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News & Events

NEWS:

SARASOTA FILM FESTIVAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JODY KIELBASA RESIGNS POST AFTER TEN YEARS AT THE HELM

Jody Kielbasa, who joined the Sarasota Film Festival in its infancy, is leaving his post as Executive Director. Kielbasa, during his tenure, expanded the scope and depth of the festival each year, culminating in this year's tenth anniversary extravaganza which included Academy Award Winner Charlize Theron, Liv Ullmann, Stanley Tucci, and more than 200 films. Kielbasa is leaving the festival to pursue other artistic ventures according to the Festival's Executive Board of Directors.

Mark Famiglio, Executive Board Member and one of the Founding Members of the Sarasota Film Festival, was unanimously elected President of the Board, succeeding Ian Black.

Kielbasa was welcomed as Executive Director of the Sarasota Film Festival when Festival founders hired him to guide its first event. Ten years later, the Sarasota Film Festival is a world class event, strongly supported by the entire Gulf Coast community as well as the film industry. It has become a 'must' on the international festival calendar.

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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2008 GOVERNOR'S BUSINESS DIVERSIFICATION AWARDS

ORLANDO, FL (May 27, 2008) – Florida businesses in emerging and high-tech industries – e.g., aviation, aerospace, homeland security, defense and life sciences – are eligible for entry into the 2008 Governor's Business Diversification Awards competition.

The program spotlights companies that have contributed significantly to Florida's economic diversification efforts. Qualified entrants will have made accomplishments in at least one of these target industries:

- Aviation/Aerospace
- Homeland Security/Defense
- Information Technology
- Life Sciences
- Manufacturing
- Financial/Professional Services
- Emerging Technologies

The entry deadline is July 18 at 5 p.m. ET, and nomination forms can be obtained at www.eflorida.com/govawards or by contacting:

- Liefke Cox at (407) 956-5688 or lcx@eflorida.com
- Adam Tindall at (407) 956-5697 or atindall@eflorida.com.

Nominations can be made by local and regional economic development organizations and professional or industry associations. Self-nominations also are acceptable. Three awards will be given in each of the following categories:

- NEW! Governor's Green-to-Gold Award – for a company, organization or institution that, through product or process, best exemplifies "green" leadership
- Governor's Business Expansion Award– for a company that expanded its Florida operations in 2007, investing capital and creating jobs for Floridians
- Governor's Newcomer Award– for a new-to-Florida company that began operating in the state in 2007
- Governor's Export Excellence Award– for a Florida company with a significant increase in documented export sales in 2007
- Governor's Entrepreneurship Award– for a company less than five years old that sets the standard for entrepreneurship and creativity

- Governor's Innovation Award– for a company, organization or institution that, through product or process, best exemplifies innovative leadership.

The winners will be announced in September and will receive their awards during Florida's Industry Appreciation Week.

CENTRAL FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL - LATE ENTRY DEADLINE

The Late Entry deadline (June 13, 2008) is quickly approaching for the Third Annual Central Florida Film Festival (August 29th thru 31st). The festival which is held each year at the Osceola Center for the Arts in Kissimmee, Florida is accepting Late Entries in the categories of Documentary, Feature and short feature.

The festival is held over the Labor Day weekend and features more than a hundred screenings, seminars, cash prizes and an academy award-like awards ceremony on closing night. The festival also has a category for the Best Florida production. For more information and applications go to their web site at www.CentralFloridaFilmFestival.com.

LAST CALL FOR INDEPENDENT FILMS

The Education Channel in Tampa, Florida is looking for films, videos, animations and digital media from independent artists, producers and students in Florida and beyond for inclusion in its 2008 Independent's Film Festival. In celebration of fifteen years of promoting the creative industry of image-making, the festival coordinators have announced a special pricing discount for Florida filmmakers this year. All Florida filmmakers will be able to enter for \$20 while Florida students' entry fee is \$15 throughout the submission process. Junior Filmmakers (K-12th grade students) are always free, but must go through the submission process as well.

All genres of film completed between March 2006 and May 2008 are welcome. Work must be submitted for review on DVD (NTSC) in English or with English subtitles by May 30, 2008. Premieres are strongly preferred.

The Education Channel will televise the Independents' Film Festival in the fall with presentations throughout the month of September, culminating in a public event in early fall of the "best of" the festival. Web and flash films are also accepted for viewing on the Independentsfilmfest.com website as part of the festival.

All entries are competitively judged in the professional independent or student categories for the "best of" awards. Entry forms must accompany submissions and are available in a pdf format on the website at <http://www.independentsfilmfest.com>. Entries are also accepted through the Withoutabox.com website.

The Independents' Film Festival is a service of The Education Channel, a cultural, and educational institution devoted to celebrating excellence in the moving image. For additional information call 813-254-2253 ext. 206 or email info@indiefilmfest.us

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

Jacksonville, Fla. --- May 29, 2008 --- The stars were out in Jacksonville Wednesday night, and they were at the Florida Theatre! Here's the list of winners, including Honorable Mentions. Honorable means they came within 3/10 of a percent in scoring against the winner; the results indicate just how tough the judges had it in 2008. "Detour" swept seven awards including audience choice while the Mad Cowford Improv team took the whole enchilada. Congratulations to our competitors and look for the 48 Hour Film Project to return to Jacksonville the first weekend in April 2009.

The Best 48 Hour Film for Jacksonville 2008 and recipient of the "PRI Productions Eye Prize" (will go on to represent Jacksonville this fall against more than 70 other Best of City winners):

"Silent Film ... The Musical" by team Mad Cowford
Bobby Parker Team Leader
Bryan Huffman Producer

Best Student Film: (it was a tie)
Recipient of the "Jacksonville Film & Television Office Prize" of \$500
The teams will split the prize each receiving \$250 and a trophy

Winner: "Ready, Set, Film" by team Child's Play
Hunter Ryan – Team Leader and Producer (8 years old!)

Winner: "Dancetopia Defects" by team Sweaty South
Corey Kolb – Team Leader and Producer

Audience Choice Award Group A:
Recipient of the "Don Davis Audience Choice Award for Group A" (\$300)
"The Wire Trip" by team "Psycho Film Binge – The Sequel;
Daniel R. Solomon – Team Leader and Producer

Audience Choice Award Group B:
Recipient of the "Don Davis Audience Choice Award for Group B" (\$300)
"Detour" by team Somebody Call An Ambulance;
Paul Melian – Team Leader and Producer

Best of Jacksonville Runner-Up:
Recipient of the "Easy Edit Video Award" (\$250)
"Chorophobia" by team Art Institute of Jacksonville – Red Team;
Nadia Ramoutar – Team Leader and Producer

Honorable Mention for Best of Jacksonville:
Honorable Mention: "Detour" by team Somebody Call An Ambulance;
Paul Melian – Team Leader and Producer

NOTE: DVDs that include all the films are available for purchase on the FMPTA Web site at www.FMPTAajax.org.

FLORIDA ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

SOUTH FLORIDA: THE NEW HOLLYWOOD FOR FILMMAKERS

CBS 4, FL © May 26, 2008

"Miami Vice", "True Lies", "CSI Miami" and "Bad Boys", through the years South Florida has been the backdrop for many television shows and movies and this year it's been bigger than ever. It's so big that the South Florida film industry is becoming known as "Hollywood East."

FLORIDA WAS PERFECT CLIMATE FOR HBO'S "RECOUNT"

Reuters © May 29, 2008

Florida gladly cast its vote for HBO's TV movie about the Sunshine State's recount circus after the 2000 presidential election, casting aside any worries about reliving the tumultuous period. The state and its cities bent over backward to host the film shoot for "Recount," which premiered on the cable network Sunday, recognizing not only the financial benefit but also the historical significance.

STATE BUDGET CUTS TAKE HOLLYWOOD SPOTLIGHT OFF JACKSONVILLE

First Coast News, FL © May 28, 2008

Filmakers came to the Sunshine State largely because of the state's \$25 million incentive program. It offered a refund of as much as 20% of what a production spent here. But this year the legislature cut incentives down to just five million.

FILM FESTIVAL LOSES TWO AT THE TOP

Sarasota Herald-Tribune, FL © May 29, 2008

The top two leaders of the Sarasota Film Festival have resigned just weeks after leading the organization through its glittery 10th anniversary celebration. Jody Kielbasa resigned Wednesday as executive director, one day after developer Ian Black, president of the board, stepped down.

ARTICLES ABOUT THE COMPETITION:

FILM INCENTIVE LURING PRODUCTION TO MICHIGAN

WILX-TV, MI © May 27, 2008

Bierlein Entertainment is wrapping up its filming of the movie 'Street Boss', a true story based on how the FBI took down a notorious mobster. Lance Kawas, Director of the movie 'Street Boss,' says a new Michigan law which gives film studios refundable credit on expenses when they shoot made the state an obvious choice.

GOV. BLAGOJEVICH SIGNS FILM TAX CREDIT LEGISLATION

IGNN (press release), IL © May 27, 2008

CHICAGO – Building on his commitment to help the Illinois film industry continue to achieve record success, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich today signed House Bill 2482, legislation that renews the Illinois Film Tax Credit.

STATE HELPING PAY FOR TV ADS

Boston Globe, United States © May 26, 2008

In its high-profile bid to compete with Hollywood and New York as a film production hub, the state is doing more than subsidizing TV series and feature movies through tax credits and sales tax exemptions. It is also underwriting the cost of producing TV commercials in Massachusetts. The Department of Revenue said it has issued more than \$2.1 million of tax credits for 37 ad-related productions - with eight more applications pending - since the state started offering incentives two years ago.

FILM CREWS ROLLING INTO TOWN FOR TAX CREDIT

Royal Oak Daily Tribune, MI © May 24, 2008

Last month, state lawmakers passed an incentive package giving a 40 percent tax credit to film companies that make movies here; it's 42 percent for filming done in distressed communities or inner-ring suburbs, such as Pontiac, Flint and Ferndale.

MOVIES SET TO BE FILMED IN REGION

Albany Herald On-line, GA © May 28, 2008

Barbara Best's production company has a nation-full of choices for shooting its films, but the Orlando-based firm has picked Southwest Georgia as the setting for at least three of them.

STATE'S REEL APPEAL

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, WI © May 24, 2008

Just as it takes money to make money, it takes people, services and material - or infrastructure - to make a movie. Building such an infrastructure requires that schools train students, local companies give them jobs, and film projects give everyone work.

GENERAL ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS, AFTRA AGREE ON 3-YEAR CONTRACT

The Associated Press © May 28, 2008

Hollywood producers and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists announced a tentative three-year contract deal Wednesday that puts more pressure on a larger actors union to do the same and avoid a crippling strike.

Statewide Events:

FMPTA-JAX HOSTS JUNE 10 MOVIE NIGHT

Jacksonville First Coast Chapter of the Florida Motion Picture & Television Association (FMPTA-JFC) meets on Tuesday, June 10th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Phillips Fine Arts Building on the Jacksonville University campus. It's Movie Night—members are showing their short films.

Attendance is free for FMPTA members, first-time guests and students
Returning guests - \$10

Jacksonville University is at the corner of University Blvd North and Merrill Road; the Phillips Fine Arts Building is between Swisher Auditorium and Swisher Gym. A large parking lot is on the right side.

For more information, visit www.fmptajax.org. E-mail questions to: info@fmptajax.org or macmcdonald@fmptajax.org or call 904-622-6800.

FILM FLORIDA 2008 ANNUAL MEETING & EVENTS - June 9 - 11

Join Film Florida at the Grand Bohemian Hotel in Orlando from June 9 – 11 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!](#)

Please Note: If you have a press release or an educational event, you can post it on our website www.filminflorida.com. The Governor's Office of Film & Entertainment reserves the right to edit or exclude any content not deemed appropriate.

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