Film/TV Jobs in New York Up 21%
New Data from NYS Department of Labor Ranks Film/TV Production as 2nd Largest Sector for Job Growth in 2014

The film/TV business has been showing record growth in New York State over the past several years, a fact underscored by preliminary numbers released by the NYS Department of Labor.

Crain’s reports that the industry gained 9,300 new jobs - an increase of 21% - from 2009 through 2014. This follows record increases in applications and in direct spending by productions in the New York State Film Production and Post-Production tax credit programs since Governor Cuomo came into office in 2011.

To read more about the new study and the dramatic growth of film/TV jobs, click here.

NYS Posts New Regulations for the Post-Production Tax Credit
Regulations Will Be Open for Public Comment Through March 9, 2015

On January 21st, New York State posted new regulations for the Post Production Tax Credit Program. The new regulations can be found in their entirety here, and a summary is available here. Any comments regarding the new regulations may be directed to Empire State Development Associate Counsel Thomas Regan, at tregan@esd.ny.gov. Comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM on Monday, March 9, 2015.
NYS Ups Film Tax Credit to 45% on Labor Expenses in Certain Upstate Areas

As of January 1, 2015, New York State now offers a 10% additional bump on qualified labor costs for films which shoot or do post production in select upstate counties. This change, which covers films with a budget of $500,000 or more, is part of the extension of the New York State Film Tax Credit Program, signed by Governor Cuomo in 2013.

To read the full story, click here.

Pre-Qualified List of Certified Public Accountants Now Available

Firms Offer Voluntary Third Party Auditing to Film Incentive Applicants

The full list of pre-approved CPA firms is now posted on the Empire State Development website - http://on.ny.gov/1Est5tL.
Due to the success of the New York State Film Tax Credit Program since its expansion to $420 million annually in 2010, film and television productions have flocked to the Empire State in record numbers. As a result, the Program has grown rapidly, requiring the Empire State Development Corporation (ESD) to develop and implement more efficient and expeditious practices for processing applications and issuing tax credits, as well as managing the information needed for public reporting.

To read the full story, click here.
Empire State Development Congratulates New York’s 2015 Oscar Nominees
*NYS Films Earn 20 Nominations, Spending $37.4M and Hiring 2,281 In State*

Empire State Development President, CEO and Commissioner Kenneth Adams congratulated the six films that were either produced or posted in New York and received a total of 20 Oscar nominations by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

All 20 of these nominations were for films that participated in the New York State Film Production or Post Production Tax Credit Program. Over half of the categories announced included at least one nominee for a film which was produced or did post-production in New York. *Birdman, Or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)* was tied for the lead of all films selected with nine nominations.

To read the full story and see New York’s list of nominees, click *[here](#)*.

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New York State’s Golden Globes Award Winners
*The Hollywood Foreign Press Association honors several New York productions*

The Golden Globes award ceremony was held on January 11 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, honoring excellence in film and television. Several productions that filmed in New York and participated in the New York State Film Production Credit program were honored including the new Showtime series, *The Affair*, and the Fox Searchlight Pictures’ film, *Birdman*.

To read the full press release from Empire State Development, and see New York’s list of winners, click *[here](#)*.

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Empire State Development Convenes Post-Production Stakeholders for Talent Pipeline Roundtable
On Monday January 12, Empire State Development President, CEO and Commissioner Kenneth Adams hosted a roundtable with owners of New York-based post-production companies and faculty from film programs at universities and colleges around the state.

The group came together to discuss the state of New York's post-production talent pipeline, and what role ESD could play in ensuring that New York has the top talent it needs to be a leader in this field going forward.

To read the full story, [click here](#).

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**Empire State Development Announces Expansion of Harbor Sound**

*Post Production Company will create 35 new jobs and retain 30 jobs in New York State*

Recently Empire State Development announced the expansion of Harbor Sound, the sound post division of Harbor Picture Company, which offers boutique-level artistry across the full spectrum of picture and sound disciplines for feature film, television and commercial projects.

To read the full press release from Empire State Development, [click here](#).

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**SAVE THE DATE: January 2015 - March 2015**

**Film Festivals & Events**

- Dance On Camera Festival - Jan. 30 - Feb. 3, 2015
- Athena Film Festival - Feb. 5-8, 2015
- Film Comment Selects - Feb. 20 - March 1, 2015
- Winter Film Awards Independent Film Festival - Feb. 25-28, 2015
For more information on upcoming film festivals & events, click here.

**TV Premieres & Film Releases**
Sons Of Liberty - January 25, 2015 at 9/8c on History Channel  
Sirens - Season 2 - January 27, at 10/9c on USA Network  
The Americans - Season 3 - January 28, 2015 at 10pm on FX Channel  
Allegiance - Season 1 - February 5, 2015 at 10pm on NBC

For a list of more upcoming TV & film premieres, click here.

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