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NEW SHOWS COMING TO DESTINATION AMERICA THIS SUMMER

Brand new seasons of ***Hooked on The Palm Beaches***, ***Passport to The Palm Beaches*** and ***Wild Palm Beaches*** *premiere this summer!* The shows, produced by **AA Video** out of **West Palm Beach**, will air on **Destination America,** a nationwide cable network focused on leisure-themed programming. *Passport to The Palm Beaches* and *Wild Palm Beaches* will air Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. and 7:30 a.m., starting July 1. Meanwhile, *Hooked on The Palm Beaches* will air Sundays at 7:30 a.m., beginning July 2. The three original series filmed entirely in Palm Beach County and will be available on **The Palm Beaches TV** shortly after they premiere on network television.

For the luxury and style aficionados, **Jacqueline Journey** hosts ***Passport to The Palm Beaches*** and covers everything from world-renowned events and outrageous retail therapy to billionaire's row and world-class pampering. ***Hooked on The Palm Beaches*** guides viewers through The Palm Beaches sportfishing paradise and explores diverse fishing opportunities. On the new season of ***Wild Palm Beaches,*** host James Currie takes you behind the scenes of **Palm Beach County's** one-of-a-kind resident wildlife population and introduces you to the "Art of Nature." AA Video founder **Jeff Aderman** says, "I love producing these shows that highlight all the amazing wildlife, fishing, lifestyle and sports that make The Palm Beaches one of the most unique and beautiful places in the world!"

Visit **The Palm Beaches TV** to watch previous seasons of each show on demand.

11TH ANNUAL FATHERS DAY CAR SHOW

The *11th Annual Father's Day Classic Car Show* returns to **Mizner Park** in **Boca Raton** on Sunday, June 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

More than 30 car clubs come together to line the streets along this shopping, residential and entertainment district. This is the perfect place to bring your dad on his special day! With a wide variety of vehicles on display, the Father's Day Classic Car Show proudly benefits the Make-A-Wish Foundation, supporting children with critical illnesses and making their dreams come true.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities and to get registered contact Russ G at 954.701.5760 or email at Polyproud@aol.com. This annual event was also featured in an episode of Drive The Palm Beaches, available On Demand via The Palm Beaches Television channel.

PRIDE IN THE PALM BEACHES

The Palm Beaches are celebrating Pride month with special events and activities planned throughout the entire month of June. Live music, dance performances, vendors, special speakers and an exciting raffle and auction will round out the festivities. The LGBTQ+ community takes pride in their movement, going all out for the festivities with elaborate costumes, makeup, and lots of glitter!

The Palm Beaches TV features local pride events along with businesses in its programming, such as segments featured in ***On The Town in The Palm Beaches with Frank Licari*** when he visited **Northwood Village** and **Lake Worth Beach** to explore some of their celebrations along with the *See & Be Seen* episode of **Passport to The Palm Beaches** where **Jacqueline Journey** introduces viewers to **Compass Community Center's Pride Fest**.

PBC FEATURED ON CANAL SUR

Spanish audiences enjoyed a luxurious tour of **The Palm Beaches** via **Canal Sur's** program ***Andalucía por el Mundo***. The renowned TV program, which aired throughout Spain last month, showcases Spanish expats living abroad. The episode featured a teacher who's working in the County through a visiting teacher's program, another instructor who's teaching English to Spanish speakers, and an expat who ventured to Florida for love. Together, with **Host Cristina Lopez**, this international production team highlighted those expats while showcasing some of PBC's pristine beaches and opulent lifestyle. The show, produced by **Medina Media**, introduced viewers to locations like the **Flagler Museum**, **Clematis Street** in **West Palm Beach**, and the "secret" JFK Bunker on **Peanut Island**. According to **Canal Sur**, a Spanish Public Broadcasting company, 180,000 people tuned in to the premiere of this episode. Meanwhile, viewers around the world can watch the episode on demand.

DELRAY BEACH HOSTS PICKELBALL OPEN

The **Delray Beach Pickleball Open & Shootout** once again captivated audiences and showcased the thrilling sport of pickleball at its finest. For five days in May, enthusiasts of the sport from all over the nation travelled to **Delray Beach**, eagerly anticipating the intense competition, the prize money and all the unforgettable moments. **Carl L. Foster**, President and CEO of **Foster Events Group** who organized the tournament, shared that nearly one thousand competitors from around the world participated, and expressed thanks to "the **City of Delray Beach**, **Baptist Health**, and the **Palm Beach County Sports Commission** for their unwavering support."

To ensure that pickleball enthusiasts worldwide could catch all the exhilarating moments, the event was televised and streamed by various networks such as **Pickle TV** on **Amazon Prime** and **Inside World Pickleball Channel** broadcasting globally via **YouTube**. The reach and impact of this event continues to grow, cementing its status as a premier pickleball tournament.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE FTC TEAM

After a record breaking year of production, **Vanessa Cadet**, **Brandon Perry**, and **Matthew Mazzamaro** are the newest team members at the Palm Beach County Film and Television Commission (FTC).

Vanessa, Social Media and Events Developer, is a published author who produces webisodes of The Palm Beaches TV's Watch Parties and creates compelling digital content for the FTC's website and social media platforms.

Brandon is a seasoned Production Coordinator, working with clients and our industry partners to execute permits and ensure smooth filming on public property.

Matthew is also a Production Coordinator, facilitating permits and providing hassle-free service for filmmakers through the FTC's free one stop permitting process.

Vanessa, Brandon and Matthew are all regular contributors to the monthly *Focus on Film* newsletter and the FTC is proud to welcome them to the team.

BURT WOLF AND SON ON DEMAND!

If you've ever wanted to learn the basics of surf fishing, how to properly eat a lobster, or how to get the perfect photo of a bird in flight, then tune in to **The Palm Beaches TV** and watch the new episode of **Burt Wolf's *Travel's & Traditions*** series: *Teach Me Something New*. Spoiler alert... you won't be seeing Burt as the student, it will be Burt's engaging teenage son

Nicholas Wolf learning the mechanics of kayaking, scuba diving and the basics of mixology (the cocktail is for dad; Nicholas gets the non-alcoholic version) from gifted experts who make the learning experience interesting and fun. While his son is the star of the show, Burt does make a few cameo appearances, and injects his own brand of lighthearted humor and history as the program's narrator.

Travels & Traditions with Burt Wolf

Watch *the new episode* on the Video on Demand section at ThePalmBeaches.TV

CELEBRATING AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE ON THE PALM BEACHES TV

Juneteenth is observed on June 19th and commemorates when African American people were officially freed from slavery. The day became a federal holiday in 2021, but it's been celebrated for more than 150 years. **The Palm Beaches TV** showcases Juneteenth with special episodes like ***On the Town in The Palm Beaches with Frank Licari's*** *Black Voices* episode and the ***What's Poppin' PBC?*** series starring **Kitty Lundan** who sees the holiday as a second Independence Day. "It's an African American freedom holiday that is recognized nationally and emphasizes the education and achievements of African Americans," she says, "everybody should feel comfortable with celebrating their culture." Juneteenth is the first new federal holiday since Martin Luther King Day in 1983.

SUMMER CINEMATIC SERIES

Florida Atlantic University's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) in **Boca Raton** announces a blockbuster summer program, featuring a highly interactive and captivating series of seminars titled ***A Summer of Cinematic Matinees***. The multi-week series offers guided discussions in a small classroom environment and is also available online. The program begins June 6 with ***Part 1: One Great Director, Four Masterpieces***, exploring the works of Krzysztof Kieslowski who is ranked among the greatest international filmmakers of the 20th century. The second installment of this summer program begins July 11 and will explore the unforgettable cinematic journey of India's legendary and award-winning director Satyajit Ray. In addition to the Summer of Cinematic Matinees series, OLLI is hosting film-and-television-themed classes such as: ***From Gunsmoke to Laugh-In: The Best of 1960s TV*** and ***Four Great Propaganda Films of WWII***. Click here to learn more about OLLI's exciting summer programs.

JCFILMS STUDIO

Award-winning local filmmaker and producer **Dominic Gianetti** teams up with director **Jason Campbell** and actor **Dean Cain** of **JCFilms Studios** to launch a specialized satellite production club in **Boca Raton**.

The Palm Beach Production Club will provide education and opportunities for people of faith to get involved in making films that have an uplifting message of hope and faith.

Dominic is known for his passion for filmmaking and for growing the next generation of filmmakers. He has been involved in production for the past 40 years and "felt compelled to start the new chapter, even though his content crosses a variety of genres." This new venture will open doors for local collaboration and ultimately to produce family-friendly stories that have the power to make a difference in the world. JCFilms has produced over 50 films and has a dozen slated for production this year. Follow the local chapter on Facebook.

LOCAL STORY AIRS ON HELLO SUNDAY

BYUtv, recently visited **The Palm Beaches** to film an episode of their show, ***Hello Sunday***. The crew captured the heartwarming journey of **Piper's Angels Foundation**, shedding light on their incredible work and dedication to raising awareness for families affected by cystic fibrosis while paddleboarding around **Peanut Island** in training for their Atlantic crossing.

Hello Sunday, is a series of uplifting stories, emphasizing the power of human resilience and compassion. Each episode features individuals and organizations making a positive impact in their communities, and Piper's Angels Foundation was a natural choice for the show's latest highlight.

To watch the inspiring episode featuring Piper's Angels, and many other incredible stories, visit the BYUtv website. Tune in to *Hello Sunday* and join the global community in celebrating the power of hope, resilience, and positive change!

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT THE FTC

The Palm Beach County Film and Television Commission (FTC) is looking for an intern for its 12-week non-paid educational program that is designed to assist in the development of a talented and knowledgeable workforce.

Selected interns will become acquainted with the many resources available to film professionals in the area. Interns will find out how to break down a script and source film friendly locations, learn about government regulations for permitting and insurance while developing an understanding of marketing The Palm Beaches as a destination, office etiquette, boardroom governance and Florida's sunshine laws. Participants in the internship program will also be trained in the daily operations of the FTC, helping perform special research projects and assist with day-to-day functions. Internships are open to Palm Beach County residents and anyone currently enrolled in a local high school or university. Find out more here.

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS ENTERTAINING PRODUCTIONS FEATURING TOURISM

The Palm Beach County Film & Television Commission's tourism sponsorship program helps underwrite high-quality, family-friendly shows that air in major markets all over the world. The program's objective is to create original content that attracts new visitors, extends length of stays and serves as a tourism ambassador for **The Palm Beaches**. Production companies interested in applying for sponsorship funds must have proof of distribution outside Palm Beach County, preferably in markets like California, New York, Washington DC, Boston, or international markets like Canada and the United Kingdom. In addition to a focus on tourism, shows funded through the program highlight that The Palm Beaches is one of the most diverse destinations in Florida, committed to creating safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for everyone.

FILM FLASHBACK: PASSENGER 57

Released in 1992, *Passenger 57* took flight with Wesley Snipes as John Cutter, an anti-terrorism expert locked in a battle to regain control of a hijacked aircraft. The film's storyline and Snipes' performance left an indelible impact on viewers. While the majority of the story unfolded in the tense environment of the airplane. Production filmed driving scene from a helicopter over Sloans Curve in Palm Beach. During its opening weekend, *Passenger 57* soared at the box office, pulling in over $10 million and attracting enthusiastic audiences with a thrilling cinematic experience. The film's popularity and critical acclaim propelled it to further success in subsequent weeks, securing its spot as a beloved classic as it grossed over $40 million worldwide. 30 years later, we look back and reflect on this truly memorable film.

LOCATION SPOTLIGHT
ART DECO IN THE PALM BEACHES

Art, fashion and industrial design merged to form the Art Deco era with masculine aesthetics and geometric details based on simple design principles. The county has a storied collection of properties from the era that are ready for their close up.

The Armory Art Center in **WPB** was built in 1939 and has the distinctive vertical design elements and a curved courtyard in front of the building along with breezeway block around the back.

The Cultural Council for PBC in **Lake Worth Beach** is a fine example of Streamline Moderne with a flat roof that is perfect for a camera or lighting position. The classic modernistic building has a curved stucco edge and .

The whimsical **Wenger House** in **Delray Beach** exemplifies Art Deco geometry and balance. The property has a nautical feel with both sharp angles and rounded edges, with a wall of heart cutouts surrounding the property.

The former **IBM** campus in **Boca Raton** is set on a curve with Y shaped solid concrete columns that give it a strong monolithic presence. The building doubles easily for a federal backdrop.

More examples are found on college campuses in PBC such as the **Green Building** at **Lynn University** with breezeway blocks and the **Administration Building** at **FAU**. Explore more film friendly Art Deco options in the locations database.

EDUCATION CORNER
NEW TEACHER APPRECIATION AWARD

The 28th annual Palm Beaches Student Showcase of Films (SSOF) held at the Maltz Jupiter Theatre in April, was a record-breaking success! With 528 filmmakers, screenwriters, and digital media artists from 75 high schools and universities across Florida submitting their entries for their chance to win over $20,000 in cash prizes and awards. The '90's themed, red carpet award show was packed with entertainment, celebrity presenters, media and industry professionals, and performers along with County and State dignitaries.

In preparation for next year's competition, Palm Beach County Film and Television Commissioner, **Michelle Hillery**, is announcing a new opportunity for the 2024 award show. Nominations will soon be accepted for **Exceptional Educators** in Communications, Digital Media and Film. This category will shine a spotlight on the educators who encourage and support their students and inspire excellence in the classroom.

The call for entries for the upcoming 29th annual SSOF will be announced in the fall. For more information about the competition, the categories for entry, sponsorship opportunities and submission requirements, please visit PBFilm.com/SSOF. And keep an eye out for the official Call for Entries for next years competition and for the details about how to nominate your favorite instructor.

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