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NEW FEATURE FILM BEGINS PRODUCTION

A new teen comedy/horror feature, is shooting in Palm Beach County (PBC), starting this month! Producers Ryan Dee and Michael A. Hoffman promise a film that is fun and scary. The cast includes such name talent as Caley Hayes (Sex Drive); Shawn C. Phillips (Look); and Wilson Gouveia (MMA and UFC fighter). Aaron Wells of Silver Beach Productions (Rock and a Hard Place: Another Night at the Agora) and Hoffman (ROT: Reunion of Terror) are sharing co-directing credit. The DP is George Barnes of Take 2 Productions.

Many PBC locations will make cameo appearances in the film. “I have lived in PBC for most of my life and always dreamed of being able to shoot a film here,” said Ryan Dee. “It’s always a pleasure filming in PBC. There’s an amazing pool of talent here, both in front of and behind the camera. The entire community is so supportive. I’m really looking forward to this opportunity, both as a filmmaker and South Florida resident,” said Aaron Wells. Bongiovi Entertainment (Step Up) is co-producing with Wells. The plot follows Rebecca, a college freshman, who returns home to celebrate her first spring break. She meets up with a group of her former high school cheerleader friends to throw a party in the fictional town of Manatee Creek. Unfortunately things don’t go according to plan, as an uninvited guest shows up with the intention of literally cutting through the guest list. For more info call 561.233.1000.

DOC PREMIERES AT THE NORTON

Just as 100% electric battery cars arrive in local show rooms, a brand new documentary, What Is The Electric Car will premiere in Palm Beach. The film contains interviews with key manufacturers, vendors, drivers and pioneers in the Electric Vehicle (EV) industry.

The ADT Golf Skills Challenge will take place November 14-16, 2010, and will air nationally on NBC on January 1-2, 2011, from 4:00pm-6:00pm EST, “Last year’s event was a huge success and this year promises to be even bigger and better, with the addition of two Ryder Cup stars Dustin Johnson and Ricky Fowler, said David Burke, VP Sales and Marketing at The Breakers.

The premiere will be at the Norton Museum of Art on Thursday, November 11 at 5:30pm, as part of the Art After Dark series. The event will also feature the unveiling of a drivable piece of artwork painted by Romero Britto. The very first Britto™ painted Electric Car will be unveiled immediately after the film’s screening. Host & Producer Scott duPont (former State President of the Florida Motion Picture & Television Association) said, “The producers are thrilled to have one of the first screenings in Palm Beach, since a large portion of the film was shot here.“ For more info call Scott Townsend at 310.855.3362.
STUDENTS UNITE TO PRODUCE FILMS

Actors from the Master Acting Class at the Burt Reynolds Institute for Film & Theatre (BRIFT) went before the new REDCAM at Palm Beach State College (PBSC) for the first in a series of short films being co-produced by the two film training organizations.

Students from PBSC joined forces with actors from BRIFT to take on crew positions for the shooting of Book Deal, a short drama. The one-day shoot followed a four-night seminar series, Filmmaking for Actors, which brings together the two groups for cross-training and a better understanding of their respective roles. Frank Eberling, a veteran instructor with both organizations, directed from his own script. The groups plan to shoot one short film per month. For more info email info@brift.org.

CELEB’S TENNIS EVENT TO AIR ON ESPN

The annual Chris Evert/Raymond James Pro-Celebrity Tennis Classic is back! This year’s event will bring together stars from the entertainment and tennis worlds with two days of tennis on Saturday, November 6 and Sunday, November 7. The tennis will be played at the Delray Beach Tennis Center in Delray Beach and the annual Gala scheduled for Saturday, November 6, will once again be held at the Boca Raton Resort and Club in Boca Raton.

Among the participants expected to attend this year are actors Jeffrey Donovan, Scott Foley, Maeve Quinlan, Alan Thicke and Jon Lovitz, as well as musicians Gavin Rossdale and David Cook. Some of the tennis stars expected this year are Martina Navratilova, Anna Kournikova, Murphy Jensen, Sebastien Grosjean, Pam Shriver and Vince Spadea. The event will be televised in January 2011 on ESPN during the Australian Open. Check your local listings for air dates and times. For more information call 561.394.2400.

JOUStING CHAMP JOINS BRIFT

Three time international jouster Cynthia Morrison is the new Film and Stage Combat Instructor for the Burt Reynolds Institute for Film & Theatre (BRIFT). Ms. Morrison is teaching acting students skills that are essential for film castings with related material.

LOCAL AUTHOR HONORED WITH AWARD!

Harvey E. Oyer III, an author and historian, was awarded two gold medals by the Florida’s Publisher Association in the categories of Children’s Fiction Book and Florida Children’s Book, for his book The American Jungle, sweeping the awards for children’s books in Florida in 2010. The American Jungle is part of Oyer’s Adventures of Charlie Pierce children’s book series that is widely used in schools throughout Florida.

The Hollywood film Hypoluxo, which received $1.8 million of Florida Film & Television Tax Credits and will be filmed in Florida beginning this December, is based on The American Jungle. For more information call Mr. Oyer at 561.650.8517.

SHOWCASE YOUR TALENT!

The South Florida Fair is once again searching for the most talented contestants for the 11th anniversary of Starz of the Future! Auditions will be held Saturday, December 4 from 10am-7pm, Sunday, December 5 from 12pm-6pm and Monday, December 6 from 5pm-9pm. All contestants will be given an assigned date, time and location for their audition. There are three age categories, kids (6-12 years), teens (13-19 years) and adults. There is no entry fee. All entries must be postmarked by 5pm on November 26.

The Fair will be held January 14-30, 2011 at the South Florida Fairgrounds in West Palm Beach. For info visit southfloridafair.com or call 561.329.7892.
STUDENT SHOWCASE OF FILMS OFFICIAL CALL FOR ENTRIES!

Celebrating 16 years, the highly acclaimed Palm Beach International Film Festival is proud to announce the Student Showcase of Films’ Official Call For Entries. The Student Showcase of Films (SSOF) is the largest statewide film competition and awards ceremony for Florida student filmmakers. The juried competition recognizes outstanding high school and college students by presenting over $10,000 in scholarships and awards in six film categories, a screenwriting and poster competition. Honoring the legacy of Mr. Burt Reynolds, the festival also awards annual scholarships bearing his name. The professionally staged two and a half hour live awards show hosts more than 800 attendees from around the state of Florida. Past guests of the SSOF include such notables as Steven Bauer, Amanda Bynes, Vincent Cecere, Clint Howard, Louis Lombardi, Vincent Pastore, Burt Reynolds, Tico Torres, and Nick Zano.

“Having my projects recognized by the SSOF was a tremendous honor for both myself and the entire Film School at FSU. The program not only puts on an incredibly fun show, but also does a great service to Florida’s film industry by actively seeking out and promoting the state’s up-and-coming talent; the same filmmakers who will continue the tradition of creative and insightful storytelling that has made Florida a major player in the industry today,” said Stephen Bell, 2010 SSOF winner in the feature film category. The deadline for entries is February 1, 2011. To submit an entry, visit pbfilm.com and follow the SSOF link on the upper right hand side of the screen.

‘BANG FOR YOUR BUCK’

Recently, the production team from High Noon Entertainment came to Palm Beach County to film two episodes of their TV show, HGTV’s Bang For Your Buck. The episodes will air in 2011. Filming took place in Boca Raton, Lake Worth, Delray Beach, Wellington and West Palm Beach. “We chose to film in Palm Beach County because there are gorgeous houses with gorgeous renovations. We’ve filmed in a lot of major markets in the past, so it’s nice to showcase what smaller communities have to offer,” said Associate Producer Jenna Friederich.

HGTV’s Bang For Your Buck is a reality-based program comparing recent home renovations within a designated market. Each episode features one room from three different households, in the same city, with the same budget. An HGTV Design Expert and a local Real Estate Expert evaluate them to determine which homeowner spent their money most wisely, and therefore will get the biggest bang for their buck. For more info visit HGTV.com/bang.

FRENCH FILM FEST TAKES BOCA

France Cinema Floride is celebrating its 3rd annual event in Boca Raton. The festival will take place November 12-14 at the Sunrise Cinemas in Mizner Park. During the event, film enthusiasts will have an opportunity to view French films and meet French directors, producers and writers. All screenings are open to the public and will be presented with English subtitles.

“Scheduled a few days after the American Film Market, France Cinema Floride has become a visible and prestigious French film event taking place in South Florida at the end of each year,” said General Director Patrick Gimenez. For more information or to purchase tickets please visit francecinemafloride.com.

FILM FESTIVAL TO EMPOWER WOMEN

There’s a new film festival in town! Four women with over 35 years of film festival experience have united to present the Palm Beach Women’s International Film Festival set for April 7-10, 2011. The event will screen between 30-40 features, documentaries and shorts at venues from Palm Beach to Boca Raton.

“We’ll only screen work by women filmmakers, but the topics will extend to all audiences,” said Terri Neil, one of the founders. Women interested in submitting a film can do so by visiting pbwiff.com. Festival organizers are hosting a Red Carpet Premiere Party at the Brazilian Court in Palm Beach on November 19 to raise money for the festival. For more information visit pbwiff.com.
LOCATION SPOTLIGHT: BOCA RATON RESORT & CLUB

Situated on 356 acres in Boca Raton, in southern Palm Beach County (PBC), the Boca Raton Resort & Club is one of the country’s premier resort destinations and private club facilities. With a tropical climate year-round; an average temperature of 73 degrees Fahrenheit in winter and 83 degrees Fahrenheit in summer, the Resort is a perfect location for your next production.

The Resort was established in 1926 as a Mediterranean-style Resort by Addison Mizner, whose ambition was for it to become “the greatest resort in the world.” An icon of elegance for more than 80 years, the Resort today is as glamorous as ever with a fresh sense of modern style. Set within a backdrop of casual elegance, the Resort & Club’s amenities include a half-mile stretch of private beach at the redesigned Boca Beach Club, the award-winning Spa Palazzo, two 18-hole championship golf courses, 30 top ranked tennis courts, a full-service 32-slip marina, seven swimming pools, three state-of-the-art fitness centers, a giant chess set and many water sports. In addition, the Resort offers an outstanding selection of dining options, including a Sushi Bar by renowned Chef Morimoto, Cielo Restaurant at the top of the Tower and Serendipity, New York City’s famed ice cream shop.

The original structure of the Resort estate, the “Cloister”, reflects its Spanish-Mediterranean, Moorish and Gothic influences and historic heritages. It is characterized by hidden gardens, archways, ornate columns, intricate mosaics, fountains and beamed ceilings of ornate cypress. The Tower opened in 1969 and is still considerably taller than any other building in southern PBC. It’s famous “Boca pink” color has made it famous and the Resort is commonly referred to as the “pink hotel”. Other sections that make up the Resort & Club consist of the Yacht Club, Boca Beach Club which reopened in 2009 after a major $120 million renovation, the Bungalows and the Boca Country Club. The Resort has hosted productions such as All My Children and numerous high-end fashion shoots. For more info call 561.233.1000.

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