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FSU SCHOOL OF THEATRE A MAJOR PRESENCE AMONG 2010 TONY AWARD NOMINATIONS

WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED JUNE 13; SCHOOL OF THEATRE WILL HOST 'TONY PARTY' ON CAMPUS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Those neon lights on Broadway are shining extra brightly this year for The Florida State University School of Theatre. Nominations for the 2010 Tony Awards have been announced, and more than half the award categories include productions in which School of Theatre alumni have played key roles either on stage or behind the scenes.

There are no less than five Tony Award-nominated productions this year that reflect the world-class talents of Florida State alumni: "Memphis," "Lend Me a Tenor," "The Addams Family," "Finian's Rainbow" and "Enron." Broadway musical powerhouse "Memphis" has earned a remarkable eight nominations — including one for its star, School of Theatre alumna Montego Glover (Bachelor of Fine Arts, Music Theatre, 1996). Glover is competing in the *Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical* category with stage-and-screen luminary Catherine Zeta-Jones, among others.

"As the 2010 Tony nominations indicate, we change lives," said Sally McRorie, dean of the FSU College of Visual Arts, Theatre, and Dance. "Our School of Theatre has an exemplary history of preparing our acting students and, in collaboration with the FSU College of Music, our music theatre aspirants to perform, literally, at the highest levels. From acting to technical theatre, writing to directing, our students shine with promise and our alumni make the magic of theatre come alive."

McRorie will be watching for alumni when the Tony winners are announced on June 13. The annual Tony Awards extravaganza will be televised nationally on CBS from Radio City Music Hall in New York City starting at 8 p.m. ET.

Not to be outdone, the School of Theatre will be hosting its own Tony-watching party. The FSU community and general public are invited to join the festivities on Sunday, June 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Club Downunder, located at the Oglesby Student Union on the Florida State campus. The School of Theatre's Tony Party is free of charge, but space will be limited, so advance reservations are required. To reserve a ticket, visit <http://tickets.fsu.edu> or call (850) 644-6500.

All Florida State eyes will be on "Memphis," whose credits feature not only alumna Glover but also FSU alumnus Kevin Covert (B.F.A., Music Theatre, 1992), in an ensemble role on stage; alumnus Steve Rankin (Master of Fine Arts, Acting, 1977), the production's Fight Director; alumna Michelle Rutter (B.F.A., Design Technology, 1995), Hair Supervisor; alumnus Fred Castner (Bachelor of Arts, Theatre, 1985; M.F.A., Costume Design, 1990), Associate Wardrobe Supervisor; and alumna Caite Hevner (B.F.A., Design Technology, 2006), Scenic Design intern.

For the School of Theatre, this year's Tony Award nomination list goes on, and on.

- "Enron," the most recent project by Darren Bagert (B.F.A., Music Theatre, 1992), president and producer of Infinity Stages, has been nominated for four 2010 Tony Awards. Bagert has a history of

leading Tony-winning productions to Broadway, including “Sweeney Todd” by Stephen Sondheim and Eugene O’Neill’s “Long Day’s Journey Into Night” starring Vanessa Redgrave and Brian Dennehy.

- The executive producer of the play “Lend Me a Tenor,” Amanda Watkins (B.F.A. Music Theatre, 1992) has captured three Tony nominations — including “*Best Revival of a Play.*”
- Making her Broadway debut, Leslie Flesner (B.F.A., Music Theatre, 2008) performed as Melinda in the Broadway revival of “Finian’s Rainbow.” The musical has been nominated for three 2010 Tonys, among them “*Best Revival of a Musical.*”
- Jessica Patty (B.F.A., Music Theatre, 2001) is currently performing in the new musical “The Addams Family,” which has been nominated for two Tony Awards and stars two-time Tony Award winners Nathan Lane and Bebe Neuwirth.

While a Tony Award represents the ultimate achievement in theater, there are other highly distinguished stage honors bestowed each year. FSU School of Theatre alumni and their Broadway shows have already won a plethora of 2010 Drama Desk Awards and Outer Critic Circle Awards. Read more about them on the [School of Theatre](#) website.

FILM WITH FLORIDA TIES RELEASES THIS WEEK

Award-winning Directors & identical twins James & Robert Dastoli are electrified about their latest film “Who Stole the Electric Car?” which recently had its red carpet premiere at Raleigh Studios in Hollywood, CA. This timely & fresh romantic comedy (inspired by the award winning documentary “Who Killed the Electric Car?”) turns into a cross country road trip in an all-electric car. The movie has been selected to screen at multiple film festivals in the U.S. & Europe and is now for sale online at Target, Best Buy, Borders, Barnes & Noble, Amazon, Film Baby, & other stores and is also for rent through NetFlix.

The film credits include several University of Central Florida graduates including Robert & James Dastoli, producer Brett Ryan Bonowicz, writers Alejandro & Diego Kontarovsky, and lead actors Carl Fieler, & Chris Shields. The other main producer of the film was Thomas Parker Berry who graduated from University of Miami’s film school. Executive producers included Rollins graduates Scott duPont & Jennifer Fairfax. Rollins alumnus Charlene Jimenez took responsibilities as marketing manager for the film.

Barry Sandler from the UCF film program worked with several of the key crew early in their careers and comments: “When Robert & James Dastoli first applied to the film program and I saw their work & resume, they went right to the top of the list! They were two of the most talented students who ever came through the UCF film program.”

The film rights were acquired last year by Nemours Marketing, Inc. (a 13 year old Florida production & film marketing company) which has an output deal through Tapeworm Video in Los Angeles. The entire production team was inspired to take on this road trip film over the past two years and had the vision to see electric cars being part of the future as Nissan, Chevy, Coda, Wheego and other auto companies roll out electric cars to dealer showrooms this fall. Producer Bonowicz was so moved by the underlying message of the film, that he leased one of the first MINI E (plug-in Electric) cars which he drives around LA.

While there have been many successful brother co-Directing teams in cinematic history including the Coen brothers, the Farrelly brothers, & even fraternal twins Albert & Allen Hughes, Robert & James Dastoli are the only known identical twins to be directing movies today & at the ripe age of 24 have already helmed over 30 films & scored dozens of awards. This latest film should plug them in to a very bright future.

Media inquiries may contact Scott Townsend @ 310-855-3362 or e-mail info@nemoursmarketing.com.

FLORIDA ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

HARRY POTTER WIZARDING WORLD RESORT OPENS ON JUNE 18 IN ORLANDO

Associated Content © May 31, 2010

Built to resemble Hogwarts castle and the nearby town of Hogsmeade as an extension of the Harry Potter movies, Wizarding World is like a theme park within a theme park. Featuring attractions like Hogsmeade and rides like the Dragon's Challenge, Flight of the Hippogriff, and Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey.

INTERVIEW WITH MASARRA SANDAGE, 48 HOUR FILM PROJECT'S ASSISTANT PRODUCER

Florida Times-Union © June 01, 2010

This is Masarra's second year with the 48 Hour Film Project/Jacksonville and she has worked with many of Jacksonville's best filmmakers as an actor. She has been featured in short films, feature films and commercials. One of the reasons Masarra volunteered for the "48" is her passion for independent film. "I want to play an integral role in giving fresh talent a platform to debut their art," said Masarra.

FLORIDA OKS TAX BREAKS FOR FILM, TV

Variety © June 02, 2010

Appropriate projects will receive a rebate of 20% to 30% on qualified Florida expenditures. The credit covers up to 20% of production expenditures, with an \$8 million cap for major productions. It allocates a 5% bonus for "family-friendly" projects and an additional 5% for activity taking place during hurricane season -- for a total possible rebate of 30%.

FSU FILM SCHOOL SUCCEEDING IN MOVIE INDUSTRY

Tallahassee Democrat © June 02, 2010

FSU's College of Motion Picture Arts, known as The Film School, is chock full of success stories from students winning the Coca-Cola Refreshing Filmmaker competition and student Emmys and Oscars to alumni competing in film festivals and adding blockbusters to their repertoire. The school is anything but New York University and Tallahassee is no Hollywood, but that might just be the secret to their success.

TELEMUNDO PRESIDENT DON BROWNE RECEIVES THE IRS EXCELLENCE AWARD

Broadway World © June 02, 2010

Telemundo President Don Browne was awarded the IRS Excellence Award yesterday morning at the network's headquarters in Hialeah, Florida. The award presentation was made by Wage & Investment Division Commissioner, Rick Byrd, Jr. In keeping with its long time mission to inform, empower, inspire and entertain, for the past 20 years, Telemundo has aired, Los Impuestos y Usted, a one-hour special focused on educating U.S. Hispanics about taxes.

ARTICLES ABOUT THE COMPETITION:

NEW MEXICO HOSTS CONFERENCE ON FILM FINANCING AND DISTRIBUTION

Gov Monitor © May 28, 2010

Governor Bill Richardson today announced that the New Mexico Film Office will present a two-day conference designed to educate local filmmakers on how to obtain financing and distribution for small films. The conference will take place Friday, June 11 and Saturday, June 12 at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque.

NY FILM BUSINESS HURT AWAITING TAX INCENTIVE RENEWAL

NY Convergence (blog) © May 29, 2010

So far, NYC sound stages have landed only one of 40 new TV shows and no pilots for the upcoming TV season. To blame is a lack of movement by the legislature in Albany on a NY State tax incentive program which offers a 30% credit on production expenditures if stipulations are met.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL MEETS WITH FILM COMMISSION

WWAY NewsChannel 3 © June 01, 2010

This morning Wilmington City Council found out about a bill in the state legislature to lift the cap on the state's tax incentives for film projects. Council asked the Wilmington Film Commission for a briefing so council could see what the commission has accomplished in the past year.

'TRANSFORMERS' TAKE OVER LA STREETS

Los Angeles Times © June 02, 2010

In all, six weeks of the 4 1/2 months of shooting will occur in the L.A. area, with the rest of the filming spread across Chicago, Detroit, Washington and Cape Canaveral, Fla., and a few foreign locales, including Russia and an undisclosed African country, Bryce said.

NSW GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES MORE INCENTIVES

Hollywood Reporter © June 02, 2010

The New South Wales government Wednesday announced a new AUS\$25 million (\$21.25 million) film and TV funding package comprising \$17 million in incentives for large scale offshore productions and \$4.25 million for Screen NSW's Production Investment Fund to support local productions, in a move designed to boost NSW's appeal as a production destination.

GENERAL ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

FEDS MEET WITH FILM DIRECTOR CAMERON ON OIL SPILL

The Associated Press © June 02, 2010

The "Avatar" and "Titanic" director was among a group of scientists and other experts who met Tuesday with officials from the Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies for a brainstorming session on stopping the massive oil leak. The Canadian-born Cameron is considered an expert on underwater filming and remote vehicle technologies.

WASHINGTON UPDATE: WILL FED INTERVENTION CURB OR PROTECT YOUR DIGITAL FREEDOM?

PC World © June 02, 2010

Though the industry has historically viewed Beltway politicians as a group best kept at arm's length, several hot-button tech issues on the D.C. agenda this summer might be worth keeping a closer eye on. New influential players may clash with established political powers over decisions that could affect how we use--and how much we pay for--the technology that is becoming more and more a part of our daily lives.

MICRO-CAPS LEAD VIDEO GAME SECTOR HIGHER

Yahoo! Finance © June 03, 2010

A pair of micro-cap gaming stocks led the Video Game Stocks Index higher by 1.5% on Thursday. Glu Mobile (NASDAQ: GLUU - News), a \$46 million mobile gaming firm, which holds licenses or mobile iterations of games like Call of Duty, Deer Hunter, and World Series of Poker, is soaring by 6% for the session on no news. Meanwhile, Korean online and mobile gaming firm Gravity (NASDAQ: GRVY - News) is also floating higher by more than 5% on thin volume.

STATEWIDE EVENTS:

UNIVERSITY FILM & VIDEO ASSOCIATION AT USF

The Summer Film Fair will take place Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the Marshall Student Center Ballroom from 9am to 6pm. This is an event for young people, college students, and indie filmmakers interested in pursuing film as a career.

Ticket prices are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Ticket price includes free breakfast and lunch as well as access to all workshops, lectures, and film screenings. More information can be found at www.MySpace.com/ufva_USF.

The agenda is currently as follows:

8 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. – Film Schools set up and Fair in the MSC

9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. – Breakfast with “Motown” Maurice of the “Motown” Maurice Show. “Diary of a Young Television Entrepreneur”

9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – Workshop Sessions – I

- A. Screenwriting and film adaptations – MSC 2709
Facilitator- TBA
- B. Emerging Film Technologies – MSC 3711
Facilitator –Richard Walker, M.ED.

10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Workshop Sessions II

- C. How to Make A Music Video – MSC 2709
Facilitator – Anesti Vega
- D. Making Culturally Diverse Films – MSC 3711
Facilitator – Rodrick Colbert

12 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch with Stephen Schlow, Chair, UCF Film department – “Film Entrepreneurship and the Film Artist”: Professor Stephen Schlow has been a writer/producer/director of documentaries and narrative films for nearly 40 years. His specialty is in Film Entrepreneurship.

1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. USF and UT Film shorts

2:45p.m. to 3: 45 p.m. – Presentation of Guest of Honor – **Michael France**, Blockbuster Hollywood Screenwriter and Owner, St. Pete Beach Theatre. Event includes a musical performance by UFVA distinguished alumna, Ann P.

4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. - Special Feature – A Hollywood Movie Premiere –To Be Announced!

To register and purchase tickets, visit <http://ufvausfSummerFair.eventbrite.com/>.

Current sponsors are Cutnedgebarbershop and 2ReelFX. Additional sponsorship opportunities as well as event tables are available. Please see the website for more information.

SPACE COAST FLORIDA MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION ASSOCIATION CHAPTER MEETING

The Space Coast Chapter of the Florida Motion Picture and Television Association (FMPTA) excitedly announces the June 14, 2010 chapter meeting at Café Unique located at: 607 Florida Avenue, Cocoa Village, FL presenting renowned entertainment lawyer, Larry Haber, as our guest speaker.

Admitted to the Florida Bar in 1982, Haber’s law practices include the areas of entertainment, sports, business, real estate, corporate, finance, franchise, and intellectual property law. Some of Haber’s former impressive clients include possessing the position of In House Attorney for Walt Disney World and Universal Studios. His current law practice location resides in Altamonte Springs. Entertainment law requires specialized skills unique to Haber and a small number other lawyers.

Plan to attend this lecture by Haber in the area of entertainment law, which is of paramount importance for those in the business of filmmaking. The June meeting begins with networking at 6:30 PM and the

meeting commencing at 7:00 PM. Free to members, non-members \$10.00. Some food and drink items are available to order from the Café Unique menu.

For further information, contact Bill at: Bill@ACutAboveVideo.com. FMPTA is dedicated to the promotion of Film, Television, Recording, Print and Digital Media in Florida.

CRYSTAL HARTIGAN PRESENTS...SONGWRITER'S SHOWCASE

We are showcasing local, national and international Songwriters "in the round" style 3rd Tuesday of every month. June's date is Tuesday, June 15, 2010. The showcase will begin at 8pm sharp. Sign-up for Open Mic no later than 7:50 PM if you would like to participate. At 9pm featured songwriters will perform "In the Round" style. The cover is \$10 and payable at the door only.

Featured Songwriters

Gervasio Goris

www.myspace.com/herbieman

Cooper Getschal

www.getcoop.com

Joel Dasilva of the "Hep Cat Boo Daddies" band

www.boodaddies.com

Broward Center for the Performing Arts

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 there is additional parking along the streets at the parking meters and the surrounding area, as well as a \$3 parking lot near the IMAX theater. There is also a parking garage east of the RR tracks, or you can come by boat and dock on the New River. by Water Taxi is available as well.

Please spread the word! Join the "EVOLUTION," and support live, original music!

Event Photographer, Donna Paul

Photos will be available for viewing &/or purchase at:

www.dpstudios.smugmug.com

www.myspace.com/tentalicious

Event Videographer, Robert Rutherford

www.gingerman309.com

Singer/Songwriter Alex Nelson, Sound & Staging

www.alexnelsonmusic.com

Please check out these sites of Good Causes!

www.cadenzacenter.com

www.danielpearl.org

www.playingforchange.com

Event Producer

www.myspace.com/chrysalhartigan

www.facebook.com/chrysalhartigan

For consideration to perform send bio/picture/video to Chrystal Hartigan at hlwdmusic@aol.com or Myspace & Facebook sites. This is the perfect place for Publishers, record labels, producers to send their writers to perform their songs to an appreciative crowd! Outlet for Film & Television Music Directors to search for new songs!

2ND QUARTER FFEAC MEETING

The Florida Film and Entertainment Advisory Council members will be holding its 2nd quarter meeting on Wednesday, June 23rd in Atlantic Beach (Jacksonville area) at the One Ocean Resort and Spa. The meeting will start at 9:00am and is scheduled to end at 1:00pm. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting the Governor's Office of Film and Entertainment at (850) 410-4765.

The Florida Film and Entertainment Advisory Council is required to meet at least once a quarter. These meetings are open to the public.

FILM FLORIDA LEGENDS AWARDS AND ANNUAL MEETING

Film Florida will be holding its annual meeting Monday, June 21st through Wednesday June 23rd in Atlantic Beach, Florida at the One Ocean Resort and Spa. The fee for the event is \$85 for Film Florida Members and includes meeting fee, admission for one to Khaki and White Fundraiser and to the Film Florida Legend Awards.

The Film Florida Legends Awards will take place the evening of Tuesday, June 22nd from 6:30pm to 10:00pm. The Legends Awards is held to honor industry members who have made a significant impact on film in Florida – whether behind the scenes or in front of the camera. This year, Belton Clark, Jerry Smith, and Richard Norman (posthumous) will be honored as the 2010 Legend Award recipients.

For more information about the Film Florida annual meeting or Legends Awards, visit www.filmflorida.org.

SUNSCREEN FILM SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP COMING SOON

When? July 5 - July 16: Camp hours are Monday through Friday from 9 am until 5 pm. The Camp Film Festival where campers show their films to parents and friends will be on Friday July 17 from 6:30 pm until 9.

Where? The camp will be held at Studio 620 in downtown St. Petersburg (620 1st Ave. South St. Petersburg, FL 33701).

How much? The two-week, 9-5 camp is \$500.00.

The Program

The camp focuses in the beginning, as all good movies must, on storytelling. Kids will learn to craft the events of stories into compelling sequences that build tension and suspense and plant vital questions in the viewers' minds. Then everyone will write a short script employing what they've learned.

The program head is Dave DeBorde, Film Professor from Southeastern University in Lakeland, and he is also the main teacher. He will be assisted by two college-age proctors who are experienced movie makers. In addition, guest speakers, like professional cinematographers will also contribute.

Kids ages 14-18. Some exceptions to age requirements will be made based on prior experience and interest level after an evaluation by the Sunscreen Film Festival staff. Please note: movie making is a

collaborative effort in which each member of the production team relies on everyone else. Your child's camping decision should be grounded in a genuine desire to learn the movie-making art.

Four campers will be expected to volunteer laptops for editing the movies. If you have family equipment, like a camcorder, and want to learn to use it more effectively, you are encouraged to bring it. Otherwise, Sunscreen will provide the equipment.

Campers are required to provide their own meals and snacks. Studio 620 is in downtown St. Petersburg and lots of restaurants are within walking distance.

For more information, or to ask questions, call or email Harry Chittenden at 727-420-0566 or harry@sunscreenfilmfestival.com.

CASTING CALL:

ARTHUR SOLUTIONS LOOKING FOR FILMMAKERS FOR PROMOTIONAL VIDEOS

Author Solutions, the leading self-publishing company in the world, is looking for highly skilled creative filmmakers to write, direct and edit live action high def trailers based on our books as well as conduct video interviews with our authors. Filmmakers must be excellent storytellers and understand how to maximize very minimal budgets, especially with HD filming.

We will provide the *entire* budget for these projects, **\$2500** (not including music scoring) for trailers and **\$500** for interviews. If you believe you can accomplish these please go to www.authorsolutionsfilm.com and click on "Hollywood Trailers," or "Interviewers," to be part of our freelance filmmaker network.

You **will need** to provide samples of your work, please see the following two examples as to what we are looking for:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03-lTeXXkuk>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t2Q8XcwT5KM>

Please apply at www.authorsolutionsfilm.com and direct all questions to nickapsheets@gmail.com.

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