

Focus on Film

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Palm Beach County, Florida Has It Covered.



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PRODUCTION PROFESSIONALS CHAMPION FILM BUSINESS

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EPIC
PRODUCTIONS

Two Florida heavyweights joined together to create an unstoppable force! Owner of **Epic Studios** and executive producer **Scott Woolley** announced an association with award-winning director **Victor Milt** to redefine an all new production alliance, **Victor Milt Associates!** At the head of this venture will be top producers **Bill Horneck** and **Alexandra Flugel**, two well established figures on the Florida film scene. "I've shot in many studios throughout my career," said Milt, "but Epic stages are simply a cut above the rest. They've got a 25' ceiling with a permanent hanging grid, and a 40x60 foot cyc. Couple the shooting area with edit suites, a separate record, mix and sound sweetening room, a graphics lab with a top After Effects artist, and of course the support of two of the best producers in the south – well – it just doesn't get any better than that." Producer Alexandra Flugel states that Milt has a cinematic style of shooting and lighting. His look is unique, and he's got an incredible history of success. He's directed everything from Juan Valdez, to the US Air Force, to commercials for Irish Spring and Colgate. On top of that, his latest documentary feature, **Cracker – the last cowboys of Florida** has been featured in over seven national film festivals and won four awards.

Victor Milt Associates has begun the search for new clients with concepts that reach beyond the ordinary. "Florida has it all...locations, talent, crews, and now I can work from a wonderful environment," said Milt. For more info visit victormiltassociates.com.



L-R: Bill Horneck,
Alexandra Flugel, and
Victor Milt

CONGRESSMAN HONORS AREA FILMMAKER



Local filmmaker and Acreage resident **Gary Davis** has been making movies since he was ten years old. To date, he has produced 22 feature films and hundreds of TV shows over the course of his career. Recently, Davis was honored to receive a letter from

Congressman Alcee Hastings congratulating him

on his accomplishments including teaching local children about filmmaking and inspiring them to reach their potential and live their dreams. Davis is continuing to teach aspiring filmmakers about filmmaking through his **Art of Filmmaking** workshops. Upcoming workshops will be held every Wednesday at 7:00pm throughout the month of August at **Studio D114** in **Royal Palm Beach**.



"These workshops are for the real independent filmmaker and students who may not have the resources to make a film. I teach them to say...Yes, we can," said Davis. Davis is best known for films including **The Spanish Inn** and **Zen** produced



by his production company, **Chocolate Star Entertainment Group**. For more info call 561.795.6339.

NEW ONLINE RESOURCES!



The information age has brought online industry resources and business networking communities to the forefront in today's marketplace. Websites such as **Reel-Crew** and iPhone apps such as **Doddle** will revolutionize the way that potential clients find the crew members and support services they need for their Florida projects! Both sites are free to join, so join today!

Reel-Crew has become the official new online directory for the Governor's Office for Film and Entertainment. Reel-Crew is an expansion to the Reel-Scout system that will create a searchable, electronic database of Florida's skilled workforce and available production resources. Crew members and support services can register for the new directory at filminflorida.com.



Doddle is an iPhone app that provides an interactive mobile production guide for the video industry. It allows industry professionals to search for vendors and freelancers throughout the world on an iPhone. For more info visit doddleme.com.



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WEB-BASED TV SHOW FORMS IN PBC



Red carpet galas, film premieres, and local talent will be featured on **Entertainment Premiere**, a new web-based TV show! Actors, directors and producers have been creating short films in Palm Beach County for years, and *Entertainment Premiere* wants to bring these artists closer together.



Film Premiere at Mos' Art

Rick Bennette, a filmmaker and owner of **Fine Art Video** in **Tequesta**, is the host and producer of the show, and his wife, **Denise Vidal Bennette** is the correspondent. "I would like this show to serve as a focal point to showcase local talent and become a distribution outlet for films. Local actors and producers can also showcase their demo reels for free on the site," said Bennette. The first episode covered a film premiere at the **Mos' Art Theatre** in **Lake Park**. For more info visit entertainmentpremiere.tv.

DVD TO EDUCATE NEW DRIVERS



MThree, a production company based in **Boca Raton** recently shot **Driving Zone 2**, a new DVD about safe driving practices, on the streets on **Boynton Beach** and in their studio in Boca Raton. The DVD educates new drivers on the dangers of distracted driving. The DVD is hosted by professional racecar driver **Andy Pilgrim**, who started the **Andy Pilgrim Foundation** to help new drivers stay safe. Pilgrim believes that innovative education techniques can reduce the over 6,000 traffic deaths and 500,000 serious injuries of 15-19 year-olds that occur every year on U.S. roads.

"I chose to do the shoot in Palm Beach County mainly because of MThree. I felt they could do a great job. Plus, finding the type of roads I needed for the DVD was easy because they are all over the County," said Pilgrim. According to MThree, the DVD will be shown in schools and will be available for purchase on September 1. For more info please visit mthree.com.



Andy Pilgrim on set with new drivers in Boca Raton

WORKSHOPS TO MAKE YOU A STAR!



S.T.A.R.S. Mission International, a Palm Beach based non-profit serving teen artists and performers is offering workshops and seminars, **August 5-7** at the **Community United Church** in **Lake Park**. Celebrities and industry pros will be leading hands-on workshops about filmmaking, acting, writing, and more.

Enjoy scene work with actress **Nancy Stafford** from *Matlock*, learn writing and storyboarding from **Leo Partible**, L.A. Storyboard Artist, and get advice from **Mark Koch**, Producer of *The Perfect Game* and *Lost in Space*, and other professionals. Space is limited. For more information visit stars4him.com.



Mark Koch

WXEL BRINGS A FRESH PERSPECTIVE TO TV



Each Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM on **WXEL-TV**, **Howard Kaye**, a new, upbeat and involved host brings a new kind of television talk program to the public. Focusing on people, places and things in Palm Beach County and South Florida, Howard uses his unique interactive interview style as he speaks to guests who have made and are making history and who tell and show their remarkable stories.



Notable guests include **Ron Laytner**, an award-winning photographer and **Barbara Levy**, the face of the "You've Come a Long Way Baby" campaign. The show is produced by **Bill Scott**, an award-winning journalist and former President of The Travel Channel. "I am producing the show because it's fun and Howard has a zest for life and a rapport with people that makes him a unique host," said Scott. For info visit wxel.org.



Howard Kaye

NEW FILM GROUP IN PBC!



Talina Adamo, the founder of **Black Onyx Productions, LLC** started a new community film group called, The Palm Beach County Filmmakers! "We have what it takes as local filmmakers to make some noise right here in our home town. Feature films from this group are right around the corner. Along with those willing to join me, I plan to bring Hollywood right here to Palm Beach County," says Adamo. **The Omphoy Ocean Resort** in Palm Beach is currently hosting the group's monthly Meet & Mingle parties and the CityPlace Library in West Palm Beach is hosting their pre-production meetings.



Their first short film, **An Adventure with Hot Coffee** was filmed at **Howard Park** in **Lake Worth** and at private homes. The film is currently in post-production. It will be premiering soon and will be submitted to several film festivals. The locations and dates for the screenings will be posted on the group's website shortly. Anyone who wants to join the group is welcome, but they must first come to one of the Meet & Mingle parties to get signed up and interviewed. For more info visit meetup.com/pbcfilmmakers.

DELRAY PROVIDES BEAUTIFUL BACKDROP



The beautiful, sandy beaches of **Delray Beach** played an integral role during a recent **Avisa Organics** photo shoot. Photographer **Robyn Wishna** from New York took pictures of organic bed linens on a queen-size wooden bed frame on a few of Delray's most famous beaches including the municipal beach at AIA and Atlantic.

"The local flora and fauna paired with a stunning ocean backdrop gave us just what we wanted to display our organic goods," said Producer **Kim Taylor**. The photos will appear in print ads and on the Avisa website. Special thanks to Delray Beach! For more info visit avisaorganics.com.



Avisa Organics Photo Shoot in Delray Beach

FIRST ANNUAL LAKE WORTH FILM FESTIVAL!



Attention all filmmakers and student filmmakers: Submit your Features, Shorts, Documentaries, and Music videos to an exciting new film festival designed to showcase your work. **The Stonzek Theatre** of the **Lake Worth Playhouse**, in association with Florida Filmmaker, **Steev Brown**, is hosting the City of Lake Worth's first film festival from **September 17-19, 2010**. "The goal of the **L-Dub Film Festival** is to unite hundreds of people, students to industry veterans, who wish to expand the possibilities of independent filmmaking in South Florida. Film enthusiasts will enjoy an eclectic collection of films produced by South Florida filmmakers," said Festival Director Steev Brown. The L-Dub Film Festival is introducing a new environment for all levels of experience from all over South Florida to come and show their creations to fellow filmmakers and film lovers alike. It is free to submit your film to the festival. The deadline for entry is August 20, 2010. Late submissions will be accepted until August 30 with a fee of \$25.

Challenge your creativity by participating in the festival's Film Adventure Competition. Filmmakers and student filmmakers are encouraged to write, shoot and edit an original film in just one week. Team leaders will be e-mailed an underlying message, a character and a prop. The competition will commence on August 30, and run until September 6th. A cash prize of \$400 will be awarded to the best film. The registration fee is \$50 before August 10 and \$80 after August 10. Registration ends August 28. For more information on submitting entries to the festival and/or registering for the Film Adventure Competition please visit lakeworthplayhouse.org or email Mr.Steev.B@gmail.com.



WINTER COMES EARLY TO PBC!



Next Directory
Photo Shoot

From sultry surf to sleek cityscapes, Palm Beach County has the look and feel that accentuates the fashion industry's hottest ensembles. UK based retailer, **Next**, a company that offers clothing, footwear, accessories and home products recently chose **Dubois Park** in **Jupiter** as the backdrop for scenes from their **Next Directory Winter Look Book**. Parts of Dubois Park were transformed into a winter wonderland complete with plastic Christmas trees and blankets as young models struck a pose near the lagoon. **David Segui Production Services** in Miami Beach was hired to produce the shoot. "Dubois Park had the right look for this shoot, there are no palm trees and it gave us a very northern feel," said Segui.



Next Directory

The Next Directory is a home shopping catalog and website with more than two million active customers. For more information about Next please visit next.co.uk and for more information about David Segui, please call 305.793.3079.



EXCITING FILM NEWS!



Angel Camouflaged, the new film from **Cinema Island Productions** in **Wellington** has been successfully making the rounds on the film festival circuit! The film was screened at the **Cannes International Independent Film Festival**, and won awards in three categories at the **Action On Film Festival in Pasadena**: Best Actress (Dilana Robichaux), Best Actor (James Brolin) and Best Cinematography (R. Michael Givens). Producers are looking to set up a local screening of the film. For info visit cinemaisland.com.



FILM PREMIERES TO SOLD-OUT CROWD



Cast Photo

An overflow crowd attended the world premiere of **The Misadventures of Wallace Weaver** at the **Mos' Art Theatre** in Lake Park. Writer/director **Marc C. Zatorsky** said, "This really shows what a great film community we have in South Florida." In attendance at the screening was Hollywood star **Joanne Pflug**, and the film's lead actor **William A. Butland**. The 2010 Burt Reynolds Scholarship winner **Paul Halluch** was the DP, and also handled editing. For more info call 561.233.1000.

FAREWELL TO A GOOD FRIEND TO FILM



Retired PBSO **Major Robert Ferrell Sr.** passed away in Delray Beach on August 1, 2010. Bob began his career with PBSO in 1987 and retired as a Major in 2007. He was a proponent of the local film industry and began the relationship with the Palm Beach County Film & Television Commission (FTC) when it opened in 1989. That relationship is still very strong today.

His position as the contact for PBSO helped bring films such as **Traces of Red** and **Folks** to PBC. The movie roles meshed very well with the man, who will be dearly missed by friends and family. "The film industry had a great supporter in Bob. He was a true pioneer and a good friend," said Chuck Elder, Film Commish.

FAMED PHOTOG WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED



Wes Skiles
Photo by Luis Lamar

National Geographic photographer **Wes Skiles** passed away following the conclusion of a scientific research expedition related to marine life off the east coast of Florida. Skiles lived in High Springs, FL but traveled the world documenting underwater caves with his cameras.

"He set a standard for underwater photography, cinematography, and exploration that is unsurpassed. It was an honor to work with him, and he will be deeply missed," said **National Geographic** Magazine Editor in Chief Chris Johns. Skiles was also skilled in the art of telling stories through moving pictures. He produced, directed, and filmed over a hundred films, many of which won awards and acclaim.

LOCATION SPOTLIGHT: DOWNTOWN WEST PALM BEACH



CityPlace

Downtown West Palm Beach is defined by its menu of international dining destinations, mix of national brand and local retailers, and top-flight cultural venues flavored with 100 years of history. It's anchored by two distinct districts: **The Clematis District** and **CityPlace**. The Clematis District is a vibrant and artistic commercial core located on the Intracoastal that serves as Palm Beach County's historic and government center. It is the backbone of the city, rich with history,



Clematis Street

arts and cultural venues, family-friendly events, nearly 100 restaurants and retailers, vibrant nightlife, and thousands of residents.

The spectacular new waterfront includes seven water features and graceful gardens that seem to spring from a dramatic Great Lawn, threaded with winding paths and framed by vine-covered trellises designed to double as outdoor retail spaces for events. Native plants and trees shade a new pathway of pavers along the main Flagler roadway. Three long public docks, including a floating pier with a 'window' to an artificial reef, bring the water's edge to life with boaters and strolling families. An "urban beach" of crushed-shell fines, enhanced by a tiki trellis has already become a favorite among city residents.

Award-winning **CityPlace**, just blocks away, is a leading visitor destination in the County and one of the most admired downtown centers in the nation. The open-air, Italian-inspired, 72-acre property is home to more than 100 shops and restaurants, a Muvico IMAX cinema complex, a 1920s church adapted to serve as a multi-purpose cultural center, and an eco-friendly show fountain in the main plaza. Visitors can travel between both districts via a free, open-air trolley service that's become one of Downtown's most popular attractions.



Middle Dock on Flagler Drive

Residents and guests also enjoy a multitude of other entertainment options, including CityPlace's weekend entertainment on the plaza and a weekly street party called Clematis by Night at Centennial Square every Thursday. A variety of productions have filmed in downtown West Palm Beach including a Braman Motorcars commercial, Fashion Rocks Palm Beach and Telemundo. For more information please call 561.233.1000 or visit pbfilm.com.



Aerial view of City Hall

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