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NEWS AND EVENTS, April 25, 2008

STATE BUDGET CRUNCH THREATENS TO CUT INCENTIVE FOR FILMMAKERS BY 80%

TALLAHASSEE -- A successful incentive program offering cash rebates to film and entertainment companies that bring their production business to Florida is likely to hit the cutting room floor this year as lawmakers, facing revenue shortfalls, take an ax to the state budget, cutting funding for the Incentive by 80%.

<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/florida/story/504617.html>

UNIVERSAL ORLANDO GIVES MONEY TO HELP INDEPENDENT FILMS

Universal Orlando's film production unit announced on Monday a \$5,000 gift (challenge grant) to establish the Don Davis Film Finishing Fund, named for the Jacksonville representative who died earlier this month.

http://blogs.orlandosentinel.com/business_thebottomline/2008/04/universal-orlan.html

AT LONG LAST, FILM SINGS CELIA'S PRAISE

Ten years in the making, '*Celia the Queen*', a documentary about the life of Celia Cruz -- the passionate project of a pair of Miami filmmakers -- is set to debut this month at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York.

<http://www.miamiherald.com/358/story/504630.html>

FILMED IN FLORIDA: 'BART GOT A ROOM' TO PREMIER AT TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL

One of the films I'm most looking forward to at this year's Tribeca Film Festival is [Bart Got a Room](#), directed by Brian Hecker (in his feature debut) and starring [William H. Macy](#), [Cheryl Hines](#), [Steven Kaplan](#), [Alia Shawkat](#) and [Jon Polito](#). Before I go any further -- I'm sorry, but how awesome does Macy look with that haircut? Only he can pull off the White Man's Fro and do it with style (click on the image to enlarge).

<http://www.cinematical.com/2008/04/10/tribeca-watch-bart-got-a-room/>

FOAM SWEET FOAM: SONY BRAVIA'S LATEST SPOT FILLS MIAMI STREETS

With incentive programs ranging from rebates to tax credits sprouting up throughout the region, spot filming in the Southeast appears to be on the rise, most recently underscored by a particularly high profile project which made its way into Florida in late February/early March--the latest Sony Bravia LCD TV commercial out of Fallon, London.

<http://www.shootonline.com/go/index.php?name=Articles&op=view&id=rs-web1-1049334-1208981440-2>

'THE YEAR OF EASTER' SET FOR FILMING IN LINCOLNVILLE

"The Year of Easter' will start primary photography on June 2 and will run through June 30," according to Hankerson. "It is a family film that is wonderfully humorous, and it takes the audience through the joy of a

family living their lives during the 1950s and the losses they suffered that year ... and the new life that blessed them at the end.

http://staugustine.com/stories/042408/community_txt01_004.shtml

Recount with Laura Dern as Katherine Harris debuts May 25

Six months after shooting in Tallahassee and Jacksonville, HBO Films announced this week that *Recount*, a movie recapping the 2000 presidential election controversy in Florida will debut on May 25. The film debuts at 9 a.m., May 25 on HBO. It is set to play another 12 times through May on HBO and HBO2.

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080402/BLOG01/791850471/-1/RSS1001>

GOVERNOR PATERSON SIGNS BILL EXPANDING TAX CREDIT FOR NEW YORK STATE FILM PRODUCTIONS

Governor David A. Paterson today announced that he will sign legislation this afternoon, which will dramatically expand the Empire State film production tax credit program and help attract even more movie and television industry business to New York. The significant expansion of the tax credit will keep New York the most popular destination outside of Hollywood for filmmakers, and further promote an industry that creates billions of dollars in economic activity in New York each year.

http://www.state.ny.us/governor/press/press_0423081.html

NEW JERSEY ELIMINATES STATE FILM & ENTERTAINMENT INCENTIVE

Beginning June 30 2008, The Government of the State of New Jersey has decided to eliminate The New Jersey Motion Picture & Television Commission from the state budget - Filming in the state of New Jersey generated **\$92 Million dollars** last year, money spent to employ New Jersey residents, as well as purchase goods and services from New Jersey businesses

<http://www.savenewjerseyfilm.com/>

STATEWIDE EVENTS:

3rd ANNUAL DELRAY BEACH FILM FESTIVAL "COME EXPERIENCE INDEPENDENCE"

MAY 6-11, 2008

The third annual Delray Beach Film Festival returns this year from May 6-11, 2008, leaner and more exciting than ever, bringing high-quality independent short and feature-length films and documentaries, panels and workshops, concerts, screenwriter and filmmaker contests, actors, celebrities, and parties, to the picturesque village by the sea.

The opening night film will be Director Mark McLaughlin's documentary film *'Hollywood Singing and Dancing: A Musical Treasure'*, hosted by Academy Award-winning stage, screen and television icon, Shirley Jones. For more information on the festival, visit www.dbff.us

FILM FLORIDA 2008 ANNUAL MEETING June 9 - 11, Grand Bohemian Hotel, Orlando

Join Film Florida for three full days of exciting events and meetings including the 1st annual Sara Fuller Khaki and White Casino Night; The 3rd annual Film Florida Legends Awards, Film Florida's Annual Meeting and the Florida Film & Entertainment Advisory Council Quarterly Meeting

Room reservations now being accepted at the Grand Bohemian Hotel. Call 888.472.6312 and ask for the "Film Florida" rate of \$149. Overnight parking \$20. Reservations must be made by May 26, 2008.

SAVE-THE-DATE!

CALL FOR FILM ENTRY - 23rd Annual Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival

The Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival (FLIFF) is now accepting entries for its 23rd Annual Film Festival to be held October 19-November 16, 2008 at venues throughout Fort Lauderdale. World-wide travelers, media, film industry representatives, plus over 400 filmmakers and celebrities from around the globe attend FLIFF's film presentations, seminars and post-film parties and gatherings. For details and to download an application, visit: <http://www.fliff.com/submission.asp> or call 954-520-3191

ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

NUMBERS GAME AT NAB APRIL CONVENTION

It remains to be seen if there will be an undisputed leader in the derby among new cameras introduced during the course of NAB. The sheer number of introductions gives prospective users much to sift through.

<http://www.shootonline.com/go/index.php?name=Articles&op=view&id=rs-web1-1046952-1208966079-2>

SAG, STUDIOS FEEL THE PRESSURE

Will the Screen Actors Guild blink, now that it has an extra week at the negotiating table? Negotiations expected to intensify.

<http://email.variety.com/cgi-bin7/DM/y/e4wF0DgLbu0Xlv0GwWj0EG>

WGA, STUDIOS RETURN TO CORNERS

The majors and the WGA have gone back to the mat, with the companies filing an unfair labor practices charge against the guild for naming the 28 writers who filed for financial core status during the strike.

<http://email.variety.com/cgi-bin7/DM/y/e4rN0DgLbu0Xlv0GwOP0Ej>

EA'S TAKE TWO ON TAKE-TWO

It's not game over yet for Electronic Arts' \$2 billion bid to acquire Take-Two Interactive.

<http://email.variety.com/cgi-bin7/DM/y/e4nF0DgLbu0Xlv0GsWv0EF>

SONY BMG CONNECTS WITH NOKIA

Sony BMG has become the second major record label to sign a deal with cell phone giant Nokia to include its music in the Finnish company's forthcoming Comes With Music handsets.

<http://email.variety.com/cgi-bin7/DM/y/e4pX0DgLbu0UUW0GwHb0Eg>

Filmmakers get a shot at fame a la 'American Idol'

The fast-growing Internet video business is about to get a boost from firms with extensive ties to Hollywood and Madison Avenue and business models inspired by *American Idol*. Filmaka has already been impressed enough with some of the contestants to ask them to produce 40 Web series, paying up to \$3,000 for each brief episode.

http://www.usatoday.com/money/media/2008-04-21-filmaka-online-contest_N.htm

CANNES UNVEILS LINEUP

Steven Soderbergh's two pic Che bio and Clint Eastwood's "The Changeling" look like potential standouts at a 61st Cannes Film Festival that may be a touch lighter on Yank Palme d'Or contenders but is heavy on Hollywood glam, thanks to multiple U.S. pics, both studio and indie, packing out many out-of-competition slots.

<http://email.variety.com/cgi-bin7/DM/y/e4tJ0DgLbu0UUW0GwQA0E7>

U.S. LURES BACK FLYAWAY PRODUCTIONS

Like migratory birds, film production is kicking in the afterburners on its continuing return flight to the U.S., given loft by the cratering U.S. dollar and ever-more-competitive state incentive programs.

<http://email.variety.com/cgi-bin7/DM/y/e4i10DgLbu0UUW0GrIh0Ew>

NU IMAGE BREAKS GROUND ON STUDIO: Company plans new digs in Shreveport

Nu Image/Millennium Films plans to break ground on a new studio in Shreveport, La., on Tuesday.

<http://email.variety.com/cgi-bin7/DM/y/e4nF0DgLbu0Xlv0GsWx0EH>

The Smart Money Watches You Watch Videos

Sophisticated Tracking Gives Marketers a New Edge

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/04/16/AR2008041603478.html?](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/04/16/AR2008041603478.html?wpisrc=newsletter)

[wpisrc=newsletter](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/04/16/AR2008041603478.html?wpisrc=newsletter)

'The Grid' Could Soon Make the Internet Obsolete

The Internet could soon be made obsolete. The scientists who pioneered it have now built a lightning-fast replacement capable of downloading entire feature films within seconds.

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,347212,00.html>

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