

FOCUS on FILM

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PALM BEACH COUNTY HAS 'HIDDEN ASSETS'

JOURNEY

A determined, self-made woman hires an ex-cop to help her retrieve the money her unfaithful husband has disappeared with, but soon finds she is not the only one he has deceived. This is the plot line of the new independent feature film, *Hidden Assets* shooting in Palm Beach County this month and next month! The cast of the film includes **Jacqueline Journey** (*Friday Night Lights*), **Antoni Corone** (*Bad Boys II*), and **Chris Marks** (*Burn Notice*).



Jacqueline Journey

Jacqueline Journey is also the Writer/Director of the film. Journey has been the Executive Producer, Producer and/or Director of hundreds of hours of original live concerts, documentaries, television programs and commercials. She is an award winning producer and actress. The Producer of the film is **Dean Lyon**. Dean has 25+ years experience in collaborating with cutting edge directors, studios, production companies, post-production facilities and technology developers throughout the world. Lyon was elected to the Visual Effects Society (VES) in Hollywood in 2004 for recognition of his work on the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy (VFX Supervisor, Oktobor), and VFX Supervisor roles on *Without a Paddle*, *Spooked* and *Bogeyman*. The Executive Producer is **Constance Wodlinger**. Wodlinger developed, launched and operated three 24-hour music and entertainment networks for domestic and international television. Wodlinger's companies have produced more than 60,000 hours of original programming that have been seen all over the world. She has been awarded more than 100 gold and platinum records and was a founding member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. For more info visit Hiddenassetsmovie.com.

'WEIRD' EVENTS SPARK THE BBC'S INTEREST



Filming of Nature's Weirdest Events

The British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC) came to Palm Beach County (PBC) to film *Nature's Weirdest Events*. This is a three-part, primetime documentary series for BBC2. The program investigates unusual natural events and explores the scientific explanations behind them; focusing primarily on animal behavior and unusual weather events. Presenter and conservationist **Chris Packham** unravels the facts behind each mystery.

"Our shoot was fantastic! We filmed an interview with an octopus expert on the shores of Peanut Island – which gave us a beautiful, palm-fringed and quiet backdrop. We really appreciate how accommodating PBC was during the shoot, and for making the entire filming process extremely straightforward," said **Joanna Haley**, Researcher. This episode will air in the UK in January 2014, on BBC2. For more info visit bbc.co.uk.

TRAVEL CHANNEL 'TOYS' WITH BOCA RATON



Jordan Hembrough
Travel Channel

Jordan Hembrough, a renowned toy dealer and ultimate toy hunter, takes toy picking to a new level for his TV Show *Toy Hunter* on Travel Channel! His reputation for having the most sought-after, rarest finds has labeled him the "in-demand dealer" that everyone wants to have evaluate their stash. Recently, the field team came to Boca Raton to film a segment for season three of the show. Locations included Mizner Park, Red Reef Park, Boca Raton City Hall and Boca Raton Old City Hall.

Travel Channel has showcased many locations in Palm Beach County over the years. *Ghost Adventures* shot at one of the County's most haunted locations, The Riddle House in 2008, and when Delray Beach was named the "Most Fun Small Town in America" in 2012 by Rand McNally, the Travel Channel aired a special on it. For info visit travelchannel.com.



BOCA BEACH JOINS THE "DOUGH-NATION"



Panera Bread/Covelli Enterprises is launching a special event catering program in the South Florida market. To promote the new program, a special photo shoot took place at a beach in Boca Raton. The photography taken at the photo-shoot will be featured in marketing materials such as direct mail pieces and on their website.

Thompson Photography out of Wellington was hired to capture the images. Atlas Party Rental, Creations Productions and Kerry's Papery also participated in this photo-shoot. For more info visit panerabread.com.



Panera Bread Shoot

PARK HOSTS 'OFFICIALLY AMAZING' SHOOT



Filming of Officially Amazing in PBC

Officially Amazing, a BBC show for children, brings their audience weird and wonderful Guinness World Records attempts. The production team from Lion TV out of the UK came to a Palm Beach County park to film a segment for an upcoming episode. The segment will focus on Randy Fine, a local resident who is attempting to set a new record for the most Eskimo Rolls in one minute. Fine is already a Guinness World Record Holder. He accomplished his first record in 1986 by paddling his kayak in the open ocean 120.6 miles. He rolled into the Guinness World Records again when he turned in 1,796 eskimo rolls in 1990, and then beat his own record by completing 2018 continuous rolls in 2009. Will he do it again?

Officially Amazing hosts are Ben Shires – representing the best of Britain, Al Jackson with America's finest, and reporting on all that Japan has to offer the enthusiastic Haruka Karoda. A special thank you to Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation and PBSO for their assistance. For info visit officiallyamazing.tv.

G-STAR 'SCARES UP' RECOGNITION



The G-Star School of the Arts is hosting the eighth annual X-Scream Halloween! The theme for this year is "Aftershock." X-Scream has

been featured on the Travel Channel's "13 Scariest Haunted Attractions in America," and has attracted over 10,000 people since it began. Hundreds of students designed and built this year's attraction, under the supervision of Haunt Master George Colavecchio.



The event will be held in the G-Star's Motion Picture Sound Stage, and will feature three all-new haunted attractions.

Admission is \$13 for adults, and \$7 for children under eight. For more information visit xscreamhalloween.com.

SOUND STUDIO IS 'OUT OF THIS WORLD'



Otis Taylor and friends with Route Bleu and the team at Saturn Sound Studios

Saturn Sound Studios in West Palm Beach just wrapped up a nine day stint with the Jazz and Blues Band "Route Bleu". The record entitled "Ticking Bones" was produced by "trance blues" pioneer Otis Taylor and is due out January 2014. Nikki Shi's vocals for this project were run through Saturn's Avalon and Universal pre-amps to create a unique sound. Saturn Sound Studios also recently acquired and installed a new 5.1 Surround Mixing package.

"We are venturing more and more into quality "indie film" production on both the audio and video side, and this is one more way we can effectively serve our clients", said Rob Norris Managing Partner. For more info visit saturnsoundstudios.com or their Facebook page.



MAGIC CITY SERIES REGULAR WAS A SPECIAL GUEST AT BURT REYNOLDS INSTITUTE



Taylor Blackwell

Side by Side, a special Improvisation course offered at the Burt Reynolds Institute for Film and Theatre (BRIFT), allows performers the opportunity to work together and learn from each other. Recently, instructor Todd Vittum had a special treat for his students... an opportunity to train beside one of the most highly regarded young actors in the business, Taylor Blackwell. Blackwell, who has been acting since she was five years old and who has appeared in more than 35 commercials and 10 films, actually began her studies in Vittum's "Improv for Young Actors" class at BRIFT. For the last two years, she has been a series regular on the Starz series, Magic City. She also appeared on the The Glades on A&E, and was a presenter at the Student Showcase of Films.

"Taylor is a gifted actor. Her future is very bright," said Vittum. For more information visit brift.org.





TWO FILMS...OVER 22 YEARS IN THE MAKING!



Stephen Maier filming Mondo Art with G-Star Students

Two local filmmakers **Steven Maier** and **Steven Jude** teamed up to create **Indio Productions LLC**, a production company based in Palm Beach County. One of their films, *Mondo Art* was an unfinished college film of Steven Maier's about the world of shock art. Steven Jude came up with the idea to expand the work into a feature film. The original was shot on Super 8 film from 1989-1992. In 2011, Maier and Jude teamed up with **G-Star Studios** to complete the film. Many G-Star students got in on the action including **Zachary Lambe**, the 2013 Burt Reynolds Scholarship winner at the Student Showcase of Films. Lambe acted as the DP for most of the shoot. The film was picked up for distribution by Troma Films and will be released in 2014.

Another film that took over 22 years to complete and distribute is *Where Evil Lives*. This film was also released by Troma Films. "Sometimes it takes patience to get films distributed, even if it takes 22 years," said Steven Maier. For info visit IMDB.com.



NAT GEO GOES 'WILD' ON FLORIDA



Juno Beach

A crew from **Nat Geo Wild** came to PBC to film an upcoming episode of one of their TV shows! Filming took place on beaches in Boca Raton, Juno Beach, and Jupiter, as well as at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center in Boca Raton. **4C Productions** out of Miami produced the shoot.



Many Nat Geo Wild shoots have also lensed their productions in PBC. *Fish Tank Kings* shot episodes at the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, Gumbo Limbo Nature Center and Kawa Orthodontics. For more info visit natgeowild.com.

CVB CHAMPIONS TOURISM IN PBC



L-R: Will Seccombe, Shirley Talbert, Jorge Pesquera, and Tammy Gustafson

The **PBC Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB)** was awarded the distinguished Henry Award at the Flagler Awards presentation held during Visit Florida's annual Governor's Conference on Tourism. With a record-breaking 203 entries for this year's awards, the CVB earned the highest honor in the Special Events category, taking home the first place "Henry" for its *Rock the Vote in the Palm Beaches and Boca Raton Live Concert and Screening of the 2012 Presidential Debate*, which took place at **Lynn University**.

In addition, Florida has been ranked the No. 1 boating state by the National Marine Manufacturers Association in terms of economic value. This value exceeded \$10 billion for Florida alone in 2012. Not only was the state selected as the boating capital of the nation, but The Palm Beaches are specifically mentioned as the boating "Hot Spot" of Florida. For info visit palmbeachfl.com.



NEW VIDEO IS SET TO MAKE WAVES



Divers in PBC

Dan Volker of the **Palm Beach County Dive Association** created an underwater video off the coast of Boynton Beach. The four minute video called "Paradise in Boynton Beach" can be seen on You Tube and shows one of the four major Goliath Aggregation sites off of PBC's coast. Volker used the Splashdown Divers Charter boat to dive the shipwreck. The music for the video was created by John Leaman.

PBC offers diving for almost every taste from coral reefs to wrecks teeming with fish. For more info visit sfdj.com.

JAPANESE DOCUMENTARY HAS A 'HOME COMING' IN PALM BEACH COUNTY



Zazou Productions out of New York, NY. is producing a travel program for a TV broadcast in Japan titled *Home Coming*. The program features Yuji Thomas Gordon, a Tokyo-based renowned actor originally from Miami. He came back to South Florida to reunite with his family members and revisit some of the places he and his family went to as a child. The show filmed at many South Florida attractions including two beaches in Boca Raton, where Yuji's father took him as a child.

The documentary will air on the **Tokyo Broadcasting System (TBS)**, one of the major TV networks in Japan this Fall. "The weather was gorgeous, the beaches in Boca Raton were spectacular. We couldn't ask for more...in terms of the shoot," said **Takahiko Katayama**, Production Coordinator. For more information visit zazou-prod.com.



LOCATION SPOTLIGHT: ART IN PUBLIC PLACES IN PALM BEACH COUNTY



Mural in Boynton

Enter the exciting world of Art in Public Places and a treasure trove of images emerges. Palm Beach County (PBC) has passionate people working to affix art into the local landscape by bringing murals, sculptures and kinetic art into the communities. Public installations of art not only start conversations and evoke emotion; they can also provide backdrops for productions.



Sphere on Clematis

The sphere on the plaza at 610 Clematis at the corner of Rosemary Street offers the viewer a splash of color though its translucent and small reflective disks on a large wire frame with small scale water feature circling its base.



Centennial Plaza in West Palm Beach

Centennial Plaza is home to "The Green Wall" located between the 1916 Courthouse and the Governmental Center provides a covered outdoor venue that is striking with a variety of textures and a light colored surface on one side and a darker luminous tone on the reverse. It's a great place to consider for a walk and talk or a fashion shoot.



Boynton Beach Art District

The Boynton Beach Art District (BBAD) is PBC's first and only industrial arts district attracting artists and businesses to the area. It is home to production murals with lots of cooperation and enthusiasm in the area for the arts. The warehouse districts doors, artist studios, and walls are covered in sanctioned art that is always changing and evolving to keep it fresh. It serves as an incubator space where all art forms including urban gardens and raw eat demonstrations are showcased. A public art graffiti mural with a musical theme faces the basketball courts at Sara Sims Park in Boynton Beach. The art project is actually painted on the racquet ball court wall and shows the over-the-years transition of musical artists. For info visit pbfilm.com.

EDUCATION CORNER: FORMER FTC INTERN BECOMES LOCAL FILMMAKER



Bohdan Neswiacheny

Former Palm Beach County Film and Television Commission intern Bohdan Neswiacheny has parlayed his experience at the FTC into a filmmaking career! He started **Resistance Entertainment**, a production company based in Palm Beach County (PBC). The company's endeavors include film and TV production, self-publishing comic books, commercial marketing, music and more. Since his internship Neswiacheny has directed five short films, one indie feature and various commercials for companies in PBC.



Bohdan Neswiacheny with the stars of Lily at PalmCon 2013

His most recent project is *Lily*, a short film that was shot and produced entirely in PBC. *Lily* had a successful screening at **PalmCon 2013** and was screened at the annual **L-Dub Film Festival**. Neswiacheny wrote and directed the film. Another film that Neswiacheny wrote and directed is *Mind Taker*. This short film was also shot entirely in PBC, and is about a teenage girl who is coping with amazing telepathic abilities. The production team is currently wrapping up post-production. They intend to submit it to film festivals and screen the movie for as many audiences as possible. Neswiacheny also has many other projects on the horizon. He is co-producing a documentary with Panama City based film company, Ronik Films. His company also attends comic con events throughout the state of Florida to promote and sell their comic books, and to screen and promote their films. Neswiacheny has created and written many comic books. For more info visit resistanceentertainment.com.



RESISTANCE ENTERTAINMENT



PALM BEACH LEGEND PASSES AWAY

Mort Kaye, a portrait and social photographer has died. Kaye captured images of royalty, presidents and celebrities in Palm Beach. Kaye was considered a Palm Beach institution. He died peacefully in his Palm Beach home at the age of 97.

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