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GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR UPSTATE MOVIE THEATERS

Continued Support for Film Industry Saves Historic Houses

On October 3, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that \$400,000 in funding was being made available through the North Country Regional Economic Development Council for the conversion of film projection equipment to digital technologies at small theaters throughout the North Country.



These small movie theaters are important contributors to the health and vitality of Main Streets in towns and villages across the North Country. The short-term loan fund will be administered by the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) and will be an added resource for theaters, in addition to the community fundraising efforts already underway. [Read more here.](#)

GOVERNOR CUOMO CONGRATULATES EMMY WINNERS

Television Business in New York Continues to Climb

New York is buzzing with television series and pilots this fall. The New York State Film Production Credit program is having a record-breaking year with 22 pilots and 32 series participating so far in 2013, 26 of which are currently in production. The fall season just got under way with many New York-based shows premiering, including *Boardwalk Empire*, *Hostages*, *The Blacklist*, *Person Of Interest*, *Law & Order: SVU*, among many others.



The biggest news in television, however, was on September 22, when the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences presented its 65th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards. Productions that film in New York and participate in the New York State Film Production program were well represented on the lists of nominees and winners. [Read more here.](#)

NEW YORK LOVES FILM ROADSHOW

Everything You Wanted to Know About Filming in New York But Were Afraid to Ask

UPCOMING INDUSTRY EVENTS IN NEW YORK STATE



There is always plenty to do in New York State. Here is a list of some upcoming industry events throughout the State.

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Empire State Development



Image by Thomas Smith

If you're a filmmaker - or hoping to become one - and you've got questions about getting your film made in New York State, a new program from the Governor's Office of Motion Picture and Television Development may be just what you're looking for. The team from the film office will be visiting film festivals, film schools and other industry gatherings around the state to offer a series of informal workshops where the dais, podium and microphones are removed so participants can

engage in a genuine free-flowing exchange of ideas relating to filmmaking in New York State. [Read more here.](#)

FILM GOOD/ DO GOOD

New York Film Productions Don't Just Say: "Action" - They Take Action!



PRODUCERS GUILD OF AMERICA

Most people understand that when a film or TV production rolls into town, some very substantial direct benefits roll in as well, such as jobs and spending at local businesses. But the film/TV industry also has a long, unheralded history of giving back to communities through contributions, public service projects and various types of charitable activities. Many productions find creative ways to show their appreciation for the communities that host them, recognizing that good will in the

community ultimately benefits future productions seeking to return to the area. Plus, it's the right thing to do.

Giving back to communities varies from production to production, and organization to organization - from environmentally friendly 'green' programs, to veteran's outreach and assistance with job training for under-served communities - the production community is pitching in on many levels to make the places they film, and the world they live in, safer, greener and better.



It would be impossible to list all the positive programs being offered by companies, organizations and individuals working on location in New York in one short article, so we're going to start by showcasing four great examples in New York City, and then in future editions continue to shine a light on similar efforts being made in other areas across the state. If you know of something in your area that exemplifies the principals of 'film good/do good,' let us know (nyfilm@esd.ny.gov) and we'll try to feature it in a future article. [Read more here.](#)

STUDIO SPOTLIGHT - YORK STUDIOS



York Studios-located in Maspeth, Queens-opened its doors in July 2012 and has quickly become an invaluable addition to the film and television industry. The 40,000 square-foot production facility is made up of a 13,000 square foot sound stage, hair and make-up rooms, private dressing rooms, wardrobe rooms, set storage warehouses, carpentry shops for props and plenty of onsite parking.

Production companies can take advantage of a total package at York Studios with access to offices, high-speed internet and key telephone systems.

New York State's chief economic development agency. [Learn More Here.](#)



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As one of the newest studios to be added to the New York State list of Qualified Production Facilities, the idea to create York Studios was inspired when George York and his partners witnessed New York's commitment to the film and television production industry. In particular, York noted the increased employment and business after Governor Cuomo enhanced and extended the New York State Film Production Credit Program. According to York, "Due to the economic impact the tax incentive created, it was our decision to venture into the entertainment business." Aware of the continued growth of the film industry in New York State, York and his team have future plans to convert other existing buildings into qualified stages. This is great news for film in New York because, as the incentive continues to attract more and more projects to the Empire State, additional facilities will be needed to accommodate the increased production. [Read more here.](#)

MEET THE TEAM - Natasha Caputo

Westchester County Film Office

Natasha Caputo joined the Westchester County Tourism & Film Office as Director in 2011. There she wears two hats- she oversees the \$1.7 billion travel and tourism industry and implements the agency's mission to generate economic benefits by promoting the image of Westchester County in the Hudson Valley. And, as head of the Film Office, Caputo is dedicated to the film industry in the area, making sure that the office is a one-stop-shop for concierge service.



The office offers location scouting assistance and facilitates access to the gamut of filming and post-production resources, so productions can feel confident knowing that the Film Office will provide all the essential information necessary to film their television series, large studio films, small independent projects, commercials or videos in Westchester County. [Read more here.](#)

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