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PALM BEACH COUNTY CREW BRINGS FILM TO LIFE

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From sultry surf to sleek cityscapes, Palm Beach County (PBC) has the look and feel to accentuate a wide variety of projects. Recently, a locally based PBC crew shot the film, *This Is Your Ocean: Sharks* which recently screened at the **Mos' Art Theatre** in **Lake Park**. The film was mostly shot in the Bahamas, and off of PBC's reefs.

All barriers between people and sharks are removed in an effort to depict these animals in a new light. Narrated by oceanographer Dr. Sylvia Earle, this documentary takes you on an adventure with world renowned marine life artists Wyland, Dr. Guy Harvey, and shark expert Jim Abernethy. The film looks at the global plight of sharks and introduces the audience to a 14-foot tiger shark named Emma. Jim Abernethy's connection and love for this animal plays a key role in the film with never before seen footage of a shark "clearly showing affection" for a man. "We can no longer look at sharks as monsters. My relationship with Emma hopefully dispels that misconception and reveals the truth about these awesome animals," said Abernethy. "This is a film to bring the whole family, and it is a showcase of some of the spectacular local resources that PBC has, including underwater film making," said **Dan Volker** of South Florida Dive Journal. The film has screened at many film festivals all over the country, and will be available on DVD this April. PBC's waters will be seen in an upcoming reality show to be shot this summer. Check future newsletters for more details. For info visit thisisyourocean.com.



This Is Your Ocean: Sharks

PARTY WITH THE ACADEMY!

Palm Beach
INTERNATIONAL
Film Festival

The excitement and glamour of Hollywood is returning to Palm Beach County on **Sunday, February 26, 2012** for **Oscar Night® America**. Local film enthusiasts can experience the thrills and surprises of the **84th Academy Awards®** with host **Billy Crystal** at the only official Oscar Night Party at the **Mizner Park Amphitheater** in **Boca Raton**. More details are to follow in next month's newsletter.



The Palm Beach International Film Festival (PBIFF) is also accepting submissions for the 2012 festival, and for their new series dedicated to local filmmakers "**Monday Night at the Movies**." The

series is a monthly program where the PBIFF will feature films shot throughout South Florida. Now entering its 17th year, the annual festival celebrates the best in independent film. The nine-day event features screenings, seminars, networking opportunities and parties, all set against the background of the County's beaches, waterways and venues. For more information visit pbifilmfest.org or call 561.362.0003.



PBIFF Filmmakers

'GOLDEN' EVENT RETURNS TO PBC!



Golden Globe Awards night is well-known for parties that glitter with glamour and beauty. Always at the top of the list is the event hosted by the Palm Beach County Film & Television Institute (PBC FTI). Join the Film Institute as they celebrate one of the biggest award shows of the year, the **69th Annual Golden Globe Awards** on **Sunday, January 15**, at the Beach Club in Palm Beach. The Beach club is located at 755 North County Road, Palm Beach, FL. A red carpet entrance begins at 6:30pm with some of Palm Beach's well-known personalities, followed by dinner and lively conversation during the big-screen broadcast.



"Now a tradition for the Palm Beach Film Institute, everyone has a great time as this evening of fun transforms an elegant ocean side dinner in Palm Beach into the mirror image of the Hollywood party on the broadcast screen," said PBC FTI Chairman **Bill Metzger**. The Student Showcase of Films is once again the beneficiary of this event. For info call 561.659.5354.



Golden Globe Party
2011 in Palm Beach



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'FOTO' OP IN WEST PALM BEACH



Fotofusion Seminar

Still photography shoots make up a large portion of production in PBC each year. Since the **Palm Beach Photographic Centre (PBPC)** opened in 2009, it has hosted many exciting seminars, workshops, and events. One upcoming event is the annual **FOTOfusion** from **January 24-28**. FOTOfusion will offer hands-on computer labs, mini-FOTO shoots, and portfolio reviews by experts.

A highlight of FOTOfusion will be the presentation of the prestigious FOTOmentor Award to **Ralph Gibson**. For over 50 years, Gibson has consistently pursued and extended the definition of Black & White photography. Gibson has had more than 200 solo exhibitions and is considered one of the foremost Black & White photographers of his time. For more info visit fotofusion.org.

Palm Beach Ph**O**Tographic Centre

LYNN UNIVERSITY GEARS UP!



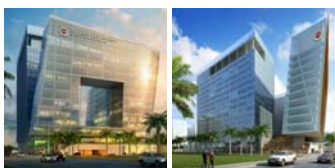
Lynn University in Boca Raton

Lynn University in **Boca Raton** is gearing up for the final 2012 Presidential Debate to be held on **October 22, 2012**. The debate will be held at the **Keith C. and Elaine Johnson World Performing Arts Center**. Preparing for an event of this magnitude will require the campus and community to come together and organize for the arrival of the candidates, their campaigns, and 2500-3000 media outlets from around the world, which are expected to come to the area to cover the debate.



According to Lynn University, the debate will bring in thousands of visitors who will generate a positive economic impact for the county estimated to be anywhere from \$20 to \$30 million. There will also be long term benefits generated by bringing the world's attention to the county.

VFX HOUSE GAINS EDUCATION LICENSE



The Florida Department of Education has granted Digital Domain Institute a license to operate its experimental film animation school, paving the way for the company to start classes next spring. With the license, company officials say, they'll be able to begin the certificate program in temporary space in CityPlace. A four-year program, in conjunction with the Florida State University film school, is scheduled to open in the fall of 2012, also in CityPlace temporary space.



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

"It takes a lot of work to get licensed and we're proud of it,"

Digital Domain Media Group CEO **John Textor**. The Digital Domain Institute will be an experimental digital animation college that will teach students the very latest in digital animation skills. Graduates will earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, and be job-ready for competitive, high-skill careers in the film industry. The program has a limited enrollment, and will accept up to 100 freshmen and 100 transfers to start this fall. The final admission deadline is January 18. For more information visit film.fsu.edu.

VETERAN ACTOR RETURNS TO THE LYRIC!



Burt Reynolds

Mega-star **Burt Reynolds** returns to the Lyric Stage on January 13, at 7:00pm with the BRIFT Winter Showcase. Ten carefully chosen scenes from well-known plays directed by Mr. Reynolds and performed by his Master Class actors will highlight an evening of live theater. Master Class actors are professionals, who have honed their acting skills under Mr. Reynolds' tutelage. Tickets are on sale through The Lyric Theatre box office at 772.286.7827. Admission is \$25.00. For more information please visit lyrictheatre.com.



INSTITUTE FOR FILM & THEATRE

BRIFT is also offering new classes as part of their Winter Schedule. Classes include Teleprompter: A Tool for the Actor and Business Professional, Improvisation Plus, Screenwriting 101, and Fundamentals of Acting. "At BRIFT we offer classes that not only improve, but excite the spirit and the mind," said BRIFT Executive Director **Kelly Dennehy**. All classes begin this month. For more information on these and other classes, call 561.385.1584 or email briftfinancedirector@comcast.net.



The Lyric Theatre

INTERNET TV TO BOOST BUSINESS



Barry Epstein

For the past few years, noted public relations counselor **Barry Epstein** has hosted an internet TV show on wrpbity.com, which has grown to over 32,000 viewers each week. Done in a "Larry King Live" format, guests have included professionals from the business, entertainment and sports worlds. It has also provided a venue for businesses and professional people to increase their bottom line utilizing this fast growing medium.

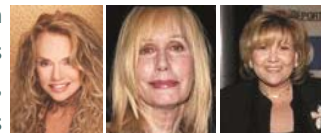
"More and more people are using the internet today to improve their business, and the use of social media has become part of their arsenal", said Wayne Filowitz, producer of the station. For more information call Mr. Epstein at 561.852.0000.

INDIE FILM BECOMES A MUSICAL!



Boynton Beach Club, a new musical in concert will debut at the **Park Vista Theatre** in **Lake Worth** on February 10, 11, and 12th. Based on the hit film of the same name, the musical is about the human capacity to fall in love at any age.

The film shot in Palm Beach County in 2005 and starred veteran actors **Dyan Cannon, Sally Kellerman, and Brenda Vaccaro**. The musical will star a Broadway cast according to lyricist **Michael Colby**. Tickets are \$25. For info visit boyntonbeachclubmusical.com.



Dyan Cannon Sally Kellerman Brenda Vaccaro

STUDENT SHOWCASE TO BE HELD IN THE SAME VENUE AS PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE



LYNN
UNIVERSITY

Celebrating 17 years, the highly acclaimed Palm Beach International Film Festival in collaboration with the Palm Beach County Film & Television Commission, is proud to once again host the Student Showcase of Films at the **Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold**



Performing Arts Center at Lynn University. The awards show will take place on **Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 10am.** The Performing Arts Center will also host the final Presidential Debate on October 22, 2012, right before the next Presidential election.



Film students enrolled in Florida high schools and colleges are encouraged to submit their entries online no later than **Monday, January 23, 2012.** To submit through the online application program, view the awards breakdown or other information, please visit pbfilm.com/studentshowcaseoffilms.cfm. The 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: Feature/Shorts, Documentary, Animation, Commercial/PSA, Music Video, and Audience Award, in addition to screenwriting and poster competitions. Honoring the legacy of Burt Reynolds, the festival also awards an annual scholarship bearing his name, plus a Sara Fuller Student Scholarship through Film Florida. Winning student films will also be screened in their entirety at the students' own premiere during the film festival. The Palm Beach International Film Festival will take place from April 11-19, 2012, and will celebrate the best in independent film. For more information visit pbfilm.com or call 561.362.0003.

G-STAR APPROVED FOR IB PROGRAM



G-Star School of the Arts has been approved to become the first charter school in Palm Beach County to offer an International Baccalaureate diploma program. "The International Baccalaureate Organization, a nonprofit foundation headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland approved the high school to offer the diploma starting this fall," said the school's Founder **Greg Hauptner**. The IB program offers students a lineup of advanced placement and college placement classes that can lead to college credit. G-Star hopes to be unique in that it will offer both Theatre and Film in the IB. The school also received an "A" rating by the Department of Education. Five other public high schools and three private schools in the County offer IB diploma programs.



G-Star Studios was recently utilized in many productions including the feature film **Parker** starring **Jennifer Lopez** and **Jason Statham**, the epic submarine movie, **USS Sea Viper**, NBC's **The Today Show**, and in the 2011 Comcast Holiday Spectacular. For more information visit gstarschool.org.

ROX COVERS SPIELBERG PREMIERE!



Roxanna Cella interviewing Steven Spielberg

Winter is here, but at **Palm Beach Rox** things are heating up! **Roxanna Cella**, host of **Palm Beach Rox**, a TV show based in Palm Beach Gardens, was front and center at the world premiere of Steven Spielberg's latest film, **War Horse**. Cella was invited to cover the event, and scored an interview with Spielberg along with other celebrities such as Jeremy Irvine (*War Horse*) and Emily Watson (*War Horse/Breaking Waves*).

Catch the excitement from the premiere when **Palm Beach Rox** airs on NBC 5 every Saturday at 2:30am, and every Sunday at 11pm. For more info visit roxworld.tv.



PALM BEACH DESIGN TEAM CHAMPIONS NEW STYLE OF LEGAL GRAPHICS



There are many fantastic SFX shots in cinema history that are artistically awesome. In today's culture, moviegoers expect a certain quality of filmmaking when they go the movies. The same holds true now for court cases. Last year, high profile legal cases such as the Casey Anthony and Conrad Murray trials dominated the airwaves, and one local company was in charge of making complicated stories easier to understand through graphics and diagrams.

Legal Graphicworks (LGW) specializes in courtroom animations and recreations of events for use in legal cases. Their staff is made up of award winning animators that come from a strong background in architecture and have expertise in the entertainment and broadcast industries. LGW staff has been involved in producing animated opens and sets for the last 20 years. LGW is equipped with a post-production facility setup for both 2d and 3d animation work as well as designing virtual sets. For info visit legalgraphicworks.com.



Jose Baez during the Casey Anthony trial with diagrams from Legal Graphicworks

FILMMAKER DEBUTS NEW X-MAS MOVIE



Gary Davis

Local filmmaker **Gary Davis** has produced 22 feature films and hundreds of TV shows over the course of his career. Davis just finished writing, producing and directing his latest film, **Zombie Gold**, a follow-up to his last Christmas movie, **Santa vs. Zombies**. **Zombie Gold** takes place in the 1880's and centers on a Western town in foreclosure. Some of the town's people encounter **Zombie Gold** and the zombies that protect it. The film can be seen on YouTube.

Davis is best known for his films including **The Spanish Inn** and **Zen**, along with his TV show **Chocolate Star Entertainment**, which is currently on hiatus. For more info call 561.516.4362.

LOCATION SPOTLIGHT: PALM BEACH COUNTY'S WESTERN COMMUNITIES



Town of Belle Glade

The Glades, located approximately 45 miles west of I-95, are nestled along the shore of **Lake Okeechobee**, the second largest freshwater lake within the continental United States. It is comprised of a cluster of four small towns: **Pahokee**, known as Palm Beach County's "other" coast; **Belle Glade**, where her soil is her fortune; **South Bay**, the cross roads of South Florida, and **Canal Point**, a small country town, make up Palm Beach County's western part. The Glades area is celebrated and nationally



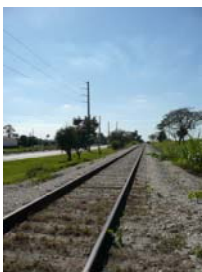
City of South Bay

recognized for its rich soil and some of the best bass fishing on the east coast. Lake Okeechobee is the heart of this small, country community while agriculture is the heartbeat that keeps it alive. Bordered by acres upon acres of farmland and sugarcane, one main highway, State Road 80, is the lifeline that connects this charming area to east Palm Beach County. Agriculture is their main industry source highly attributed to their rich, black, fertile soil which is commonly known as "muck." The muck in this area produces the best sugar cane and vegetables in Florida. Many farmers reside in one of the three rural towns and often have lots of land, barns, and machinery equipped for farming and crop growing.



Lake Okeechobee

The Glades is commonly identified with famous football players who have originated from west-



Railroad Tracks in
Canal Point

ern Palm Beach County. The football teams in this region have all been to State playoffs on more than one occasion and some years have been consecutive. The two high school rival teams in the community are the Glades Central Raiders and the Pahokee Blue Devils. The teams provoke so much excitement when playing against one another, they have a yearly event that locals look forward to each year appropriately named "The Muck Bowl." The event takes place every November and sparks the interest of local and national sports buffs alike. The Glades are very film-friendly, and the region can offer your crew breathtaking sunsets and a remote, relaxed back drop. For more info call 561.233.1000.



Downtown Pahokee

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