

THE MISSOURI FILM COMMISSION WEEKLY WRAP-UP

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MISSOURI NEWS

Welcome to the Weekly Wrap-Up, the weekly e-newsletter produced by the Missouri Film Office. Here you'll get the latest updates on film and video production in Missouri.



"America's Got Talent," the Simon Cowell-produced show for NBC Television, will hold the first of eight nationwide auditions in Branson next Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 25-26. "Singers, dancers, animal acts, bizarre novelty acts, burlesque, magicians, comedians, belly dancers... the sky's the limit!" says their press release. The auditions will be held at the Chateau on the Lake Spa and Resort. For more info, go to http://www.nbc.com/Americas_Got_Talent.



Alan Anderson's "On Ice," a comedy about a black hockey player in the '70s is the winner of Cinema St. Louis' annual CinemaSpoke screenplay competition and workshop. A full reading of the script will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, at the Centene Center for Arts and Education, 3547 Olive St., St. Louis. The reading is free and open to the public. For more info, go to www.cinemastlouis.org

"Nine Grounds," filmed on location in and around Springfield, will premiere Friday (9/22) midnight at the Springfield 8 Theatres. Members of the Missouri Film Association of Missouri provided many of the cast and crew for this full-length action/drama. Tickets for the premiere are \$6.50. For more info e-mail Sarah at cmitchell@missourifilm.com.



Jerry Jones of the Missouri Film Office spoke briefly last Friday in Kansas City at a meeting of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Missouri State Affairs Committee, explaining the mission of the film office and how the film tax credit program relates to the economic impact provided by film production. The presentation was arranged by Susan Blanco of the Kansas City Convention and Visitors Association, whose responsibilities at the CVA include handling film production inquiries. (Pictured, left to right: Susan Blanco, Jerry Jones and Joan Israelite with the Arts Council of Metropolitan Kansas City.)

Another Kansas City metro area film festival launches next week. The American Artist Film Festival unspools Sept. 25-30 at Legends 14 Theatres on the Kansas side. The AAFF is an international film festival accepting all genres of films. For more info, go to www.americanartistfilmfestival.com. (Pictured, left to right: Co-founders Ben Bahmani and Xavier DeJesus with Zoran Savic.)



Meanwhile, the Kansas International Film Festival wraps up on Thursday. The event got under way last Friday with director George Romero attending several workshops and introducing a screening of his 1968 horror classic, "Dawn of the Dead." (Pictured, left to right: special effects expert Tom Savini, Romero and KC filmmaker/festival honcho Ben Meade.)



INDUSTRY NEWS

Production in New Mexico is booming so much, says the "Hollywood Reporter," that locals have dubbed the state Tamalewood. The 25 percent tax rebate has fueled exponential growth in production revenue in the state, going from \$3 million in 2002 to an estimated \$117 million in 2006. Growing right along with revenues is the state's production infrastructure. New Mexico's crew base has gone from 100 in 2002 to 1,200 this year; more than enough to stock five full-time crews. "The minute you build that depth in your indigenous work force, then you're golden," said an executive producer. The local infrastructure was further boosted in July when ground broke on Albuquerque Studios, a Hollywood-style complex on 28 acres that includes eight soundstages, postproduction suites, offices and retail space. The first two soundstages are scheduled to open in January 2007. "I think it'll (generate) every bit of \$400 million-\$500 million a year, once it gets rolling," said Albuquerque Studios vp Nick Smerigan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 25 - 30
American Artist Film Festival
www.americanartistfilmfestival.com
- October 6-8
Cinmerge Film Festival, Springfield
www.cinmerge.com
- October 9th-15th
Griffon International Film Festival, St. Joseph
www.missouriwestern.edu/griff
- October 25-30
Cineposium, Pasadena, CA
www.afci.org
- November 9-19
St. Louis International Film Festival
www.cinemastlouis.org

SCOUTING REPORT

We are currently in search of the following locations for projects. Email your photos to mofilm@missouri.edu

Producers for a major national commercial are looking for farmland with green areas that are not brown and leafless for a November shoot. No snow. The area should be lush.

WEEKLY WEB REPORT

- Website Hits: 2,656

PROJECT REPORT

- Crew requests: 2
- Location requests: 5
- Resource Requests: 1