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FILMMAKERS AND LOCALS CELEBRATE INDIE FILMS

June 2008



The 3rd annual **Delray Beach Film Festival** has come to a close after featuring everything from a funky revival of the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* to fresh films that ran the gamut from dramatic to quirky. The little festival that could definitely delivered on independent fare with over 250 cutting-edge films including shorts, documentaries, animated films and movies focusing on "Xtreme" sports. Residents of **Delray Beach** enjoyed having the events and films in their backyards.

On opening night both **Barry Bostwick** (*Rocky Horror Picture Show*) and **Bill Plympton** (animator, *Idiots and Angels*) were honored with **Lifetime Achievement Awards** for their support of independent film. Festival-goers were treated to special events on the trendy **Atlantic Avenue** strip in downtown Delray Beach. Whether they were breaking out their dance skills or networking with other filmmakers, attendees were entertained.

Serious-minded filmmakers had a variety of choices when it came to workshops, including acting and film distribution. After all that hard work they could even take surf lessons and unwind at the beautiful beaches. All in all, the festival proved to be a great place for fun, films, and friends! For info visit dbff.us.



Bill Plympton and *Idiots and Angels*

BURT IS BACK ALONG WITH HIS WISDOM



Burt Reynolds and Students

The **Burt Reynolds and Friends Museum** in Jupiter acted as host to its namesake for a week-long series of **Master Acting Classes** in May. Fresh from wrapping up filming in London for, *A Bunch of Amateurs*, the actor shared his

wisdom and wit with over forty actors turned eager students.

Each night, fifteen lucky actors participated in lessons with Reynolds. He guided students through their scenes in order to take the rough and make it polished. They received the added benefit of his anecdotes about his life in the industry.

Classes were held at the Museum which houses memorabilia that spans Reynolds impressive career. **Mike Daniels**, the **Museum Director**, commented, "He's a national treasure. It is so important we find a permanent home for his lifetime collection here in **PBC.**" For info call 561.233.1000.



The Museum

FESTIVAL SHOW WINS AWARDS



The **2007 Palm Beach International Film Festival/Student Showcase of Films Review** that the **Palm Beach County Film and Television Commission (FTC)** produces in collaboration with **PBC-TV Channel 20** was recognized by the annual **Telly** awards which honor the best in local cable television.

The show won three Bronze Tellys one each for art direction, community education, and animation. Clips from films and interviews with students and VIPs made the show entertaining and informative. "Special Kudos goes to the award-winning Channel 20 team and especially **Joe Piccone.**" commented **Film Commissioner, Chuck Elderd**. The latest collaboration between Channel 20 and the FTC, *The 2007 Production Review* is now running on Channel 20. For more information please call 561.233.1000.



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ONE-STOP PERMITTING PROVIDES HASSLE AND FEE FREE LOCATIONS



Morikami Museum

In **Palm Beach County (PBC), One-Stop Permitting** provides beautiful, unique locations without the worry of location fees. The permitting process runs entirely through the **Palm Beach County Film and Television Commission** which permits these fantastic locations for free.

The locations range from bridges to hip downtowns like **CityPlace** in **West Palm Beach** which has been used for everything from feature films to fashion shoots. The permits also allow your production company to utilize beautiful beaches, such as **Singer Island** in **Riviera Beach**, which was just used by **B.E.T.** for their annual **Spring Bling** musical extravaganza.

Area parks provide diverse backdrops like the **Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens** in **Delray Beach**.



1916 Courthouse

Even hard to access locations such as prisons and courthouses can be found as part of One-Stop Permitting. One such location, the newly renovated **1916 Courthouse** in West Palm Beach is very film friendly and would be great for a courtroom drama. For more information about One-Stop Permitting call 561.233.1000.



CityPlace



Singer Island Beach

BOCA RATON CAMEOS ON VHI SHOWS



VHI recently came to PBC to film segments for two different shows. **Where are they Now**, a show that revisits artists' pasts, was here to film **Megan Hauserman**, one of the stars of **Rock of Love II** with **Bret Michaels**.

The crew from **51 Minds Entertainment** followed the reality starlet around her hometown of Boca Raton and shot at locations such as **Mizner Park** and the beach at **South Inlet Park**.

The second show, **Hogan Knows Best**, produced by **Pink Sneakers** follows the lives of Hulk Hogan and his family. His daughter Brooke spent three days at **FAU** in **Boca Raton** as she wrestled with the idea of becoming a student there. The aspiring singer with her entourage in tow toured the campus and attended a pep rally which will be showcased on an upcoming episode of **Hogan Knows Best** this summer. For info visit vhl.com.



Brooke Hogan

AUTEURS EFFORT REWARDED



Suzanne, Michael, and Aaron

Aaron Wells of **Silver Beach Productions, Inc.** and **Suzanne L. Niedland** of **BusEye Films, LLC** have been honored for their production **What is Art?** at the **28th Annual Telly Awards** with a **Silver Telly**.

The program was for the opening of **NOVA 535** in St. Petersburg, where the filmmakers explored the question "What is art?" through interviews with area artists featured at the facility's grand opening along with venue owner **Michael S. Novilla**. Original music was provided by celebrated hip-hop DJ and recording artist **DJ Zeph** and **Wide Hive Records**.

This is Niedland's first Telly Award; it's Wells' 14th. This is the second project on which Niedland and Wells have collaborated. Their first, **Opportunity Knocks** starring **Tristan Rogers**, won a **CINE Golden Eagle**. For info call 561.233.1000.



Nova 535

2XTREEM REVS UP FOR A NEW AUDIENCE



"Now that bike week is over we can breathe around here!" said **Joe Capicotti**, producer of **2xtreem** whose bikes were a huge success. The local

TV series is shown on over nine cable networks and is looking to move to a larger network soon.

Bike week was just one arena for the show's hot custom built bikes. The show builds bikes for stars like **Jason Bonham** and most recently for **NASCAR** champion, **Jimmie Johnson**. For more information please call 561.233.1000.



Jimmie Johnson's Bike

PALM BEACH ROX SOUTH FLORIDA

Palm Beach Rox, the 30-minute television show that features information on celebrities, nightlife, shopping, and more with a unique **Palm Beach** flair, is premiering from **Broward County** to the **Keys**.



Palm Beach viewers have watched for the last four years as host **Roxanna "Rox" Cella** has taken them to the most exclusive events in Palm Beach and around the United States in hot spots such as New York City, the Hamptons, and Las Vegas. Now viewers across South Florida can enjoy the diverse offerings of the show. Each show airs four times a week for a one-month period, offering potential viewers several chances to watch. For information call 561.776.0277.

EDUCATION CORNER: NEW EQUIPMENT ON THE HORIZON FOR AREA SCHOOLS



The school year may be coming to a close, but the work has just begun for some. Updating **Palm Beach County (PBC)** Film and TV programs at area schools has become the mission of **Ricardo Hall**, the **Film and Video Technology Specialist** hired by the **Palm Beach County Film and Television Commission**. The all encompassing task includes re-configuring and repairing existing facilities, deleting broken/un-repairable pieces of equipment, and adjusting/configuring existing systems accordingly at each high school. After a thorough assessment of what needs to be added, Hall submitted a comprehensive list of recommended equipment for purchase, and the **Media Sub-Committee of the Career Education Business Leadership Committee (CEBLC)** of the **PBC School District** approved the list.



Sony HVR-HD 1000U

The equipment includes three state of the art high-def cameras. The **Sony HVR-HD1000U** is a shoulder mounted high-def camera that boasts **Steady Shot Image Stabilization** to help with those more challenging situations, and it also allows for high def recording on standard MiniDV tapes. The new equipment also includes four new **JVC SR-DVM600US** video recorders. These versatile decks are a three-in-one recorder that accommodate the all-digital formats of MiniDV, 40GB HDD, and DVD in a compact package complete with various editing and dubbing capabilities. With these much-needed additions and new battery and mic options, future PBC filmmakers will have access to everything they need to continue to produce high quality films. For more information, please call 561.233.1000.



JVC SR-DVM600US

CHANNEL WILL ENTICE VISITORS



The **Palm Beach Visitor's Channel** is set to broadcast into major hotels like the **Jupiter Beach Resort and Spa** in **Jupiter** and the **Hilton** on **Singer Island** beginning this Fall, 24 hours a day.

"A channel such as this is long overdue in PBC, and we've designed this program with the hotel guest in mind to showcase PBC in the best way possible," explained **David Goldman**, the **Executive Producer** of the channel. In Palm Beach County, there are more than 16,000 guest rooms at more than 200 hotels. The channel provides a valuable link between the visitor, the hotel and all the local attractions. The programs include elements of history, travel, food, discovery, music, and whimsy. For information please visit PBVC.net.

PBS PICKS UP DOC FROM LOCAL



The award winning documentary **Miss Lil's Camp** about author and integrationist Lillian Smith will be distributed to public broadcasting stations (**PBS**) through **National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA)** with **WXEL West Palm Beach** as its presenting station.

"I have always had the goal of having **Miss Lil's Camp** premiere on PBS, so I am thrilled at the distribution," explained Suzanne Niedland, producer and co-director. To see **Miss Lil's Camp** on your local PBS stations, let them know that the film will be available to download on June 8th through NETA. For info visit misslilscamp.com.

DESIGNER DRESSES THE STARS

Wendy Roberts has an eye for fashion and finds that her clients appreciate it. From showing off her creations to the costume designer for the hit **CBS** series, **Cane** to negotiating being featured in the **Farley Brothers'** new movie, and **Carmen Electra** and **Tracey Bingham's** new show on **HBO**, this local designer knows her hard work and perseverance payoff.



Because of her hard work and word of mouth, Roberts' **Amanda Adams** Couture is being seen everywhere! Her unique flare has attracted the eye of such stars as **Nicey Nash**, **Bai Ling**, and **Mimi Rogers**. The entire line of glitz and glamour denim and who is wearing them can be seen on Roberts' website. For more information please visit aacouture.com.

FICTITIOUS RESIDENTS STAR IN SERIES



Yet another show that draws on the uniqueness of life in **Palm Beach!** **Surviving the Filthy Rich** centers on Megan, played by **JoAnna Garcia**, who gets fired from her magazine job and becomes a live-in tutor to the twin granddaughters of a cosmetics mogul in the town of Palm Beach.

The new series, which will run on **The CW**, is the result of a collaborative effort from **Alloy Entertainment** in association with **Warner Brothers Television** and **Paramount Network Television**. The show will film primarily in California with occasional visits to **Palm Beach County**. For more information please visit cwTV.com.

LOCATION SPOTLIGHT: MIZNER PARK AND COUNT DE HOERNLE AMPHITHEATER



Plaza Real at Mizner Park

Just blocks from the beach, in the heart of beautiful downtown Boca Raton, are two versatile and picturesque locations. Mizner Park, a European style shopping enclave with over 40 great shops, tantalizing dining spots, the Plaza Real dotted with palm trees, fountains, and gazebos is a premier location. Mizner Park offers an atmosphere with a cosmopolitan energy and style. The distinctive shopping area offers smart backdrops for fashion shoots or the perfect tracking shot for a metropolitan stroll in your next feature.



Count de Hoernle Amphitheater

Just down the street lies the Count de Hoernle amphitheater with a colonnade and concert green that accommodates 5,000 people and includes a parking garage. The 3,600 square feet air-conditioned stage comes equipped with dressing rooms, sound and lighting equipment, and loading facilities. The concert green, a plaza by day and the central viewing area of the amphitheater stage during performances, is surrounded by a two-level colonnade in the style of the great plazas of Southern Europe. Between these two sophisticated Boca Raton locations, your production value is sure to benefit. Both locations are part of One-Stop permitting and are very film friendly. For info call 561.233.1000.



Mizner Park Gazebo

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