Welcome to the Missouri Film News, a monthly e-newsletter produced by the Missouri Division of Tourism in support of the Missouri Film Office. Here you’ll get the latest updates on film and digital production in Missouri and learn about creative media events happening across our state.

From the Division of Tourism Director:

Missouri is full of natural wonders and folks are taking notice. American Trails, a national not-for-profit organization working on behalf of the nation’s hiking, biking and riding trails, named Missouri the “Best Trails State” at this year’s International Trails Symposium. Missouri State Parks offers almost 1,000 miles of managed trails and the state claims more than 500 miles of National Recreation Trails. Additionally, significant Missouri trails pass through the state, the Lewis and Clark, Trail of Tears, Santa Fe National Historic Trails, and the Pony Express. Also, California, and Oregon National Historic Trails begin on our western border. Missouri is also the home of the Katy Trail, the longest developed rail-trail in the nation. This summer, Governor Jay Nixon has announced a 100 Missouri Miles Challenge, for everyone to complete “100 Missouri Miles” of physical activity by the end of the year. Whether you run, walk, bike, paddle, ride horseback, or roll, get out and enjoy the wondrous beauty of Missouri’s parks, trails, streams and rivers.

Join the 100 Missouri Mile Challenge and bring along your cameras! Send us your photos and video links of the best trail, park, stream or river locations in our state. We will add your submissions to our location database and we will feature the best discoveries in an upcoming newsletter. Email or upload to our FaceBook Page.

-Katie Steele Danner

Join the conversation!

Production News

The Food Network is in St. Louis featuring Mama Camois’ for their show, “Restaurant Impossible” ... Kansas City’s Outpost Productions is prepping a basketball TV pilot ... Paydirt Pictures is doing a commercial shoot in St. Louis ... RFD-TV’s show “The Best of America” shot at the Eagle Ranch Resort in Southwest Missouri ... the History Channel series, “Gods, Guns and Automobiles” has been shooting in Butler at the Max Motors dealership ... Google and Met Life have commercial projects in Kansas City ... a NYU master’s thesis feature film, Cronies, is prepping to shoot in St. Louis ... Wheel of Fortune held contestant auditions in St. Louis and Kansas City this month.

We have had a request to find a dilapidated late '50s/early '60s "Catskills resort." The kind of place people would “summer” in the '50s and early '60s. Henny Youngman and Sammy Davis Jr. probably played here back in the day. The architecture recalls a swingin’ jetset hotel. Now the windows are shattered, there’s mold on the shag carpet, bulbs on the sputnik chandeliers all blown. It's advanced in disrepair — closed for 10 or 20 years. If you know of a place fitting this description, please e-mail andrea.sporcic@ded.mo.gov

48 Hour Film Project Takes Over St. Louis

52 St. Louis teams competed in a weekend of filmmaking June 14–16 for the 48 Hour Film Project- St. Louis. This is the 10th year St. Louis has participated in the international competition. Teams must complete an original 4–7 minute film in 48 hours. Two of the “Best of” films You’re My Best Friend and Forever Friends can be seen online. The winning team from each of the 59 U.S. cities and 66 international cities that participate will advance to Filmapalooza, the finale festival of the 2013 48 Hour Film Project. The top 15 films nationally go to the Cannes Film Festival in France next year.

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The suspense thriller "Apparitional," which filmed at the Missouri State Penitentiary in late 2012, premieres in Jefferson City on Saturday, July 20. The Jefferson City Convention & Visitors Bureau hosts a day of events to celebrate, including a Q & A panel and meet & greet with the director and cast, ghost tours, and a red carpet midnight premiere. The Missouri Film Office will co-host a location scout of the penitentiary grounds that day (for filmmakers only) who would like to attend the days events. If interested in this scouting opportunity, please e-mail andrea.sporcic@ded.mo.gov.

Cinema St. Louis presents the 13th Whitaker St. Louis Filmmakers Showcase, the area’s primary venue for films made by local artists, July 14-18. The Showcase screens works that were written, directed, edited, or produced by St. Louis natives and films with strong local ties. 15 film programs, ranging from full-length fiction features and documentaries to multi-film compilations of fiction and documentary shorts, screen at the Tivoli Theatre, 6350 Delmar Blvd. Many programs include post-screening Q&As with filmmakers. There are 91 films in this year’s event. A free closing-night awards party is Thursday, July 18, at Blueberry Hill’s Duck Room. Cinema St. Louis will announce the Showcase films chosen for inclusion in the St. Louis International Film Festival. Juried awards for the best Showcase films are given.

The Communications Department at Evangel University in Springfield won six first place awards from the 2013 Missouri Broadcast Educators Association (MBEA) state competition. MBEA is the educational arm of the Missouri Broadcaster’s Association. Awards categories were: Multimedia, Commercial, Feature Film, Documentary, News Show and Sports Show. Evangel University is a private, Christian university of arts, sciences and professions.

Do you have production news or photos from set to share? E-mail us at mofilm@ded.mo.gov.

Headlines

Independent, Rural Movie Theater Offers ‘Sensory-Friendly’ Film for Children With Autism and Other Disabilities

Film segment to be shot in Bull Shoals
Bald Knobber’s movie depicts Ozark vigilantes

Hallmark helps expand Duck Dynasty brand

St. Louis Area Native Marsha Mason Returns Home For Insight Theatre Company

Joe Besser Film Festival honors the St. Louis Stooge

Crowd funding makes projects possible – Brian Wilson teaches film at Washington University, used Kickstarter to finance his latest film

Nixa grad part of movie filmed in the Ozarks

Happy belated birthday to St. Louis native John Goodman. (June 20)

Check out this commemorative clip reel Supercut: Watch John Goodman Freaking Out (adult language)