

# FOCUS on FILM

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## COOL, INDIE FILM FESTIVAL TAKES LAKE WORTH BY STORM



The Lake Worth Playhouse's Stonzek Theatre is running its fifth annual **L-Dub Film Festival** from September 26-28! An innovative selection across a wide range of genres from music videos to shorts, documentaries and feature-length films will be shown. All of the screenings will be held at the Stonzek Theatre located at 713 Lake Avenue in Lake Worth. L-DUB's mission is to celebrate the art of filmmaking, provide industry collaboration opportunities for emerging filmmakers and outlets for filmmakers to present their work and gain recognition from their peers, the public and industry professionals.

Filmmakers will be able to network with industry directors, filmmakers, actors, writers, and producers at the filmmaker reception on September 27. Then the annual awards ceremony will be held on September 28. Awards will be given for Best Feature, Best Documentary, Best Short, Best Music Video, Best Student Film, and more. Free workshops will also be held on topics such as acting, screenwriting, casting, and more.



Lake Worth Playhouse

The festival director is **Charlie Birnbaum**. He is the Film Director at the Lake Worth Playhouse and Manager of the Stonzek Theater. Charlie has been booking and exhibiting movies for 40 years. Along the way he has reviewed films and film festivals for newspapers and magazines, written and shot short films, and directed the 3rd annual L-DUB Festival. For more info visit [lakeworthplayhouse.org](http://lakeworthplayhouse.org).



## CREW IS HAVING A BLAST 'AFTER MIDNIGHT'



After Midnight filming at a market in Delray Beach

Filming for *After Midnight* began in Delray Beach last month, and will wrap up this month. The **Lion's Kill/Brave Man Media** film is a low-budget production and is the first feature-length film for the media group. It hopes to feature this movie, which has been in the works for 18 months, on Netflix. The crew has filmed at many locations including 3rd & 3rd Restaurant in Delray Beach, the Delray Beach Artists Warehouse, the Oscar Magnuson House in Boynton Beach, and many other locations.

**brave man media** "We have an intimate knowledge of Delray Beach, and from a production value point of view, this area is so under represented in cinema, why wouldn't we want to use it," said Director **Damian Fitzsimons**. For more info visit [bravemanmedia.com](http://bravemanmedia.com).



## WESTERN COMMUNITY OFFERS THE LOOK



Filming of *Blood, Dust & Banjos*

**Blue House Films** in West Palm Beach is at it again with another fun short film titled *Blood, Dust & Banjos*, a dark comedy/horror film in the vein of *Twilight Zone*. Shot entirely on location in Belle Glade, the film utilizes some of the amazing and barren landscapes in and around the area's sugarcane fields.

"I wanted this to feel like it was set in some unknown location in the South. Aside from TV shows like *The Glades*, or *Gator Boys*, I always felt like there was not enough films being shot here that showcased the true and old areas of Florida. There is a fantastic landscape with hidden gems like old railroads and abandoned warehouses, an old prison even, that add a ton of production value to any project," said Director **Al Lougher**. *Blood, Dust & Banjos* will be doing a short festival run throughout 2014 and into early 2015. For more info call 561.233.1000.



### AVAILABLE PRODUCTION SPACE



Production Space

Production space is available in the heart of Boca Raton! The space available for lease ranges from 16,000 – 20,000 square feet and was formerly a state of-the-art television, film and video tape production studio.

The space is located in the Arvida Park of Commerce (APOC). APOC is home many fortune 100 and 500 companies. This area of Southern Palm Beach County is world renowned for a luxurious lifestyle close to many exclusive gated residential housing communities, fine dining, golfing, and outdoor activities. For more info call William B. Reichel or Kerry Jackson at 561.478.4440.

### WEST PALM FEATURES WINNING PHOTOS



Photo by Bradley Garrett

The world-renowned Palm Beach Photographic Centre (PBPC), is extending their exhibition, **Best of Photojournalism 2014** through October 31. It was originally scheduled to close at the end of August, but the exhibition is staying open due to popular demand.

The exhibition features winning photographs from the National Press Photographers Association (NPPA) 2014 Best of Journalism Awards, which were presented at a special ceremony in West Palm Beach. More than 60 award-winning visual journalists from around the world attended the two-day event hosted by the Photo Centre, attracting more than 2,000 photography fans from all over Florida to various NPPA events. The Photographic Centre is located at 415 Clematis Street. For more information visit [workshop.org](http://workshop.org) or [fotofusion.org](http://fotofusion.org).



Photo by Peter Hove Olesen

### BOCA PLAYS HOST TO DYNAMIC VIDEO



Kristin Mackey

A secluded spot in **Spanish River Park** in Boca Raton served as the backdrop for a promotional video for **Kristin Mackey's** new book, *You Can, You Will, You Did!* Mackey hired Goodtastic Productions based in Ft. Lauderdale to create a fun, dynamic film that would capture the imagination of her audience.

**GOODTASTIC PRODUCTIONS** "We chose this park because it was charming and magical - the perfect location. The video delivers Mackey's inspirational message in a cheerful outdoor setting. Boca was also very helpful in securing this location for us," said **Sascha Rybinski**, Owner of Goodtastic Productions. For more info visit [goodtastic.com](http://goodtastic.com).

### REALITY SHOW REVS UP EXCITEMENT



Tom and Bubba Lloyd  
Credit:  
Bubba's East Coast Rods and Customs

**Bubba's East Coast Rods and Customs** is starring in a new reality show set to air on **WHDT!** The show will be based at their shop in Jupiter. Operated by a father and son team, Bubba's East Coast Rods and Customs was founded in 2005 in Virginia by Tom and Bubba Lloyd. In 2014, they opened a second location in Jupiter. Renowned for designing and building some of the best rides in the industry, the talented duo along with their crew will be filmed building dreams for everyone from the average Joe to celebrities.

Based in their Virginia facility, the Lloyds' first TV show, *Hot Rod Reality* aired for five seasons and won a Silver Telly Award. For more information visit their facebook page at [facebook.com/BubbasEastCoastRodsCustoms](http://facebook.com/BubbasEastCoastRodsCustoms).



Filming in Jupiter

### TOURNAMENT TO 'SPIKE' TV COVERAGE OF DELRAY BEACH



Photo Credit:  
EVP Tour

Palm Beach County's two-time All-American City, **Delray Beach** will host the **Extreme Volleyball Professionals (EVP) Southeast Championships** on **September 13!** The volleyball tournament will take place on the beach located at A1A and Atlantic Avenue, and will air on the **Beach Sports Network** in 22 markets across the United States.

Spectators at this event will not only see elite athletes compete on the sand for top honors, they also have the chance to interact with the pros by participating in contests and promotions. The Palm Beach County Sports Commission is also playing an important role in the tournament by assisting with the coordination of the visit. "We are thrilled to be here, and to film the southeast championship in Delray Beach," said **Ross Balling**, EVP Tour President. For more info visit [evptour.com](http://evptour.com).





**HISTORIC LOCATION MAKES A CAMEO IN FILM**



*El Mago Cast and Crew*

South Florida resident **Ana Rodriguez** is producing her first feature film, *El Mago!* She is a classically trained pianist/composer, who decided to make this film along with a past Student Showcase of Films (SSOF) winner, **David Liz**. Liz won the College-Feature/Short category for his film, *Luz* in 2012. "A couple years ago I was graciously awarded the 1st place prize at the SSOF, and now here I am again being welcomed with open arms to film in this amazing town that I love. Palm Beach County has a distinctly beautiful aesthetic that is cinematically alluring. There's no other place around here quite like it," said Liz.

The film is an experimental abstract piece that is set in the 1920s. For a pivotal scene in the film, the crew needed to film the perfect courtroom location, which they found in the **Historic 1916 Courthouse** in West Palm Beach. "Shooting in the courthouse was a dream! It truly was a perfect location, so beautiful and inspirational," said Rodriguez. She plans to enter the film into film festivals around the world. For info call 561.233.1000.

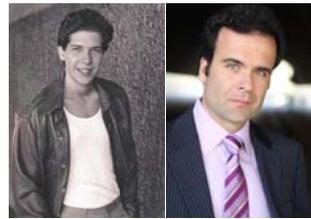
**SUMMER INTERNS MAKE THEIR MARK**



*Josh Kessler Kristina Tokar*

The FTC welcomed two interns over the summer. The first student, **Josh Kessler** attends University of Hartford, and is pursuing his B.A. in Cinema/Communications. Josh co-founded the school's Film Club, and oversaw their first film festival. The second student **Kristina Tokar** attends G-Star School of the Arts and plans to major in photojournalism and/or cinematography in college. She participated in the Boca Museum of Art's Student Exhibition and worked closely with FTC staff to perfect photos that will be featured in upcoming publications. For more info visit [pbfilm.com](http://pbfilm.com).

**FORMER PBC STUDENT PURSUES DREAMS**



*Michael Carbone Jason Huber*

**Michael Carbone** knew he wanted to be an actor the moment he stepped into a Broadway theater at the age of six. In 1985, Michael was cast by **Dustin Hoffman** in his made-for-tv movie of *Death of a Salesman*. "I was just a kid," Carbone said in a recent interview, "but Dustin Hoffman treated me like one of his own. Michael grew up in Palm Beach County, and attended Wellington High School.

Today, Michael is a filmmaker who along with his writing partner, **Jason Huber**, created *Unconventional*, which follows the life of a failed comic book writer and his misfit employees as they try to mount their own pop culture, sci-fi, comic book convention. The film was named an official selection of the New York Television Festival. The NYTVF is dedicated to identifying top independent creative talent and connecting them with networks, studios, and digital media companies. For info email [Michaeldcarbone@gmail.com](mailto:Michaeldcarbone@gmail.com).

**CH. 20 SHINES THE SPOTLIGHT ON PBC**



Witness exclusive footage from upcoming feature films and experience first-hand what it's like to be behind-the-scenes of some of your favorite productions in the all-new *Palm Beaches Annual Production Review Show*.

Produced by Palm Beach County's Education and Government TV Station **Channel 20**, along with the Palm Beach County Film & Television Commission, the show is currently airing. Check your local listings for air dates and times. For more info visit [pbcgov.com/publicaffairs/channel\\_20.htm](http://pbcgov.com/publicaffairs/channel_20.htm)



**WOOF! AMERICA'S TOP DOG MODELS IN PALM BEACH COUNTY**



*Top Dog Models*

Earlier this year, "America's Top Dog Model® Golden Paw Awards" aired locally on **WPTV-5 West Palm Beach** and nationally on the **Esquire Network**. This docu-reality show, written, produced, and co-directed by **Jo Jo Harder**, is a retrospective about America's Top Dog Model® contest which she created in 2005. The show was filmed in front of a live studio audience at **Dynamic Studios** in Boynton Beach, as an introduction to a reality series that is now being shopped to major networks.



On October 18, at 2pm, Jo Jo Harder will make a special presentation at the Delray Beach Public Library. She will talk about how dogs make a difference in people's lives and show the TV program. For more info visit [americastopdogmodel.com](http://americastopdogmodel.com).



LOCATION SPOTLIGHT: HAUNTED HOT SPOTS IN PALM BEACH COUNTY



Riddle House

Paranormal activity has been reported at each of these locations. Fact or fiction...you decide! The turn of the century collection of homes at Yesteryear Village in West Palm Beach has had its share of excitement since the Ghost Adventures TV show featured The Riddle House. It's not the only property at Yesteryear

Village with paranormal activity, the Corbett Shack and the Pineapple Processing Plant also have their own stories to tell.



Trapper Nelson

Jonathan Dickinson State Park is a remarkable property complete with ghost Vince "Trapper" Nelson a.k.a "Wild Man of the Loxahatchee." In 1968 Trapper Nelson was found dead with a gunshot wound to the head and the locals ruled it a suicide. However, many have reported that allegedly Trapper Nelson has walked with them on the trails to warn them against going into burial grounds in the park, and to ask ladies out on dates.



Blue Anchor Pub

Bertha Starkey has been a spiritual resident of Delray Beach ever since the façade of the Blue Anchor Pub was shipped from London to the US in 1996. Starkey was killed by her husband over a hundred years ago, and her ghost followed the pub across the pond. Featured on Travel Channel's Most Haunted Pubs, the Pub has a spooky aura enhanced with stained glass windows and mood lighting that illuminates the entire place.



Boca Cemetery

Suspicious incidents at the Boca Raton Cemetery are known to cause calls to come into the Boca Raton Police Department. Reports indicate that people have heard screaming and loud noises coming from the cemetery. Legend has it that there are two ghosts: The Screaming Man and Mary. Mary is not known to scream, she is a little girl who smiles sweetly at grieving family members visiting the cemetery. For more info visit [pbfilm.com](http://pbfilm.com).

EDUCATION CORNER: BIG ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR AREA HIGH SCHOOL



A visit from The Today Show coupled with mega-stars who visit the school regularly has made G-Star School of the Arts a hot commodity!

The school has garnered its largest enrollment for this coming school year. "The School District has increased its marketing and the expanding charter school movement presented an opportunity for us to reexamine our own marketing," says Greg Hauptner, the school's Founder and CEO. "We have so many unique programs here that we take for granted and haven't told the public about. We felt it was time to get the word out." Hauptner spoke of items such as G-Star is the only high school that produces a professional student produced feature film each year from script to screen to premiere. Every step of a true Hollywood feature film is followed. It is written, directed, produced by and stars G-Star students. The school has done this for 11 years.



G-Star students working on a film

G-Star also has an "Acting for Camera" course. "There's a world of difference between acting for the camera vs. theater acting, particularly when a close-up of your face is 12 feet high on a movie screen," said Hauptner. G-Star's high school is located on the back lot of a commercial movie studio, G-Star Studios, which the school owns. It is here that many students work on projects with such stars as Rod Stewart, Jimmy Buffett and Tiger Woods; and companies such as Rolex, Nike and EA Sports. "We teach Hollywood Special Effects Makeup. Our entire Special Visual Effects in 3-D Animation Course was developed at our school on site by the same film industry professionals who did the visual effects for Transformers, Pirates of the Caribbean, and Captain America," continues Hauptner. "Together with the fact that we are an 'A' rated 'High Performing Charter School' with an academic program ranked in the top 1.2% of all high schools in the nation by the Washington Post makes us a unique school." For more info visit [gstarschool.org](http://gstarschool.org).

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