpta.org.

ONE-DAY PROFESSIONAL SCRIPTWRITING WORKSHOP & CLINIC

Workshop Date: Sunday, January 31, 2010, 9:30am – 5:30PM
Workshop Location: Sean's Dance Factory (4275 Okeechobee Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33409)
Restrictions: This Workshop is Limited Enrollment
Early Bird Special: Register by December 24th for only \$85

Register online at <http://sorentertainment-inc.ticketleap.com>. For more information please call SORentertainment, Inc. at (561) 429-8063 or send an email to events@SORentertainment.com.

During one intense day long workshop, you'll get the opportunity to interact and study under the guidance of top screenwriting guru, author and multi-award winning scriptwriter Alyn Darnay, a man who has been recognized as 'one of the best screenwriting lecturers in the country'.

The workshop is designed to help every struggling, discovered or undiscovered screenwriter, enhance their ability to develop and execute a superior script while striving to improve their ability to create imaginative and emotionally layered characters, expressive and dynamic dialogue, controlled and pivotal plot twists and turns, and the all important creation of sequences that generate a life experience of their own.

Everyone is writing scripts, most haven't a clue as to how to do it right. By the time you finish this professional level workshop, you'll gain new insight, a deeper understanding of your writing skills, and new abilities that will give your writing career increased positioning against the competition.

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.

PLEASE NOTE:

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