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FILM FLORIDA PODCAST - JANUARY



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THE PAR-FECT 18

A new show highlighting the County's best golf courses will soon hit the airwaves. **The Par-fect 18** will air twice this month on ABC affiliate WPTV Channel 5. The first airing happens on Saturday, January 18 at 5pm after the LPGA Championship, and then again on Saturday, January 25 at 7:30pm (the night before the final round of the Boca Tournament).



Tim Rosaforte

Hosted by golf expert Tim Rosaforte and produced by West Palm Beach-based **Ko-Mar Productions**, the show highlights some of the best publicly accessible golf courses in the County, including: **PGA National Resort & Spa, Palm Beach Par 3, Osprey Point, Lake Worth Golf Course, Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course, Sandhill Crane Golf Club and North Palm Beach Country Club.** "Palm Beach County has so many really good golf courses, we thought it'd be a good idea to feature those that anybody could play on. In researching the public and resort public access courses we realized there wasn't a significant drop off in quality from the private clubs and courses. We asked the pros at each course what they felt was their best and most scenic holes and they were quick to name a favorite—even over the phone. The results are some incredible golf holes!" said Todd Kolich, executive producer and Ko-Mar Productions co-owner.

Jim Gallagher, Jr., also of Ko-Mar Productions, provides some narration for the show. "As native to South Florida and a second generation broadcaster in this area (my dad was Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Famer Jim Gallagher), it's a thrill for me to provide the voice-over for 'The Par-Fect 18'. Having grown up in Palm Beach County, I've seen the incredible growth of golf in the area and I don't think there's ever been a better time to be a golfer than right now." Along with great golfing, the show features tantalizing culinary options available at some of the courses. The show will also be available on-demand at ThePalmBeaches.TV later this month.



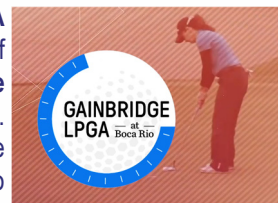
IN CONVERSATION WITH INDUSTRY PROS

Film Florida (FF) has launched Season 2 of its podcast series that highlights the people and stories that make up the multibillion-dollar entertainment production industry in Florida. "Our goal is to give our listeners an authentic, insider's view from the leaders themselves who have forged their way through this industry," said John Lux, Executive Director of FF. Guests featured in January will include Palm Beach County's very own hip-hop legend and reality TV star **Vanilla Ice**, CEO of Clearwater Marine Aquarium **David Yates**, award-winning visual effects supervisor **Adam Howard**, and comic industry legend **Bob Layton**. New listeners are encouraged to start from the very beginning – with the first episode of Season 1 featuring the FTC's very own Deputy Film Commissioner **Michelle Hillery**! Episodes released in future months will be indexed on the front page of *Focus on Film* (as shown above). Check out current episodes through **Apple Podcasts, Stitcher**, the **iHeartRadio** app and at filmflorida.org.



TRIPLE CROWN OF GOLF IN PBC

The inaugural **Gainbridge LPGA** at **Boca Rio Golf Club** tees off January 20 to kick off the **Triple Crown of Golf** in The Palm Beaches. **Golf Channel** will broadcast the Gainbridge LPGA at Boca Rio (January 20-26), featuring 108 of the world's best female golfers competing for a \$2M purse. This new event is just one of three major golf tournaments coming to PBC in 2020; the **Honda Classic** will be played at **PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens** in February, followed by the **PGA Tour Champions Boca Raton Championship** at the **Old Course at Broken Sound** in October. Ken Kennerly, Executive Director of the Honda Classic, told the Palm Beach Post that it's "absolutely phenomenal to have a PGA Tour event, a



Champions Tour event, and now an LPGA Tour event back in our great community." For more info, visit gainbridgelpga.com.



BOWLING IN PARADISE

Nearly two million households tuned in to ABC last month to watch the **Florida Atlantic Owls** take on the **SMU Mustangs** during the live broadcast of the **6th annual Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl**. The game also received national coverage on **ESPN Radio** and was broadcast locally on **ESPN 106.3FM**. The energy in Boca Raton was electric, with an estimated attendance of more than 23,000 college football fans. The Owls scored twice during the final minute of the first half and never relinquished the lead en route to a 52-28 victory, making FAU the first two-time Boca Raton Bowl Champions. Moreover, it was the fourth bowl win in as many tries in program history for Florida Atlantic. Two weeks earlier, the Owls won the 2019 **Conference USA Championship**, which was broadcast on **CBS Sports Network**. Catch more on this event at cheribundibocaratonbowl.com.



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PROGRAMS WITH A PURPOSE



Since 1999, **Rose Lee Productions** has produced **The Rose Lee Archer Show** to offer a variety of resources to advance a viewer's quality of life. Rose Lee also established **Archer Disability Foundation (ADF)** in 1999 with her son Pat, a 501(c)(3) to mentor high school students with disabilities on and off camera. ADF has also teamed up for over a decade with **Publix** to offer in-store mentoring events. ADF recently honored Sue Ward, a Publix Staffing Specialist, who designed and grew Disability Mentoring Day Publix events from South Florida to the Treasure Coast. Last month, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners presented ADF with a proclamation of **Disability Employment Awareness Month**. For more, visit roseleearchershow.com.



ADF Proclamation Presentation

FOTOFUSION'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating 25 years as The Palm Beaches' biggest annual photography extravaganza, **FOTOfusion** will take place next month from February 11-15 at the **Palm Beach Photographic Centre**.



Photography by Carol Guzy

Attendees are invited to take part in a wide range of experiences offered including workshops, photo shoots, computer labs, multimedia presentations, portfolio reviews, exhibitions and special events. A pop culture festival "where creativity and technology fuse," FOTOfusion is world-renowned for photography hobbyists and professionals alike. The annual **FOTOfusion Award** honoring a photographer's lifetime achievement will be presented to photojournalist Carol Guzy, who holds a record-breaking four Pulitzer Prizes. Register in advance by visiting fotofusion.org.

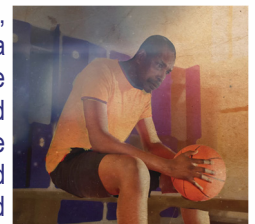
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PALM BEACH JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL



The **30th Annual Donald M. Ephraim Palm Beach Jewish Film Festival** will live up to its global billing with a collection of films that will resonate with filmgoers of all ages and backgrounds. The festival is hosted by the **Mandel Jewish Community Center of The Palm Beaches** and will be held from January 26-February 16 in theaters in **Palm Beach Gardens, Jupiter and Boynton Beach**.

Evoking the past, present and future of Jewish life in the United States, Israel and far-flung corners of the world, the 32 festival selections offer compelling dramas, light comedies and edge-of-your-seat thrillers. The festival's opening day film will be the Palm Beach County premiere of **Aulcie**, an inspiring film about Aulcie Perry, a remarkable American-born black athlete and basketball legend who was spotted by a scout for Maccabi Tel Aviv. Both the director and the star of the film will attend the premier. A full listing of films and schedules can be found at PBJFF.org.



Still from Aulcie

PBTB CELEBRATES GROWTH IN 2019

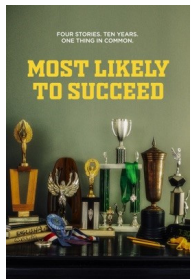
The **Palm Beaches TV** marked the end of the year on a high note by increasing its in-room hotel reach by more than a thousand rooms. The newest properties to offer The Palm Beaches TV as a designated in-room channel include **The Hilton Garden Inn West Palm Beach I-95 Outlets** property and the **Grand Classica** ship on the **Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line**. In addition to other properties like **The Boca Resort and Club**, the **Brazilian Court** and **Marriott Singer Island**, the channel remains accessible via website (ThePalmBeaches.TV), mobile app, Roku, and in public spaces such as **Palm Beach International Airport** and the **Palm Beach County Convention Center**. For more information, visit ThePalmBeaches.TV





TWO LOCALS MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

A compelling new documentary, *Most Likely to Succeed*, traces the journey of four high school students from disparate backgrounds. Filmed over a ten-year period, the documentary follows their life choices as they navigate the unpredictability of modern day life. The film has multiple local connections, as one of the students featured, Sara Kaiser-Cross, graduated from **Jupiter High School** and the director, award-winning photographer **Pamela Littky**, grew up in Palm Beach County.



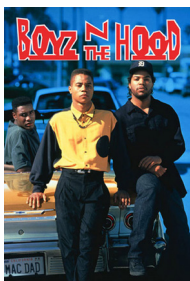
"My goal in making this film was to show how the definition of 'success' varies so dramatically when viewed through a lens that illuminates socio-economic, cultural, racial and geographical difference," she said. The film can be seen on various streaming platforms including **Comcast**, **Amazon**, **iTunes** and **YouTube**. For more information, visit geni.us/MostLikelytoSucceed.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN FILM EXCELLENCE



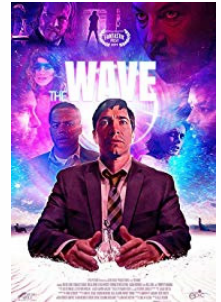
The **Kravis Center's African-American Film Festival (AAFF)** is an annual event that was founded by James Drayton. This special series of films feature African-American actors and directors and convey the African-American experience, aiming to educate, entertain and enlighten attendees.

"The idea of this Film Festival is 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," said Drayton, the Festival's founder and producer. This year's AAFF will feature three films: *Boyz n The Hood* on January 20 at 7pm, *Rosewood* on February 3, and *Higher Learning* on February 24. All three films will be shown at the **Marshall E. Rinker, Sr. Playhouse** at the Kravis Center. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit kravis.org/film/african-american-film-series.



THE WAVE

The Wave, a new film featuring Justin Long, recently made its world premiere at Fantastic Fest in Austin, which was the perfect crowd-pleasing fun film for the audience. *The Wave* Producer **Monte Young** and Executive Producer **Suzanne Niedland** both call Palm Beach County home, as well as owning and operating production companies locally. The film follows Frank (Long) as his night takes a turn for the bizarre when he is dosed with a hallucinogen that completely alters his perception of the world, taking him on a psychedelic quest through board meetings, nightclubs, shootouts and alternate dimensions. As Frank ping-pongs between reality and fantasy, he finds himself on a mission to find a missing girl, himself and his wallet. Released by **Epic Pictures**, *The Wave* is due to hit theaters and VOD later this month. See more at epic-pictures.com/film/the-wave.



SUPER BOWL KICKS OFF DOWN SOUTH

South Florida will be in the national spotlight on Sunday, February 2 as nearly 100 million viewers are expected to tune into **FOX Sports for Super Bowl LIV 2020**. While the game itself will be played at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami, events and coverage will also take place in The Palm Beaches in the weeks leading up to the big game. From a Super Bowl Football Camp in **Belle Glade**, to a "Fashion Bowl" and Pep Rally in **Delray Beach**, to a block party celebration during Clematis By Night in **West Palm Beach**, and even a "Super Bowl Party at Sea" aboard the **Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line** leaving from the **Port of Palm Beach**, there are opportunities at every corner of Palm Beach County for a variety of fan interests. Check out the full calendar of events at palmbeachsports.com/SuperBowl.



A DIGITAL ART LEGEND IN THE PALM BEACHES

Laurence Gartel is known to the world as the "father" of digital art, with a career spanning over 40 years collaborating with iconic musicians, artists and filmmakers alike. Creating digital art before the birth of the personal computer, his work has been exhibited with the Museum of Modern Art, Long Beach Museum of Art, Princeton Art Museum, Norton Museum of Art as well as included in the permanent collections of the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of American History, Bibliothque Nationale Paris and Victoria and Albert (V&A) Museum, London. Amidst traveling the world to exhibit his work in Australia, Spain, Germany, Italy, India and more, Gartel returns to The Palm Beaches in 2020 to share his knowledge in a series of master classes at the **Palm Beach Photographic Centre** from February 4-7, April 7-10, June 23-26, and October 27-30. See more about the legend at gartelmuseum.weebly.com.



Official Artist of the 57th Annual Grammy Awards



LOCATION SPOTLIGHT ROSEMARY SQUARE

The 72-acre, film-friendly development has evolved as a destination with thoughtful improvements and a new name that personifies the street that runs through it; CityPlace is now **Rosemary Square**. It's proximity to the Brightline train has fostered much needed improvements along with new shopping, dining, and cultural experiences and has set the stage for alternative transportation with bike racks, ride share and a high speed train.



Brightline High Speed Train

360 Rosemary will anchor the community on the north side between Fern and Evernia Streets while **City Place Tower** serves as the book-end anchor on the south side. The City of WPB eased design constraints that only allowed for Mediterranean styles with barrel tile roofs, and will bring a more diverse design esthetic to the district. The streets are now curb free with a texture pattern that adds a layer of pedestrian friendliness along with more shade using lush topicals and the addition of awning like trellises covered in bougainvillea for year-round residents and business travelers to enjoy.



Curb Free and More Shade

A world class team of designers and artisans have created spaces that are new and exciting to the area. Since trees are highly regarded as an eternal symbol of life, strength and wisdom, the **Wishing Tree** glows with LED lights that change colors and brings a fresh and modern energy to the worldwide phenomenon known as wishing trees. On another corner, the interactive social sculpture **Water Pavilion West Palm** shoots vertical columns of water in a pattern that allows people to interact with it. When the water is off, you can step into the display and be inside the wall of water. It's sure to be a big hit with people and photographers. For more information about this film friendly location, visit pbfilm.com or Rosemary Square online.



The Wishing Tree



Water Pavilion West Palm

EDUCATION CORNER SSOF DEADLINE APPROACHES



The deadline for **The 25th Palm Beaches Student Showcase of Films (SSOF)** is almost here! Celebrating its **Silver Anniversary** in 2020, the largest student film competition and award show in Florida will award over \$20,000 in cash and prizes to winners. Students must submit their projects by **January 27** for a chance to be honored at the sensational **Red Carpet Award Show** on April 3rd at **Lynn University** in **Boca Raton**. There are 12 categories of competition, including the Vanilla Ice Music Video Award, the Suzanne L. Niedland Documentary Award and, of course, the Burt Reynolds Scholarship awarded to a Palm Beach County high school senior. In addition, are the Commercial and Environmental PSA's, as well as the brand new Donald E. Ross Education PSA. And returning for 2020 are the popular Animation, High School and College Feature groups! To learn more about all the amazing categories, visit pbfilm.com/SSOF.

NEW MAYOR APPOINTMENT

The Palm Beach County Film & Television Commission congratulates **Dave Kerner** on his appointment as **Mayor of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (BCC)**. Mayor Kerner is a Palm Beach County native, and prior to his election to the BCC, he served two terms in the Florida House of Representatives as the Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee.



Mayor Kerner

His government experience includes service as a Police Officer and as a Special Prosecutor here in Palm Beach County. He attended Suncoast Community High School (2002), the University of Florida (Bachelor of Arts, Political Science & Criminology, 2006), and the University of Florida College of Law (Juris Doctor, Constitutional Law & Local Government, 2010). Mayor Kerner has emerged as a leader on issues related to law enforcement, the judiciary, criminal justice, and civil law. Learn more about Mayor Kerner at discover.pbcbgov.org.

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