

JUNE 2006



Focus on Film

NEWS FROM THE PALM BEACH COUNTY FILM & TELEVISION COMMISSION

FOCUS ON PRODUCTION ROUNDS UP COMMUNITY



The Palm Beach County Film and Television Commission (FTC)



held the first **Production Company Roundtable** meeting which was hosted by **KO-MAR Productions** and sponsored by **Tuxedo Gourmet Catering Company of the Palm Beaches**. The goal of the Roundtable was to enhance the relationship between the FTC and the local production community in order to improve upon and develop new ideas on how all parties can work together to increase business, complement one another's efforts and enhance/combine marketing strategies. **KO-MAR President Todd Kolich** said, "This meeting was a great first step in getting the FTC and the production community together to see what we can do to better promote production in PBC." The next meeting will be held in **July 2006**, and quarterly thereafter. The FTC is calling on the local production community to please submit agenda ideas and/or offer space for the meetings. This will give attendees the chance to become familiar with various production companies in the area. For more information call 561.233.1000 and for more information on Tuxedo Catering, a company that has over a decade of craft services experience in the production industry, call 561.848.9696.



NEW FILM FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS LATIN CULTURE...Dancing in the streets mixed with a unique line-up



Carlos Ochoa and Mayor Frankel

of Latin films marked the inaugural **Palm Beach International Latin Film Festival** which was held in May to great fanfare. The **City of West Palm Beach** welcomed the event which centered around the **Cuillo Centre for the Arts** where all the selected films were shown. Opening night commenced with the premiere of **Elían**, a documentary about Elían Gonzalez, by **Director/Producer Agustin Blazquez**, and was followed by the official grand opening celebration with **Mayor Lois Frankel** and a street party during **Clematis by Night**. The four-day festival was packed with filmmakers who were able to share elements of the Latin culture with the local community. **Festival Director Carlos Ochoa** said, "The goal of the festival is to turn Palm Beach County into a new outlet for Latin producers to showcase their productions." For info visit www.palmbeachlatinfilmfestival.com.



JUPITER FIRM MAKES A TITANIC INVESTMENT IN HOLLYWOOD COMPANY

Legendary visual effects house, **Digital Domain** (*Titanic*, *The Day After Tomorrow*) in Hollywood has been bought by a local company, **Wyndcrest Holdings, LLC**, a private investment and acquisition firm newly headquartered in the **Riverwalk Center** in **Jupiter**. The principals of Wyndcrest include Hollywood director/producer **Michael Bay** (*Bad Boys II*, *Pearl Harbor*) and former NFL star and television commentator **Dan Marino**. Wyndcrest is committed to the growth of Digital Domain by developing animated and live-action feature films. For more information please visit www.digitaldomain.com.



REGIONAL TV SHOW SHINES SPOTLIGHT ON FILM INDUSTRY...South

Florida TV station **WHDT** is focusing on the young filmmakers of today with its weekly public affairs show, **Screening Room**. Hosted by award winning journalist **Brian A. Content**, the show features short films and interviews with filmmakers and other professionals associated with the film industry. The **Screening Room** airs Monday at 10:00pm on Cable Channel 17 from Boca Raton to Sebastian and Channel 44 from Miami to Ft. Lauderdale. If you are interested in showcasing a short film or appearing on the program visit www.screeningroomtv.com or call 561.471.9200.



Brian A. Content



LOCAL COMPANY TAKES IT TO THE 'MAX' WITH AWARDS

Boynton Beach's MAX World News has taken home six prestigious awards in the past year for innovative news stories! The organization won top international honors at the **27th Annual Telly Awards** for features on Florida hurricanes, premature babies and infant auto safety. A segment on Mad Cow Disease gave MAX World News a **Dalton Pen Award of Excellence for Broadcast Journalism** and a story shot deep in the rain forest of Guatemala received a **Davey Award**. Finally, the **Communicator Award** was given to the company for the aforementioned premature baby story. For more information please visit www.maxworldnews.com.



CNN Reporter San Miguel, MAX World News Executive Producers Ron Reis and Angelo Kotzamanis at the Dalton Pen Awards

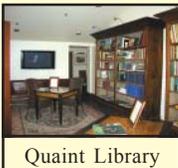
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Location Spotlight

International Polo Club Palm Beach



Located in the heart of Palm Beach County's horse country, the **International Polo Club Palm Beach in Wellington** is a world class polo club complete with glamour and sophistication! The rolling natural terrain is augmented with beautifully manicured polo fields, lush tropical landscaping and a serene lake. With seven regulation size polo fields, two of them back to back, and a grandstand that offers filmmakers a panoramic view of the action, this polo club is equipped to handle large productions with a variety of outdoor needs. The interior of the club includes a rustic lodge-like bar, a quaint elegant library, and a grand ballroom. The best time for filming on the sprawling greens is May through December and to capture equestrians in motion, January through February. For more information on filming at this location please visit www.internationalpoloclub.com or call 561.233.1000.


child CHILDREN HAVE A PASSION FOR FASHION IN PBC

Child Magazine, a periodical focused on raising children with smarts and style, chose to shoot their September 2006 cover and a twelve page spread at **Yesteryear Village in West Palm Beach** and **Jupiter Beach Park** and **Dubois Park in Jupiter**. Local photographer **Monica Skeisvoll** was hired to capture the essence of the children while they posed in the latest back to school fashions. **Art Director Daniel Chen** said, "Aside from the beautiful weather, we flew to Palm Beach County to find fresh, new faces to model during the shoot." The cast and crew were accommodated at the **Hampton Inn in Palm Beach Gardens**. For more information please visit www.child.com.

POPULAR CRIME SHOW FILMS AT AREA UNIVERSITY...

Go behind the police tape and into the center of a criminal investigation as **Court TV's** series *Body of Evidence* pays a visit to **Palm Beach Atlantic University** to recreate a crime scene for an episode set to air this fall. Washington, DC based **Story House Productions** produces the series and got the **Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office** in on the action by using their headquarters for some crucial scenes. **Story House Producer Courtenay Singer** stated, "It was not the first time *Body of Evidence* shot in PBC, and it will definitely not be the last!" For more info visit www.storyhousepro.com or www.courtstv.com.

Education Corner

STUDENT FILMMAKERS MAKE THEIR WAY INTO THE 'REEL' WORLD...

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity was awarded to two **University of Central Florida** students for their film, *Love is Deaf*, during the **2006 Student Showcase of Films (SSOF)**, a companion event to the **Palm Beach International Film Festival (PBIFF)**. **Andrew Kenneth Gay** and **Ryan Pomeranz**, two aspiring filmmakers, were selected as having a "future on the big screen" and will take all-expense paid trips to Los Angeles this summer courtesy of the PBIFF's new partnership with **Mandalay Integrated Media Entertainment**. The students will attend a private one-on-one pitch and development workshop with **Conrad Bachmann**, former Governor of the Performers Peer Group of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences and meet with top studio development executives and VP's thereafter to pitch their film. For more information please call 561.233.1000.




short takes

MILLIONS OF REASONS TO SHOOT IN FLORIDA

Beginning July 1, 2006, the **Entertainment Industry Financial Incentive Program** will double from 10 million to **20 million dollars** for fiscal year 2006/07! If you are interested in starting production before July 1, over **two million dollars** in incentive money is still available and needs to be spent by June 30. Companies must qualify by starting production between now and June 30 and spend at least \$850,000 in qualified expenditures by the same date. To apply call 877.352.3456 or visit www.filminflorida.com for info.

FILMMAKERS RENDEZVOUS AT LOCAL MUSEUM

Directors, producers, actors and dignitaries partied at the **Burt Reynolds and Friends Museum (BRFM)** in **Jupiter** to honor independent filmmakers during the **2006 Palm Beach International Film Festival (PBIFF)**. Special guest of honor **Florida Film Commissioner Paul Sirmons** spoke eloquently to the crowd about film production in Florida and **PBC Film Commissioner Chuck Elder** presented the Museum with a grant that will be used toward developing an editing suite to enable students to create educational films. For more information please call 561.743.9955.




(L-R) State Film Commissioner Paul Sirmons, BRFM Executive Director Mike Daniel, PBIFF Chair Yvonne Boice and PBC Film Commissioner Chuck Elder

VISIONS TURN INTO REALITY FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

Students who enter into the **Palm Beach Film School** in **West Palm Beach** embark on a journey where they learn the ins and outs of filmmaking, specifically how to write, shoot, direct and edit. To mark the end of the school year, ten emerging filmmakers presented their new skills by screening their short films at a public gathering recently at the **BMC Cinema in Palm Beach Gardens**. Each filmmaker also had the opportunity to speak about their film and thank everyone involved. For more information please call 561.242.9190 or visit palmbeachfilmschool.com.



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