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GLITZ, GLAMOUR, AND GREAT FILMS DEFINE FESTIVAL

May 2008

With over 140 films the **Palm Beach International Film Festival (PBIFF)** continues to live up to its ranking by **Movie Maker Magazine** as one of the top 10 destination film festivals. The festival soared to new heights this year as it partnered with **A&E Television Network** as they launched the A&E IndieFilms Spotlight.

The festival kicked off a week of screenings, seminars and parties by showing ***The Grand***, a high stakes poker film starring **Cheryl Hines** and **Woody Harrelson**. The film was followed by a sleek after-party on the rooftop of the **Sunrise Cinemas** at **Mizner Park** in **Boca Raton**.

Cheryl Hines

Honorees included **Mickey Rooney** who received the Legend in Film Award, Cheryl Hines was honored with the Showmanship Award, and **Josh Hutcherson** who was presented the Horizon Award. **The Delray Beach Marriott** was the host hotel for festival filmmakers. For information visit pbifilmfest.org.

INDEPENDENT FARE FEATURED

Delray Beach
FILM FESTIVAL
MAY 6-11, 2008

Festival director, **Michael Posner** invites filmgoers to *"Come experience independence!"* at the 3rd annual **Delray Beach Film Festival (DBFF)** on May 6-11th.

The opening night film will be **Mark McLaughlin's** documentary *'**Hollywood Singing and Dancing: A Musical Treasure**,'* hosted by **Shirley Jones**.

Also screening is the cult-favorite, "***The Rocky Horror Picture Show***." The screening will be hosted by **Barry Bostwick**, who immortalized the role of Brad Majors. Everyone is invited to come with props and costumes. For more information please visit dbff.us.

Barry Bostwick

TEAMWORK EQUALS NEW LOOK

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PALM BEACH COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

The **Palm Beach County Film and Television Commission (FTC)** and the **Palm Beach County Visitor's Bureau (CVB)** have teamed up to revamp the FTC's monthly newsletter. "The CVB and the FTC are sister agencies that both stoke the economic engine of **Palm Beach County**. Having some of the CVB branding elements in the FTC newsletter makes our collective voice stronger." said Jorge Pesquera, President and CEO of the CVB. Production activity brings over $128 million to Palm Beach County's tourist industry annually.

The newsletter promotes Palm Beach County as an ideal destination for production including film, television, still shoots, and more. In the new format, look for information on events, local production companies, featured locations, and much more. For information call 561.233.1000.

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SOIREE CELEBRATES SOUND STAGE SCHEDULED TO OPEN FALL 2009

G-Star Studios recently announced the construction of the largest motion picture sound stage in south Florida. "Originally, our Studio was set up to cater to independent films budgeted up to ten million dollars," states **Greg Hauptner, the G-Star Studios founder**. "Our new sound stage is equal in size to the LA sound stages that have had films such as Jurassic Park III, The Hulk, Bruce Almighty, and the current TV shows Desperate Housewives and Two and One-Half Men, produced on them."

A kick-off event for the new sound stage took place on April 13, at the G-Star Studios located in **West Palm Beach**. Studio tours as well as live entertainment, food and beverages were available throughout the event. Attendees included producers from Los Angeles, film distributors, actors, models, film crew, filmmakers from the **Palm Beach International Film Festival**, government officials, and local film production companies. The event was co-sponsored by the Palm Beach International Film Festival and the **Palm Beach County Film and Television Commission**. For more information please call 561.233.1000.

Networking at G-Star Party

PBC LOCALES STAR IN DOCUMENTARY

Documenting the extraordinary journey of a loggerhead turtle for the documentary, ***The Turtle Song*** is the job of the producing team from **Tradewinds Pictures**, **Big Wave Productions Ltd.** and **Big Fame Ltd**.

They filmed at locations such as **Gumbo Limbo Nature Center** and **Red Reef Park** in **Boca Raton**. The film will be distributed by **Sola Media**. Special thanks to **Gumbo Limbo Nature Center**, the **City of Boca Raton**, **Florida Fish and Wildlife** and the individuals who contributed to the success of this project. For info visit bigwavetv.com.

LOCATIONS PROVIDE THE DRAMA

Still photography is one of the most lucrative facets of the production industry in **Palm Beach County (PBC)**. One reason is that clothing companies continually choose PBC because of the diverse locations.

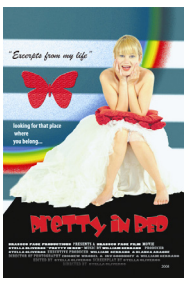
Anthropologie shoot

Lilly Pulitzer shoots at locations such as the **Palm Beach Zoo** in **West Palm Beach** and area beaches. Ultra hip, **Anthropologie** also found our beaches ideal for their catalog. Local clothiers, **Boston Proper,** had their models strike a pose at **Lion Country Safari** in **Loxahatchee**. From sultry surf to sleek cityscapes, PBC has the look and feel that accentuates the fashion industry's hottest ensembles. For info call 561.233.1000.

STUDENT-PRODUCED FILM PREMIERES

The G-Star School of the Arts announces the premiere of the student film ***TWO*** - at **The Cuillo Theater** in **West Palm Beach.** Haunted by dreams of witnessing a murder, Patrick endures seizures triggered by the images. When students begin to disappear, he tries to save the one girl who ever cared for him. It seems his nightmares may not be dreams after all. The film will be screened on Friday, May 16th, at 7:00pm. For info call 561.967.2023 X 1213.

COLORFUL FILM TO SCREEN AT FESTIVAL



Lake Worth filmmaker**, Stella Oliveros**, wrote, directed, and edited her first film, ***Pretty in Red***, which will screen at the 2008 DBFF. Oliveros also stars in the clever comedy. The film follows one woman's road to self discovery. Ninety percent of the film was shot in **West Palm Beach** at locations such as **G-Star School of the Arts**. The film will screen at the Crest Theater in Delray Beach on Friday, May 9th. For more information please visit DBFF.us.

EDUCATION CORNER: STUDENT FESTIVAL REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

Over 700 students gathered to celebrate student filmmakers at the **13th Annual Palm Beach International Film Festival's Student Showcase of Films (SSOF).** From the red carpet at **Palm Beach Community College's Duncan Theatre** to the giant iPod-shaped preview screen, the night was filled with surprises. Local comedians **Frank Licari**, **Travis Thomas** and **Jesse Furman** served as hosts and notable presenters included **Louis Lombardi (*The Sopranos*)** and **Vincent Cecere (*Analyze This*)**.

Nicole Groton and Crew

Everyone was present to honor the event's winners which included the first place film for college, ***Kirksdale*** by **FSU student**, **Ryan Spindell**, and the first place film for high school, ***The Chosen One***, by **A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts (DSOA)** student **Nicole Groton**. Many of this year's winners were featured in local media such as the **Palm Beach Post** and the **Palm Beach Daily News**. **The Palm Beach International Film Festival (PBIFF)** is one of the few film festivals in the world whose proceeds are channeled into film education. To date nearly one million dollars has been awarded in the form of cash, prizes and scholarships to individual students and schools via the SSOF and the PBIFF. For more information please visit pbifilmfest.org.

LOCAL FILMMAKERS FIND SUCCESS

Palm Beach Film School

Palm Beach Film School student, **Salah Zouaghi's** short film, ***Tolerance***, received an **Audience Award** at the **2008 South Florida Indy Fest**. The film follows a white teen and a Muslim teen whose fates are intertwined.

CAPITOL PICTURES

Local production company **Capitol Pictures** of **Palm Beach** has secured national distribution with **All Channel Films** in **Los Angeles** for their film, ***Unconscious***. The film premiered at the Palm Beach International Film Festival. The film's theatrical opening is scheduled for early summer. For info call 561.233.1000.

DVD's PROMOTE EXERCISE AND LEARNING

Heather Redlich

HDV Production Services is proud of a series of fitness and learning DVD's which were shot at **G-Star School of the Arts** and feature children's fitness that combines a physical workout with standards-based academic lessons.

The ***Be Fit and Learn*** DVD's, hosted by fitness trainer **Heather Redlich**, will debut at the **American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Convention** in Texas this month. For more information visit hdvproductionservices.com.

KID FRIENDLY SHOWS FIND HOME IN WEST PALM BEACH

Renny Roker and Student

Two new shows will be filming at **G-Star School of the Arts' Studio**. Both shows are being produced by **Renny Roker**, **the Founder and CEO of "Teens on the Green."** ***Teens on the Green: The Search for the Scholar Golfer of the World***, will follow participants in the annual "Teens on the Green World Championship," The thirteen episode **PBS** series will feature celebrities from the world of Film, TV, and sports. In ***Through the Eyes of a Child***, children compose a story that explains how their ethnic group contributed to the growth of America. Each episode tells a different story.

Mr. Roker explained that the combination of G-star and agencies like the **Palm Beach County's Convention and Visitor's Bureau**, **Sport's Commission and Economic Development Office** make Palm Beach County an ideal location to film both shows. G-Star students will participate in front and behind the cameras on these shows. For information call 561.233.1000.

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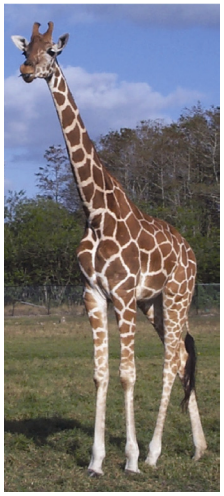
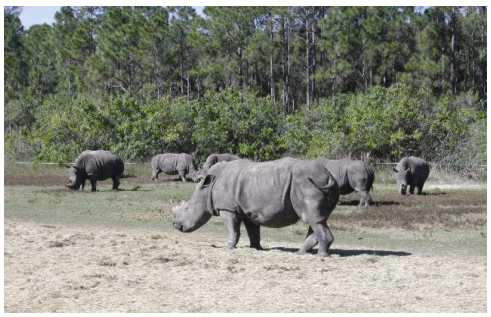
LOCATION SPOTLIGHT: LION COUNTRY SAFARI IN LOXAHATCHEE

Photo Shoot for Boston Proper



One of the most unique locations in Palm Beach County is Lion Country Safari in Loxahatchee. The sprawling park is home to over 900 animals in the four-mile drive-through preserve and in the Safari World exhibit area. Among the more notable species on display in the diverse landscapes are the African lions, the endangered white rhinos and playful chimpanzees, a large herd of zebra, and magnificent giraffes.

The drive-through portion of the park has been host to everything from fashion photo shoots to national documentaries. The wildlife is highly photogenic and gives an exotic flare to any production. The wide open areas that are home to the zebras and rhinos are a fantastic stand-in for the grasslands of Africa.



For a more tame look, visit Safari World the walk-through area of the park. There you will find a Ferris wheel, water sprayground, petting zoo, merry-go-round, boat rides, and aviaries. This area is ideal for photo opportunities with brightly colored birds and park rides. The park is film-friendly and has ample parking for production vehicles. Whether you are looking for wild or tame, Lion Country Safari has a backdrop that is sure to enhance your production. For information please call 561.233.1000.

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