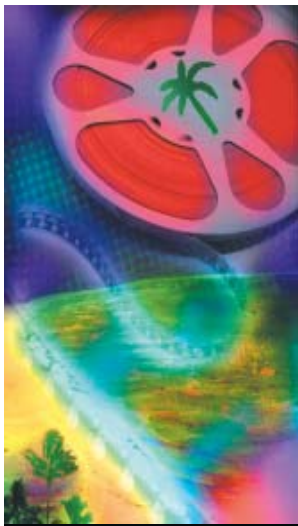


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FILM FESTIVAL SPARKLES WITH STARS AND INSPIRES YOUNG FILMMAKERS...

The media and fans gathered for pictures and interviews of filmmakers and stars as they descended on Palm Beach County for the **11th Annual Palm Beach International Film Festival (PBIFF)**. The festival, which is known worldwide for funding education programs, kicked off with the world premiere of **VC Andrew's RAIN**. Stars **Brooklyn Sudano** and **Khandi Alexander** walked the red carpet at the **Muvico Parisian 20 at CityPlace in West Palm Beach**, followed by a swanky after party at **The Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach**. The week progressed with over 125 films from a variety of genres including **10th & Wolf**, co-written and directed by **Bobby Moresco**, the recent Academy Award winner for **Crash**, and **A Barge Called Hope**, which is the first Russian short film ever to be screened in a US festival, according to **Writer/Director/Producer Maroussia Morgan**. After attending the PBIFF, Morgan said, "I am considering changing my script for an upcoming feature because I really want to shoot a film in Palm Beach County." Honorees at



Faye Dunaway



Dennis Hopper

the Grand Gala included **Faye Dunaway**, who was presented with the **Golden Palm Award**, and **Dennis Hopper** who was honored with the **Career Achievement Award**. **The Delray Beach Marriott**, the host hotel for the PBIFF, was sold out for several days and many other hotels assisted with accommodations including the **Boca Raton Bridge Hotel**. For info on the PBIFF visit www.pbifilmfest.org or call 561.362.0003.



Bobby Moresco



L.A. FILM COMPANY GROWS NEW ROOTS IN WEST PALM BEACH

Production at the **G-Star School of the Arts** continues to flourish with its newest addition; Los Angeles based **Oak Films**, opening a permanent production office on the G-Star Studios back lot. **Oak Films President Joe Reilly** recently partnered up with **Bobby Moresco (Crash, Million Dollar Baby)** for a modern day version of **The Prince and the Pauper**, slated to begin principal photography this summer. Reilly said, "We are very excited to be opening up an East Coast office. The opportunities in Palm Beach County are good for a young entertainment company seeking to grow quickly on a sound foundation." **Oak Films** also joins **Krane Productions** as the second resident film company on G-Star's campus. For more information please call Greg Hauptner at 561.386.6275.



Joe Reilly



LOCAL PR FIRM GOES ON A HAIR-RAISING ADVENTURE...

TV icon **Sy Sperling**, best known as the former president of the Hair Club for Men, is the host of a new series **Winning in America** produced by **TransMedia Group Productions in Boca Raton**. The series, which will feature the stories of successful entrepreneurs, will shoot the pilot episode locally and in New York City starting this summer. Sperling said, "I think this series will be a winner as it will appeal strongly to the American spirit in all of us that want to succeed and then share that success with others." For more info call Lynn Martin at 561.750.9800.



Sy Sperling

FILM COMPANY INKS MAJOR DISTRIBUTION DEAL

Marking a significant milestone for a home-grown movie, **Tulchin Entertainment** has acquired worldwide sales rights to **Unconscious**, a feature that was shot entirely in Florida. The dark thriller, shot by **Capitol Pictures, Palm Beach and Helios Productions, Los Angeles**, made its world premiere at the **2006 Palm Beach International Film Festival**. After seeing the film, **Film Commissioner Chuck Elder** said "This is a fascinating story, make sure you stick around after the credits roll for a surprise moment." **Producers George Williams and Brad Wigor** commented that they are delighted to be in business with **Tulchin Entertainment**. For info call 561.310.2420.



ENTERTAINMENT CONGLOMERATE TEAMS UP WITH FAITH BASED PRODUCTION COMPANY...

Mandalay Integrated Media Entertainment's (MIME) new relationship with Palm Beach County keeps on growing! Recently, the corporate giant teamed with the **Palm Beach International Film Festival** to create new opportunities for the annual event. Now, **MIME** has signed a production-distribution deal with **Mark Koch of Prelude Entertainment in West Palm Beach** to produce projects geared toward the family-friendly feature film market. Koch, who is known for producing films such as **Lost in Space** and **Black Dog**, has several high-profile films in the works including **Our Father**, a story written by the late **John Candy**, which may be shot locally next year. Koch said, "Our new partnership with **Mandalay** is a huge asset to **Prelude**. [**MIME** execs] **David Salzberg** and **Christian Tureaud** are great guys and bring major experience and unique strengths to the team." For more info visit www.preludeworldwide.com or www.mandalay.com.





Location Spotlight

Familiarization Tours



Morikami Museum



Lion Country Safari

The tradition of showcasing the county's diverse locations to visiting filmmakers during the Palm Beach International Film Festival was carried on through two familiarization tours. The tours kicked off to a roaring start at **Loxahatchee's Lion Country Safari**, made a stop thereafter at **Moroso Motorsports Park** kart track in **Jupiter** and ended with a relaxing lunch at the oceanfront **Jupiter Beach Resort**. The second day exposed visitors to **Delray Beach's** historic **Atlantic Avenue**, the beautiful **Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens**, the tranquil marine habitats of **Peanut and Munyon Islands** in **Riviera Beach**, the vibrant atmosphere of **Clematis Street** and **CityPlace**, and lunch at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel** in **West Palm Beach**. One of the producers on the tour, Brian Schmidt said, "The FAM tour allowed me to see the diversity of locations and how welcoming Palm Beach County is to the filmmaking community." Special thanks to our sponsors for their gracious hospitality in showcasing the best of Palm Beach County to the visiting filmmakers!



CityPlace



Moroso Motorsports Park

VOICES ARE HEARD DURING THE FILM FESTIVAL

The fourth annual **Voices of Local Film** honored South Florida filmmakers during this year's **Palm Beach International Film Festival**, thanks to the event's creator, **Heath McKnight**. **Voices** provides a forum for local films to be screened in a competitive atmosphere among peers. Several awards were given including Best Technical Achievement to **Zoom Suit 2** by **John Taddeo** and Best Picture to **Julia's Pit** by **Mick Shane**.



PALM BEACH COUNTY PRODUCTION COMPANY REVVES UP A REVOLUTION

Motorcycle enthusiasts and novices alike will get a charge out of **Boca Raton** based **Multi-Media Marketing & Production's (M3Pro)** new television series **Metric Revolution**. The show, which begins filming this June, is the first ever televised metric motorcycle build-off in which 22 contestants chosen from all over the United States customize their own motorcycle to be judged this fall at the Las Vegas Bikefest for a huge grand prize. Producers are currently in talks with various networks about distribution. Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are available. For more information please visit www.metrictv.com.



Palm Beach Community College's (PBCC)

Duncan Theatre hosted the 11th annual **Student Showcase of Films** on **April 25, 2006**. **Joseph Parker** of **A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts** and **John Logan Pierson** of **Saint Andrews School** were awarded the **\$5,000 Burt Reynolds' Scholarships** while at school in a "Publisher's Clearinghouse" manner. The scholarships will be used to further the student's education. The **From Script to Screen Workshops and Seminar** series, hosted by **PBCC Stage West** and **The Burt Reynolds and Friends Museum**, was a huge success evidenced by



a full house at each session. The seminars were led by industry professionals and included **Pitch and Development** with **Conrad Bachmann**, **Ken Tipton** and **Darlene Lieblich Tipton** and **Screenwriting for Independent Filmmaking** led by **Frank Eberling**.



Frank Eberling



Conrad Bachmann, Darlene Lieblich Tipton and Ken Tipton

short takes



REALITY SHOW GETS A DOSE OF THE REAL WORLD...West Palm Beach recently made a cameo appearance during an episode of the 17th installment of MTV's hit TV program, **The Real World**. The seven strangers picked to live in a house and have their lives taped, had to evacuate their mansion in Key West due to Hurricane Rita last fall. The cast members stayed at the **West Palm Beach Marriott** and partied at such hot spots as **Resort Nightclub** in **CityPlace**. Catch **The Real World** Tuesday's at 10:00pm. For more information please visit www.mtv.com.



TV SHOW ROARS INTO PALM BEACH COUNTY

Moroso Motorsports Park, the recipient of this year's **PBC Convention and Visitor's Bureau Providencia Award**, recently hosted the **ESPN2** series, **Truck Stop** for two days. The show made a pit stop at Moroso to cover the **Jet and Truck Nationals** for an episode set to air in the summer of 2006. For more information please call 561.622.1400.



Ms. Archer

TV SHOW GETS A MAKEOVER

The **ION Media Network** created a new look and sound for the locally shot **Rose Lee Archer Show**. This is just the tip of the iceberg for **Rose Lee Archer**, who has many new projects in the works. Recently, Archer shot an episode about creating future filmmakers at an event at the **Burt Reynolds Museum**. The Museum also just received a grant for editing equipment to be used for educational purposes.



LIGHTS, CAMERA, JOIN US TO CREATE ACTION! Palm Beach



County's production community is encouraged to join the **Film Commission (FTC)** and **KO-MAR Productions** for the 1st **Annual Production Company Roundtable** on **Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00pm**. The FTC staff will lead a productive discussion on how we can all partner to better promote and enhance PBC's services. The FTC recognizes that the production companies are the lifeblood of the local industry and it is our goal that they will continue to thrive. The meeting will be held at the **KO-MAR studio facility** located in the **NewsChannel 5 building**. For info call 561.233.1000.



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