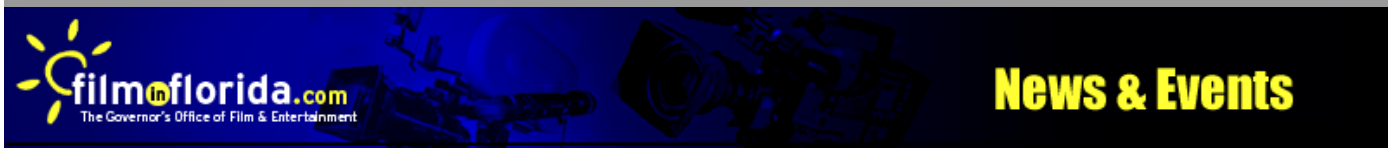


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## NEWS:

### ALL ABOARD FOR "DISNEY'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL" TRAIN TOUR COMING TO FLORIDA

*"From Sneak Peek of Exclusive 3D Film Footage to Summertime Snow – Disney Pulls Out All the Whistle Stops for 40-City Traveling Experience"*

Departing Los Angeles May 22; Tour to Cover More Than 16,000 Miles

Disney is pulling out all the whistle stops and taking its show on the road with a spectacular immersive and interactive 40-city train tour including a 3D sneak peek of film footage from the upcoming movie "Disney's A Christmas Carol," as announced by Dick Cook, chairman, The Walt Disney Studios.

The tour will be stopping in Miami October 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> at the Florida East Coast Railroad Co., also known as the Miami Automobile Facility (3200 NW 67th Ave. Miami, FL 33122). It will then make a second one-day Florida stop in Jacksonville on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Jacksonville Amtrak Station (3570 Clifford Lane Jacksonville, FL 32209).

Set amidst a snowy backdrop—complete with all of the sights and sounds of Christmas including carolers, decorations, giveaways and many more surprises in each of the 40 cities—the Train Tour is being launched with HP on board as the title and technology sponsor and driven by Amtrak. This family event is for guests of all ages and is free to the public. Starring Jim Carrey and directed by Academy Award®-winning filmmaker Robert Zemeckis, "Disney's A Christmas Carol" opens in theatres November 6 in Disney Digital 3D™ and in IMAX 3D®.

Commenting on the announcement, Cook said, "Disney's A Christmas Carol' Train Tour is an incredibly fun way to introduce families across the country to the wonders and spectacle that is Robert Zemeckis' unique and spectacular new holiday film. We are so proud of the movie, and think the 3D footage is so incredible, we just had to give everyone a chance to see it in Disney Digital 3D. From Los Angeles to New York, and all points in between, guests are going to have a fabulous time discovering things about the making of this extraordinary film, participating in their own festive fantasies, and getting into the holiday spirit all year round. 'Disney's A Christmas Carol' is great entertainment for moviegoers of all ages, and this is the perfect introduction to a fun and exciting new holiday classic."

Among the highlights of the tour are authentic artifacts on loan from the Charles Dickens Museum of London; artwork, costumes and props from the film; demonstrations of performance capture technology; and a chance to morph your face into one of the film's characters using [HP TouchSmart PCs](#). At each stop along the way, a state-of-the-art Disney Digital 3D Theatre will be erected, where guests can get a sneak peek of "Disney's A Christmas Carol" and see other exclusive behind-the-scenes materials from the movie. The latest details about tour stops and scheduled events are available at [www.christmascaroltraintour.com](http://www.christmascaroltraintour.com).

Featuring four custom-designed vintage rail cars full of behind-the-scenes attractions, entertaining demonstrations, and fun activities, the tour will have its inaugural stop at Los Angeles' Union Station over Memorial Day Weekend, from May 22<sup>nd</sup> through May 25<sup>th</sup>. During the next 24 weeks, the train will make 40 stops in 36 states, as it travels its way across more than 16,000 miles of track. The tour will finish at New York's Grand Central Terminal over the weekend of October 30<sup>th</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>.

At every tour stop, Radio Disney will invite kids to enter for a chance to become a Movie Surfer representing their hometown. Each Hometown Movie Surfer will get a chance to appear on Disney Channel by filming their very own Movie Surfer's segment! They'll also receive a prize package of exclusive Movie Surfer and "Disney's A Christmas Carol" gear.

ABC television stations across the country will run local promotions. At each stop, guests will have the chance to win an HP TouchSmart PC and an HP Photosmart wireless printer. Additionally, Disney is working with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America organization to provide an early Christmas experience to kids across the country. Disney will present the organization with a donation in the amount of \$100,000 at the May 21<sup>st</sup> launch in Los Angeles to further the organization's efforts of helping kids grow up to be great and will invite Boys & Girls Club kids to be part of the tour when it comes to their town. Boys & Girls Clubs throughout the nation are impacting the lives of 4.8 million young people each year with after-school programs that emphasize education, career exploration, community service, technology skills, financial literacy, the arts and more to help them reach their full potential as productive, caring citizens.

A variety of innovative HP technologies helped to make the Train Tour possible. HP ProLiant servers and HP ProCurve switches

will provide Disney with the computing power that will allow guests to collect and upload photos. Throughout the train exhibits, Disney is using HP TouchSmart PCs to run an interactive face morph application and HP monitors to showcase performance capture technology as well as images and digital effects from the film. Additionally, each train car will be wrapped with Disney's Train Tour logo using the versatility of HP Scitex printers.

"For decades HP and Disney have joined together to captivate audiences through technology innovation and digital entertainment," said Michael Mendenhall, senior vice president and chief marketing officer, HP. "HP technology used in the making of 'Disney's A Christmas Carol' has enabled Disney to push the boundaries in performance capture technology. The Train Tour offers an innovative way for guests to interact with HP's latest technology and experience the magic behind the film."

Amtrak locomotives and engineers will lead the four-car Train Tour (plus a private car), across the US, with stops ranging from 1-3 days along the way. Each train station will be themed with holiday decorations, and feature artwork from the film, Christmas Carolers, fun activities for the entire family, and snow!

"Rail travel continues to influence the way people connect with each other and celebrating the release of a true classic is a perfect way to further that connection," said Emmett Fremaux, Vice President Marketing and Product Management, Amtrak. "We couldn't be more thrilled to be teaming up with Walt Disney Studios for this 40 city tour to help educate Americans about the benefit of rail travel."

Dolby Laboratories will be supplying its Dolby® 3D Digital Cinema solution for the traveling Digital 3D theater, and Barco is providing the DP2000 digital projectors. Guests will receive an email with links to download their face morph images for free exclusively from Walmart.com Photo. Panasonic provides some of the latest high resolution large screen technology available to consumers today throughout the train cars. And, the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is encouraging guests traveling to and from the train to Buckle Up, Every Trip, Every Time!

#### ABOUT THE MOVIE

"Disney's A Christmas Carol," a multi-sensory thrill ride re-envisioned by Academy Award®-winning filmmaker Robert Zemeckis, captures the fantastical essence of the classic Dickens tale in a groundbreaking, performance-capture 3D motion picture event. Ebenezer Scrooge (Jim Carrey) begins the holiday with his usual miserly contempt, barking at his faithful clerk (Gary Oldman) and his cheery nephew (Colin Firth). But when the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come take him on an eye-opening journey, revealing truths Old Scrooge is reluctant to face, he must open his heart to undo years of ill will before it's too late.

Through the magic of performance-capture technology, Jim Carrey tackles seven roles, including Scrooge and all of the Christmas spirits.

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#### FLORIDA ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

##### [Florida man leaps on 'Ninja' dream](#)

TMCnet © Aug 22, 2009

Morris, 21, of Sarasota, who has about as many moves as Spider-Man, goes to Los Angeles next week to audition for a television reality show based on the Japanese "Ninja Warrior" competition. Hundreds are expected to try out for "American Ninja Warrior," a new series being produced by the G4 cable network.

##### [St. Pete man scores big role in 'Final Destination'](#)

Tampa Tribune © Aug 25, 2009

"For me, it's more like an action thriller with a lot of suspense," says the 26-year-old actor from St. Petersburg. "It was pretty cool to work on this one." Campo, who has been in Hollywood four years, has a co-starring role in "The Final Destination," which opens in theaters Friday.

##### [Electronic Arts Has Fab New Title: Best in Class](#)

TheStreet.com © Aug 25, 2009

EA, though, has a strong leg up on the competition, thanks to a strong mix of sequels, sports-licensed games, original intellectual properties and mobile gaming titles in its pipeline. As other game-makers delay title releases until the first quarter of 2010...

##### [Semifinalist voting starts in short-film contest](#)

Florida Today © Aug 25, 2009

After thousands of votes, visitors to floridatoday.com have narrowed down their choices in the 90 Seconds to Fame short film contest. The top three vote-getters in each category move on to the second round today at floridatoday.com/filmcontest, to determine who is tops in comedy, drama and documentary/home movie.

##### [Jamaican musical Harder They Come theatrical production for South Florida](#)

Westside Gazette © Aug 26, 2009

The Jamaican hit musical Harder They Come will make its premier performance in North America at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts in Miami, Fla. on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009. The theatrical production, based on Jamaica's first feature-length movie of the same name, will complete 16 performances in Miami following a recent six-week run in Toronto, Canada, which began on July 18, 2009.

##### [Film fest sets benefit party](#)

Tampa Tribune © Aug 26, 2009

Tampa artists will participate in the Gasparilla International Film Festival's annual Benefit Party and Art Auction. The event, open to the public, will be from 7 to 11 p.m. Sept. 11 at The Ritz in Ybor, 1503 E. Seventh Ave. It will include will free finger food, music by Tampa guitarist Dan Feinman, a silent auction and a cash bar.

### Central Florida film festivals for 2009-2010

Orlando Sentinel © Aug 28, 2009

The Florida Film Festival is coming off a banner year; more people went to the Global Peace Film Festival than ever; the Orlando Film Festival finally has a movie theater venue with the opening of the Plaza Cinema Cafe; the Orlando Hispanic Film Festival is also moving to the Plaza; and the Central Florida Film Festival is relocating from the arts center in Kissimmee to the West Orange 5 in Ocoee.

### **ARTICLES ABOUT THE COMPETITION:**

#### Tax credits making WVa movies possible

Daily Mail © Aug 22, 2009

A year ago, Robert Tinnell was making plans to shoot a movie about his Marion County family's traditional Feast of the Seven Fishes celebration in Pennsylvania. Thanks to tax credits made available by the Legislature, Tinnell is now casting for a film, "Feast of the Seven Fishes," that will be shot in Follansbee in the Northern Panhandle.

#### Backers say talk of film credit cuts costing Michigan

The Detroit News © Aug 25, 2009

Film executives and producers say talk in Lansing of reducing or eliminating Michigan's aggressive film tax incentive is causing Hollywood's bankrollers to hesitate before investing in the Great Lakes State. Already, industry insiders say, the state has lost hundreds of millions in film...

#### New Ontario tax credits to grow Sudbury film and TV industry

Northern Ontario Business © Aug 25, 2009

Legislation passed in late June 2009 increased tax credits for 25 per cent of all film and television production costs. This complements existing regional incentives, such as a 45 per cent labour tax credit for productions outside the Greater Toronto Area.

#### Shyamalan's "Unbreakable" Loyalty to Philly Shattered by Pa. Budget

NBC Philadelphia © Aug 26, 2009

With Harrisburg dragging its feet on the state budget, M. Night Shyamalan has no guarantee that film tax credits will be approved. Shyamalan's newest venture Devil was set to film in the Philadelphia region up until last week, when the production withdrew its application for the uncertain tax credits.

#### North Carolina ups production tax credit

Hollywood Reporter © Aug 27, 2009

North Carolina Governor Bev Perdue on Thursday signed a bill that boosts a state tax credit for film, TV and other productions from 15% to 25%. Eligible productions include film, TV, direct-to-video releases, animation projects and commercials. The bill retains minimum spending and hiring requirements for qualifying companies working in the state.

#### \$146M Unity Studios film complex breaks ground

The Detroit News © Aug 28, 2009

Unity Studios, the film studio complex slated to bring soundstages, production facilities and a training institute to a former Visteon Corp. facility, broke ground Thursday, becoming the first of three such projects in Michigan to begin construction.

### **GENERAL ARTICLES OF INTEREST:**

#### WGA reports plunge in earnings

Variety © Aug 23, 2009

The Writers Guild of America West, in its annual report to members, disclosed that earnings plunged nearly 18% to \$801.4 million for the fiscal year ended March 31. Guild-covered earnings had set a record in the previous year at \$976.3 million.

#### DGA Awards set for Jan. 30

Variety © Aug 24, 2009

Rounding out the upcoming awards season schedule, the Directors Guild of America has set Jan. 30 as the date for its 62nd annual DGA Awards. The DGA, which made the announcement Monday, has booked the Century Plaza for the event.

#### Redbox, rivals to control 30% of rentals

Variety © Aug 25, 2009

A new study forecasts that Redbox and rival companies that rent new DVD releases for a dollar per night will control 30% of the rental market by the end of next year, driven mostly by an aggressive rollout of new kiosks in grocery stores, convenience stores, restaurants and other retailers.

#### Studios join to offer DVD downloads

Variety © Aug 26, 2009

Starting today, Paramount Pictures, Sony Pictures, Warners and Lionsgate will begin offering the first movie downloads that can be burned to disc using virtually any DVD or Blu-ray disc burner for playback on a broad range of devices already in millions of consumer homes.

#### SAG near videogame deal

Variety © Aug 27, 2009

In a sign it may be moving toward a videogames deal, the Screen Actors Guild has scheduled a series of member meetings about the talks. SAG had no comment about the Sept. 8 caucuses in Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco. The guild disclosed the meetings Thursday in a message to members, saying only that it would provide an update on the negotiations.

## STATEWIDE EVENTS:

### FMPTA-JFC Meeting Tuesday, September 8, 6:30PM

The Jacksonville First Coast Chapter of the Florida Motion Picture & Television Association will be holding its monthly chapter meeting on Tuesday, September 8 from 6:30 to 8:30pm, location To Be Determined. Scheduled is a screening of local filmmaker Josh Hansbrough's 45-min. documentary film, One Village Same Ocean.

More information will be released soon regarding this meeting.

As always, this meeting is free for FMPTA members, first time guests and students with ID. Returning guest's admission is \$10.00 at the door. The Meeting Location is To Be Determined. Please be sure to check out the FMPTA-JFC Website at [www.fmptajax.org](http://www.fmptajax.org) for full details about the meeting and FMPTA.

"Planting Hope" the short film the chapter made to support Hubbard House is now on IMDB. Check it out at: <http://us.imdb.com/title/tt1442317/fullcredits#cast> please keep in mind that credits can be slow to verify on the site.

Please be sure to check out the FMPTA-JFC Website at [www.fmptajax.org](http://www.fmptajax.org) for full details about the meeting and us.

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### FSU Film School Fall Auditions

The Film School will hold open casting calls for Graduate and Undergraduate Films on:

Sunday, September 13, 2009

Sunday, September 20, 2009

Both days are from 10:00AM - 7:00PM.

No appointment needed. No experience necessary. All ages welcome.

What to expect at the audition:

When you come in, we will take a headshot and get some basic info from you (name, contact info, experience, interests, etc.). You may also bring a headshot and/or resume, but it is not necessary. Then you can choose from a selection of script sides we have available (~2 pages) or you can come with a prepared monolog (1 minute or less). We will bring you into a room where we will then video record you performing the monolog or side you selected (you don't need to have the side memorized). Depending on how many people show up, the whole process can take anywhere from a half hour to about 2 hours.

When the students are ready to start casting for their films, they will refer to the database and audition DVDs to find someone who fits their casting needs. If there is a match, the student will call you back in to read for a specific part. That's it!

The FSU Film School is located in the University Center, Building A (on the north side of the Doak Campbell Stadium), off Pensacola Street at Champions Way, Tallahassee, FL.

For more information please contact Tony Ciarlariello, Production Supervisor, at 850/644-7910 or by email at [tony@film.fsu.edu](mailto:tony@film.fsu.edu).

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### JOIN FILM FLORIDA ONLINE FOR SEPT 1 LEGISLATIVE LAUNCH EVENT

Join us live on the web courtesy of Tampa Digital Studios. Go to [www.filmflorida.tampadigital.com](http://www.filmflorida.tampadigital.com) on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. for the Film Florida Legislative Launch event streamed from The Renaissance Vinoy Resort in St. Petersburg.

The event will include a panel of industry professionals and economic experts who will engage in a dialogue about the Florida film, TV and digital media tax incentive program as it currently exists and how it may be best structured in the future for the greatest benefit of all Florida citizens. The event will be open to the public and moderated.

Legislators in attendance will participate in a Q&A session designed to find a way to adequately fund and structure the film, TV and digital media tax incentive to put Floridians back to work and become part of a long-term solution that will increase revenue for the state.

ALSO - VIEW FILM FLORIDA'S QUARTERLY MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Want to get up to speed on what Film Florida and its members are doing? Come back to this page to view Film Florida's quarterly meeting from 9:00 a.m. - noon.

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### **Twilight Casting Director Teaches Actors' Workshop**

The Sunscreen Film Festival offers an Actors' Workshop with Lana Veenker the casting director of Twilight and renowned Miami based acting coach Marc Durso!

DATE: Saturday October 24th & Sunday October 25th  
TIME: 9am to 5pm  
LOCATION: Downtown St. Petersburg, FL 33701  
Cost: \$125

Registration is first come first serve so signup right away to reserve your spot. Lana Veenker will be teaching "How to Break into the Biz if You Don't Live in Hollywood", plus "Auditioning for TV and Film"  
For more info [www.slateplease.com](http://www.slateplease.com). Marc Durso is an Uta Hagen and Meisner Master teacher. His students work all over the world in Film, TV, commercials and on the stage. For more info [www.acttrue.com](http://www.acttrue.com). To find out more about the Sunscreen Film Festival, check us out at [www.sunscreenfilmfestival.com](http://www.sunscreenfilmfestival.com).

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### **SARASOTA FILM SOCIETY CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY WITH 2ND ANNUAL BLACK & RED GALA**

The Gala will kick off at 7:00pm with a cocktail hour and reception immediately following. Guests and attendees of the celebration should sport their finest black and red attire and will enjoy a catered dinner, open bar, music, dancing and entertainment.

The 2nd Annual Black & Red Gala will be held Saturday, Sept. 26th at the Chelsea Center in Sarasota, located at 2506 Gulf Gate Drive. Tickets are currently on sale for \$50 (non-members), \$40 (members), and \$280 for a table of 8 (\$35 per chair). Tickets are available online at [www.filmsociety.org](http://www.filmsociety.org) and at the box offices of Lakewood Ranch and Burns Court Cinemas.

For more information call Mike Kayatta (941) 364-8662 x 2009 or go online at [www.filmsociety.org](http://www.filmsociety.org).

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### **"Chiaroscuro, Baby" World Premiere**

The prestigious Florida Theatre in Jacksonville hosts the black tie, red carpet feature film premiere that could change art of filmmaking as we know it today on Wednesday, November 4th. "Chiaroscuro, Baby" is a film by talented Florida filmmakers that revolves around the city of Jacksonville. It tells the story of an aspiring painter (Christopher Bolla) who compromises his ambition for his seductive girlfriend (Christianna L. White), only to be torn when his empowering new muse (Milan Alley) reignites his passion.

The pre-show reception begins in the Florida Theatre lobby at 6pm and includes free drinks and free parking. After the stars make their way down the red carpet, the screening of the film will begin at 8pm. The motion picture has been rated 18+ by the filmmakers, based on content, so ADULTS ONLY please. Tickets are only \$38.50 and can be obtained through KillaCozzy Productions, the Florida Theatre box office, or through Ticketmaster. Seating is limited, so grab your tickets soon—they are going FAST.

For more information visit <http://www.chiaroscurobaby.com>, <http://www.killacozy.com>, <http://www.youtube.com/killacozy>, or <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=101348175674>.

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## **CASTING CALL:**

### **BRIDEZILLA CASTING CALL**

Do you or someone you know think you have what it takes to be on America's top-rated wedding show? Are you planning a wedding between November 2009 and May 2010? Are your wedding preparations getting out of control? Are you struggling with the cooperation of your wedding party, fiancé, or in-laws? Are you doing everything in your power to make sure your wedding day is perfect? Are you ready to share your story with other women who've been or will be in your shoes?

If so, then you are just what we're looking for! Chosen brides will receive \$2500 and a free wedding video! If your wedding falls within the dates above, and you'd like to be considered for an episode, email the information below to [castingbridezillas@gmail.com](mailto:castingbridezillas@gmail.com).

- Bride's Full Name:
- Age:
- Address:

- Contact #:
- Email:
- Wedding Date:
- Wedding Budget:
- Groom's Full Name:
- Age:

- 1) Tell us why you'd be a great Bridezilla. Give examples.
- 2) Who is giving you the most stress and why?
- 3) Give us your top 3 concerns for your wedding.

Lastly, please email us a couple photos of you and your fiance`.

**Please Note:** If you have a press release or an educational event, you can post it on our website [www.filminflorida.com](http://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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