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

Missouri is on the big screen!

Earlier this summer, the Jefferson City Convention and Visitors Bureau hosted a day of festivities to celebrate the premiere of the film Apparitional. The supernatural thriller filmed at the Missouri State Penitentiary in November 2012. Apparitional screened to two sold out audiences during a special midnight event, plus a near-capacity crowd at an earlier showing. For me, the prison was the star of the show; the historic location looked fantastic and seeing it on the big screen was especially meaningful for those who appreciate its history. Although the penitentiary no longer operates as a correctional facility, it is open for public tours. I encourage everyone to see this location for themselves. The history tours are fun and very educational, and the nighttime ghost tours will surely make a lasting impression – especially if you see someone whose time there should have ended decades ago.

Another central Missouri location is popping up on screens across the country, courtesy of the horror comedy You’re Next. The film, the subject of much industry buzz, opened nationwide Aug. 23 and features a handsome mansion near the Columbia Country Club. Filmmakers shot there in 2011, and the independent film was picked up for distribution by Lionsgate following a screening at the Toronto Film Festival.

In addition to those completed films, we’re very excited to see Cape Girardeau on the big screen sometime next year, when the movie Gone Girl is likely to open. The film is based on a best-selling novel by Gillian Flynn, and Cape Girardeau serves as the book’s fictional setting of North Carthage, Missouri. There are still openings to join the cast and crew of that production; all inquiries concerning those opportunities can be made to their production office e-mail GoneGirlMO@gmail.com.

-Katie Steele Danner

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This weekend in Kansas City:
The Kansas City Women In Film and TV with the KC Fringe Festival present 2nd Annual Stiletto Run Fundraiser on Saturday, September 7. Participants will run .05k (one city block) to support local women, who are making movies and artists who are "on the fringe." More info at kcwift.com. And CinemaKC, with the Midwest Association of Professional Animators, will present the best animation from the Midwest and around the world at the second annual MAPA Animation Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Boulevard Drive-In Theatre.

Congratulations to: Andrew Droz Palermo, the mid-Missouri native was just named one of the 25 Faces of Independent Film by Filmmaker Magazine. Comic Geeks, a St. Louis produced web series, has received a Telly Award for Use of Music in their pilot episode, “Nerds of a Feather.”

Buy or sell used audio and video gear, as well as instruments at the St. Louis GEARage Sale on October 5. Several St. Louis studios will be participating in the sale, at the Firebird on 2706 Olive Street, St. Louis, 63103. The event is being sponsored by Smith Lee Productions and the St. Louis Audio Engineering Society.

Kansas City FilmFest (KCFF) will be celebrating its 18th year in 2014. The 2014 festival will have a special animation emphasis: Animation Inside Out and a new category, Web Series-Heartland. KCFF is seeking features, documentaries, short films, animation, student, experimental and web series for its April 5-13 festival.. Find out more about the categories and how to enter here. Additionally, the Reel Spirit Young Filmmaker Showcase is now accepting entries for the 2014 film contest for filmmakers grades 2-12!

Submissions are now open for the 3rd Annual Kansas City Women In Film and TV / KC Filmfest Short Screenplay Contest! The winner will get the $1000 Grand Prize. Enter your script through withoutabox.com under "Kansas City Filmiest" or through PayPal on kcwift.com. The early bird deadline is October 18.

Check out this great VIDEO from the 3rd Annual National FilmFest 4-H presented by Missouri 4-H held in Branson. Attendees came from eight states and screened 38 youth-made projects. Workshops were presented by industry professionals on cinematography, camera movement, using miniatures, special effects make-up and remote video journalism.

Do you have production news or photos from set to share? E-mail us mofilm@ded.mo.gov.
Springfield Special Effects Team Create Horror Elements for "You're Next"

Missouri State Penitentiary to be featured on 'Ghost Adventures'

Reality TV or Royals fanatics: Prepare yourself for an amazing race

*House of Cards* Producers Tap Local Firm to Film Scenes of Downtown St. Louis

**Actor John Goodman** gives lesson in gratitude at MSU

British film production crew tours KC

'Miami Vice,' 'Knight Rider' return as digital comics

The St. Louis publisher Lion Forge Comics is partnering with NBC Universal

*Anchorman 2*’s David Koechner Returns to Tipton for Hometown Performance

Barbecue reality show is looking for KC grill mavens

St. Louis Eateries Featured on 'Bizarre Foods' Show

**KC Film Commission urges mayor to restore film office**

Phyllis Smith: From 'The Office' to the Muny

Appraisers eye trash and treasure at ‘Antiques Roadshow’ KC stop

Teens making TV magic

Student TV Network named three Students of the Year Runners-Ups -Amazingly, all three are Kansas City area students

New KC documentary shows how art changes lives

Capitol City Cork to add theater to downtown

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