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GOOD NEWS FOR THE NEW YORK STATE FILM PRODUCTION CREDIT PROGRAM



Recently Governor Cuomo's administration sent a clear message to the film community that New York is open for business and those jobs and projects are welcomed to the Empire State. Not only did Governor Andrew M.

Cuomo's third on-time budget include an extension of the state's popular film and post-production tax credit program through 2019, but it enhanced the program and included several new provisions. [Read more here.](#)

PILOT SEASON IN NEW YORK

You may think of February/March as the season when pilots are filmed. But when networks started adding summer and mid-season releases to the traditional fall season, pilot season expanded and New York has reaped the benefits.

Since September 2012, New York has been home to 18 pilots, and that number is likely to continue to grow. In addition, there were five projects that went straight to series without an official pilot - The Michael J. Fox Series (temporarily titled *The Henrys*), *Next Caller*, *Off the Great Wall*, *Inside Amy Schumer* and a new web series, *Orange Is the New Black*. [Read more here.](#)



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN 2 IN NEW YORK



Lured by the New York State Film Production Credit Program, *The Amazing Spider-Man 2* will be the first movie in the Spider-Man series that will be shot entirely in New York, as well as the largest movie production to be shot in New York State.

In a recent [press release](#), Governor Andrew Cuomo said, "There is no better place to film the next adventure of Peter Parker than right here in the Empire State. New York has the resources, talent and locations to help make *The Amazing Spider-Man 2* a blockbuster hit. This production will also help generate new jobs and economic activity both upstate and downstate, which is great news for our local communities and fans of the franchise."

With a budget of well over \$100 million, *The Amazing Spider-Man 2* will create about 3,500 jobs, in addition to casting 11,000 extras, and it will be pumping millions of dollars into local economies across New York State. [Read more here.](#)

TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL & OTHER INDUSTRY EVENTS IN NEW YORK STATE



Check out the impressive list of films that participated in the New York State Film Production Credit program and are screening at this year's [Tribeca International Film Festival](#), taking place April 17-28, 2013 in New York City. [Full list of events here.](#)

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Some Great Productions Being Shot Throughout

New York State



TV CAMERAS ROLL IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

HBO's *Girls* love Hudson Valley. Winner of multiple Golden Globe Awards and a Peabody Award, *Girls* will soon start filming its third season with some locations scheduled for Harriman in Orange County and parts of Rockland County. Already the impact on local businesses is being felt. For example, during a recent scout, the *Girls* crew descended on Gleason's restaurant in Peekskill.



Hudson Valley can already claim some connection to the show. Deborah Schoeneman, who wrote for the show's first two seasons, grew up in Larchmont and attended Mamaroneck High School. Bobby Moynihan of *Saturday Night Live* fame is an Eastchester native and had a memorable cameo in the finale of season one. [Read more here.](#)

STREAMING TELEVISION



Television pilot season is here, bringing plenty of projects to New York State in both traditional and nontraditional ways. While it is common to have big studios like Warner Brothers and Sony film pilots in New York for the major networks and cable channels, this is the first season we are hosting half-hour and hour-long pilots from the world's largest online retailer!

So far this year two projects have shot in New York that will be distributed by Amazon, which began in 1995 as an online bookstore, and gradually broadened its scope to become a multinational electronic commerce company. In 2008 Amazon expanded into film production with the film *The Stolen Child*, produced in a partnership with 20th Century Fox. It seems like a natural progression into television production, but what's interesting about these pilots is that they are being made specifically to stream online. Unlike platforms such as Hulu and YouTube where you can view episodes of many network or cable series, Amazon is creating its own content to stream exclusively on their own website. Look for *Alpha House* and *Onion Newsroom* to stream on <http://studios.amazon.com/> sometime soon. [Read more here.](#)

STUDIO SPOTLIGHT: GOLD COAST STUDIOS

Since it first opened in 2010 as a Qualified Production Facility, Gold Coast Studios has been in demand and has attracted a number of major film and television projects. Located in Bethpage, New York, just off of Exit 41 on the Long Island Expressway, Gold Coast is under an hour from the heart of New York City.



It is no wonder that *The Amazing Spider-Man 2*, the largest film to ever be made in New York State, found Gold Coast so attractive and is currently filming there. Recently, Warner Brothers also chose Gold Coast for filming scenes for *Winter's Tale* starring Russell Crowe and Jennifer Connelly. Shortly after the studio opened their doors, *Man on a Ledge*, starring Sam Worthington and Elizabeth Banks chose to film at Gold Coast. Sony filmed the pilot of *Pan Am* there, recreating the inside of an airplane on one of their stages. [Read more here.](#)

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