

# Focus on Film

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## FESTIVAL CELEBRATES ITS SWEET 16!

April 2011



Richard Jenkins

The Palm Beach International Film Festival (PBIFF) continues to live up to its ranking by Movie Maker Magazine as one of the top 10 destination film festivals! Festival enthusiasts from all over the world came to PBC for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual PBIFF. Some of the finest features, documentaries and shorts were shown on movie screens



Win Win

around PBC. The festival kicked off a week of screenings by showing *Win Win*. The film was shown at the Muvico Parisian at CityPlace, and was followed with an after-party at Pure Vida. A highlight of the festival was the Silver Screen Splash at the Boca Raton Resort and Club where Richard Jenkins was honored with the Golden Palm Award. The Delray Beach Marriott served as the host hotel. For info visit [pbiffilmfest.org](http://pbiffilmfest.org).

## AFRICAN-AMERICAN FILM FEST FEATURES MEMORABLE FILMS!



James Drayton

*Amos 'n' Andy Show*, *Open the Door Richard*, and *Brewster's Millions* are the three selections of the annual African-American Film Festival. Presented as part of the Kravis Center's ArtSmart series, the films are screening at the Kravis Center on March 29, April 5 & 12. "The idea of the festival was born to counter the notion that African-American filmmaking is of recent vintage and only consists of a certain type of film that reflects a defined segment of current social conditions. I select a series of films that are entertaining and educational," said James Drayton, the festival's creator and programmer. For info call 561.832.7469.



## WOMEN'S FILM FESTIVAL



The inaugural Palm Beach Women's International Film Festival will open with *The Whistleblower* starring Vanessa Redgrave and Rachel Weisz. The festival will wrap with the comedy *Leading Ladies* starring Benji Schwimmer. The full line-up of films either produced or directed by women will run April 7 - 10 and includes ten world premieres, seven US premieres, and six East Coast Premieres. Sharon Gless (*Cagney and Lacey*, *Queer as Folk*), producer and actress of *Hannah Free*, will make a special appearance at the screening of the film on Saturday, April 8 at 7pm at the Compass Community Center, followed by a party at the Cottage in Lake Worth.



Sharon Gless



Whistleblower

Leading Ladies

The festival will screen films at Muvico Parisian at CityPlace, Lake Worth Playhouse Stonzek Theatre and PGA Cinemax in Palm Beach Gardens. Individual movie tickets are \$8 for matinee and students with valid ID and \$10 for all films after 5pm. For more info visit [pbwiff.com](http://pbwiff.com) or call 561.712.1113.

## DOWNTOWN BOCA FILM FESTIVAL



The Downtown Boca Film Festival (DBFF) presented by Best Buy will take place April 9-17! The DBFF will include screenings of over 150 Indie films, filmmaker workshops, cocktail parties and other exciting events and activities. On April 9, the DBFF will kick off the festivities with the *Casino Night in Old Hollywood Gala* at the Mizner Park Cultural Arts Centre. The black tie optional fundraising gala event will be held during the first night of the DBFF to benefit Planet Hope, a non-profit organization.



The *Reel to Runway*, *A Night of Stars* is the theme for the opening night festivities on April 11 at the Mizner Park Cultural Arts Centre. The Bill Plympton Short, *Guard Dog* *Global Jam* and Justin Schack's Short, *Poisonous Frogs* will screen prior to the opening night film, *Summer Coda* starring Rachel Taylor and Alex Dimitraides. The DBFF will show *Kinyarwanda* as the closing night film on April 16, which received the World Cinema Audience Award for Dramatic Film at this year's Sundance Film Festival. For more info visit [dbff.us](http://dbff.us).



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## BANDIT RUN SET TO ROLL OUT



Bandit Run Cars

In 2010, nearly 100 Trans Ams and other muscle cars with their Bandit-like drivers, came to the **Burt Reynolds & Friends Museum** for the annual **Bandit Run**, an event inspired by the Burt Reynolds movie, **Smokey and the Bandit**. The run is a mild reenactment of the Bandit's escape from "Smokey" better known as Jackie Gleason's character, Sheriff Buford T. Justice.

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Bandit Run begins this month and will travel from Lincoln, NE to Braselton, GA. According to veteran Bandit Runners Gary and Brenda Gregory of West Palm Beach, "The Bandit Run is a vacation that everyone enjoys. You travel through parts of the country you may not have seen before and you meet people that stay your friends forever." For info visit [thebanditrun.com](http://thebanditrun.com).



Burt Reynolds

## EXCITING FILM NEWS!



Cast/Crew of ATYCLB

The new feature film, **All That You Can't Leave Behind (ATYCLB)** began filming at locations in **Jupiter, Royal Palm Beach, Tequesta, West Palm Beach**. This family drama comes from Writer/Director **William A. Butland**. "I am so thrilled to have been able to find such talent in Palm Beach County, that is just one of the many pluses of filmmaking in this area," said Butland. Producer C. Todd Vittum agrees, "We were also fortunate to have the assistance of The Burt Reynolds Institute for Film and Theatre, they opened their hearts to us, allowed us to hold the casting at their facility, and as a result, many of their students were cast in the film."

ATYCLB is the story of a man faced with failures in both his personal life and professional life. For more info visit [atyclb.webs.com](http://atyclb.webs.com) or contact William Butland at [moovman66@yahoo.com](mailto:moovman66@yahoo.com).

## UNLIKELY STAR REELS IN SYFY NETWORK



TV Crew in Jupiter

**The Muck Monster**, aka the mysterious sea creature that was first covered on WPTV NewsChannel 5, and then became an internet sensation, is now extending its 15 minutes of fame, by becoming the subject of **Fact or Faked: Paranormal Files**, a TV show that airs on the **Syfy Network**.

A crew recently came to Jupiter after a mysterious video of an unidentified water monster in the Loxahatchee River, led some locals to speculate that it could be video evidence of the infamous Muck Monster.

"I think this piece of video piqued the team's interest because some of them were familiar with the legend of the Palm Beach County Muck Monster. The video certainly lent itself to some interesting experiments and a unique night investigation. Florida is a veritable hotbed of purported paranormal activity. Fortunately for us, the area was very film/crew friendly," said Segment Producer **Brian Phenix**. The episode airs on Wednesday, April 27 at 10:00pm ET/PT on Syfy. For more info visit [syfy.com/factorfaked](http://syfy.com/factorfaked).



## CAR AUCTION RACES INTO WEST PALM!



Over 23 hours of live, high-definition coverage will be broadcast on the **SPEED Channel** during the **9<sup>th</sup> annual Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Event!** This year, hundreds of the most desirable collector vehicles will be auctioned off during the world-famous automotive lifestyle event. The event takes place **April 7-9** at the **Americraft Expo Center** at the **South Florida Fairgrounds in West Palm Beach**.



The 2011 Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Event will play host to one of the most exciting new sports cars to hit the market in recent years – the Perana Z-one. Designed by Italian coachbuilder, Zagato, the Perana Z-one is a back-to-basics sports car that puts the emphasis back on driver involvement. It builds on Zagato's nine-decade-long history of building specially-bodied sports and GT cars for some of Europe's most esteemed makes. The Perana Z-one will have a place of honor in the Showcase Pavilion during the event. For more information visit [barrett-jackson.com](http://barrett-jackson.com).



Barrett-Jackson Car Auction

## CALLING FILM AND LITERARY BUFFS!



**Scott Grody** of **Scott Grody Travel**, **Shelly Isaacs** of **Café Cinematheque**, and the South Florida bookstore **Books & Books** have teamed up to launch an exciting new cruise concept. **The Premier Film & Literary Cruise** is a 12 day cruise scheduled for August 2, 2011, that will visit Germany, Scandinavia, and Russia.

The cruise will feature the finest in award-winning international films, and will also include literary presentations. National Best Selling and award-winning Author **Debra Dean**, whose novel "The Madonnas of Leningrad" will be the focus of onboard discussions. For more info call Scott Grody at 561.702.5533.



Debra Dean

## G-STAR SCHOOL GOES GLOBAL!



The **G-Star School of the Arts for Motion Pictures and Broadcasting** welcomed **NBC's Today Show** for a profile segment on the school's unique program. Veteran correspondent **Jamie Gangel** interviewed G-Star Founder and CEO, **Greg Hauptner**, several students and teachers.

The crew filmed classes and shot sequences of a Digital Domain training session in the new G-Star Studios Sound Stage. They also got footage of students working side by side with industry professionals on a TV commercial shoot. WPTV NewsChannel 5 was there to capture the action. For more information visit [gstarschool.org](http://gstarschool.org) or call 561.386.6275.



## STUDENT SHOWCASE OF FILMS SHINES WITH IDOLS



L-R: Armaan Uplekar, Tyler Rabinowitz, and Burt Reynolds

For the third year in a row, world-renowned actor and Jupiter native **Burt Reynolds** made a special appearance at the **Student Showcase of Films (SSOF)**. A crowd of around 700 people applauded the living legend, as he presented two Burt Reynolds Scholarships to **Tyler Rabinowitz** and **Armaan Uplekar**. The same two students also won the Sara Fuller Student Scholarship, presented by Film Florida. Other notable guests included **Brett Loewenstern**, the American Idol alum, who is a student at Spanish River High School in Boca Raton, and **Smitty** from 103.1, the Buzz. Over \$10,000 in cash prizes and scholarships were awarded. Some notable winners include: **Akil DuPont** from Florida State University who won 1st place in the College Feature/Short category for his film, **Underground**, and **Chaunesty Clemmons** from G-Star School of the Arts, who won 1st place in the High School Feature/Short category for the film, **Code Red**. The 2012 SSOF poster was also unveiled, and creator **Kiaralisse Rivera** from South Tech Academy won for her design. All of the finalists arrived at the red-carpet pre-show in vintage cars and received VIP treatment. Entries were at an all-time high; with 287 entries in this year's competition.



Hosted for the fifth time by local actor and comedian **Frank Licari** of Jupiter's The Jove Improv, this year's show opened with dance performances by Starstruck Dancers, StreetBreakz and StreetBeatz Dancers. The Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center at **Lynn University** in Boca Raton hosted this year's SSOF. For more info visit [pbfilm.com](http://pbfilm.com) or the SSOF Facebook page.



Brett Loewenstern

## REALITY STAR MAKES WAVES IN PBC



Audrina Patridge  
Photo Credit: Vh1

**Mark Burnett** and **Vh1** are teaming up to give viewers a never-before-seen look into the life of **Audrina Patridge**, a favorite of MTV's *The Hills* and ABC's *Dancing With The Stars*, on Vh1's *Audrina*, premiering April 17 at 9pm ET/PT. The crew shot at locations including the International Polo Club Palm Beach in Wellington and on some of the County's most beautiful beaches.



"Audrina was invited as an honored guest of the Polo Club and, since we are documenting her life, we followed her there. It was a thrill for us to be able to film in such a glamorous and spectacularly beautiful part of the country, and the denizens of Palm Beach could not have been any more welcoming," said David Eilenberg, Head of Development & Current Programming, Mark Burnett Productions. The episode in Palm Beach County is set to air this June. Check your local listings for updated info. Vh1 is available in 98 million households in the U.S. For more info call 561.233.1000.



Int'l Polo Club, PB  
Photo Credit: Lila Photo

## FASHION 'IN THE BOX'

### TRUNK CLUB

A new company out of Chicago, IL, **The Trunk Club** is making its mark in men's fashion! Trunk Club is a men's clothing service for men who would like to dress better but don't enjoy shopping or simply don't have the time. Men tell them their style, fit and size preferences, and they send them a handpicked box of clothes every few months. They keep what they want and send back the rest with a pre-paid shipping label. There are no fees for the service. Recently, the Trunk Club team came to Florida for a photo shoot. Models posed in locations such as **CityPlace**, **Phil Foster Park** and on streets in **Downtown West Palm Beach**.

"I chose to shoot in Palm Beach County (PBC) because the climate was perfect for what we wanted in contrast to the local climate of Chicago. Also, as a start-up we have to be thrifty and PBC offered great support and free permits. Hard to beat," said **Adam Lichty**, the Creative Lead. The photos will appear in print ads, the Trunk Club website and on Facebook. For more info visit [trunkclub.com](http://trunkclub.com).



CityPlace

## DELRAY PROVIDES SCENIC BACKDROP



Delray Beach

Many of the most famous brands on Earth have utilized Palm Beach County's (PBC) beaches for photo shoots. Recently, **Wal-Mart** was added to the list, as models struck a pose in Delray Beach. The photos will appear in Wal-Mart's May edition of their circular/newspaper insert and on their website. "We chose to shoot in PBC because the beaches have a northern look. We needed the pictures to look like we could be anywhere in America," said Producer **Claudia Garces**.

**KSC KREATE** KSC Kreate out of Hollywood, FL produced the photo shoot. Special thanks to the City of Delray Beach for assisting with this shoot. For more info visit [ksckreate.com](http://ksckreate.com).

## HOMETOWN ACTRESS HAS ROYAL DEBUT



Mary Elise Hayden

Palm Beach County native **Mary Elise Hayden**, a graduate of the Dreyfoos School of the Arts in West Palm Beach is starring in the new Lifetime TV movie, **William & Kate!** This made-for-TV movie is about Prince William and Kate Middleton's real-life courtship. The royal romance debuts on the small screen on Monday, April 18 just days before the actual nuptials take place. Mary plays Pippa Middleton, Kate's sister, and she is the only American female in the primary cast.

Hayden recently starred in the ABC Family TV Show, *10 Things I Hate About You*, and was also featured in the independent film, *Eloquent Graffiti*. For more information visit [mylifetime.com](http://mylifetime.com).

## LOCATION SPOTLIGHT: ROGER DEAN STADIUM



Roger Dean Stadium

**Roger Dean Stadium** is any sports production's dream! Located in the Abacoa community of the town of Jupiter, just moments from I-95, this state-of-the-art ballpark was built in 1998, holds 6,871 people and is the only stadium in Florida to host two Major League Baseball teams annually for spring training: the Florida Marlins and St. Louis Cardinals.



Entrance to Stadium

The 110-acre facility is immaculately landscaped on the exterior and the stadium is known for its intimacy inside, where fans can sit directly behind and so close to the bullpens that they can touch the players. The stadium is divided into two halves. Everything Cardinals - dugout, bullpen, clubhouse, themed concessions - is on the right half of the stadium; everything Marlins is on the left half. Notable for the dueling clubhouses in the outfield and lack of roof, the four light poles between the outfield wall and the two teams' clubhouses are topped with cell phone antennas, which is perhaps the most unique method currently employed at a stadium to generate additional revenue. Fans enter the stadium at street level then walk up a flight of stairs to get to the grandstand. All ticket windows are located adjacent to the main entrance gate behind home plate. The concourse is located behind the grandstand and is partially covered by the press box. It has been home to the 33-year old Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame since 2006. Banners of its yearly inductees hang from the grandstand's support pillars. The stadium has a pair of scoreboards on opposite sides of the batter's eye in center field. The Cardinals' and Marlins' Minor League complexes and practice fields are behind the outfield. Each team has a half-dozen fields at their disposal. Suites with balconies are on the first base side of the press box. The John C. Cassidy Cool Zone which is a covered party deck has great views of the field and can be reserved by groups of 30 or more.



Marlins vs. Cardinals

Between the months of April-September, Roger Dean Stadium hosts their Minor League season with the Jupiter Hammerheads, single A affiliate of the Florida Marlins and Palm Beach Cardinals, single A affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals. Roger Dean Stadium and ESPN Radio 760 will be working together for the 2nd consecutive year to broadcast Florida State League Games of the Week. All broadcasts will take place on Wednesdays. For more info visit [pbfilm.com](http://pbfilm.com) or call 561.233.1000.



Baseball Field at Roger Dean Stadium

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