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NEW YORK LOVES FILM TAKES THE SHOW ON THE ROAD

Governor's Film and Television Office Holding Workshops Across the State



New York Loves Film Workshop with MFA students from all over the world at City University of New York (CUNY).

Take away the microphones, podium and proscenium arch; bring in a conference table, a group of 15-20 filmmakers, students and industry stakeholders with a range of experience and host of questions about shooting in New York State. Add in the knowledgeable team from the New York State Governor's Office for Motion Picture and Television Development and you have a lively, informative, interactive and highly productive workshop known as the New York Loves Film Road Show.

With the record-breaking growth in production that has come into the state since Governor

Cuomo signed legislation earlier this year enhancing and extending the film production and post production tax credit programs through 2019, the time is right to hit the road and sit down directly with filmmakers from Brooklyn to Buffalo to make sure they're getting the information they need, and to engage in a meaningful dialogue with them about where the production industry is headed in New York State. [Read more here.](#)

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Public High School Trains Next Generation of Filmmakers

Thanks to the Efforts of the New York Production Alliance



businesses and organizations.

In the fall of 2008, a new public high school opened its doors in western Queens. The **Academy for Careers in Television and Film** (ACTvF) was unique in its mission to provide a bridge to higher education and meaningful preparation for careers in video production. Equally unique was the creation of the school which was the direct result of efforts of members of the New York Production Alliance (NYPA), an industry advocacy organization made up of New York's major studios, top producers and directors, unions and scores of other industry

NYPA recognized that as the New York production industry was entering a period of

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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major expansion due in part to the highly successful New York State film production tax credits, there was a need to ensure that young New Yorkers from all backgrounds would be given an opportunity to access meaningful entry points into the industry to pursue a wide range of career paths, including a variety of "below-the-line" positions almost entirely neglected by existing high school programs. Led by NYPA board member and Silvercup Studios President Stuart Suna, NYPA approached the innovative "New Visions for Public Schools" program with an idea for a public high school that would connect students to production employment opportunities. [Read more here.](#)



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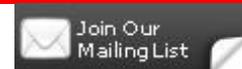
STUDIO SPOTLIGHT: BCDF PICTURES IN HUDSON VALLEY

Tranquil Farm Turned Production Facility Making a Big Splash

Stages in New York State come in all shapes and sizes, with varied histories and previous lives. Take BCDF Pictures in Kerhonkson, NY, in the Hudson Valley region. This 35-acre farm also happens to be home to one of the busiest production facilities in Upstate New York. Its owners Brice Dal Farra, Claude Dal Farra, and Lauren Munsch were singled out last year in the industry site The Wrap's annual profile of "10 Producers Who Will Change Hollywood." Based on their recent accomplishments at BCDF, they're well on the way to doing just that. Some of BCDF's notable projects that filmed in New York are Peace, Love, and Misunderstanding with legendary Jane Fonda, Bachelorette with Kirsten Dunst and Rebel Wilson, and Higher Ground starring indie-sensation Vera Farmiga. [Read more here.](#)



[Film in New York State](#)



MEET THE TEAM: MID-HUDSON

Interview with Laurent Rejto - Hudson Valley Film Commissioner



[Hudson Valley Film Commission](#) is one of New York State's busiest regional film offices and Laurent Rejto has been at the helm for over 13 years. Part of the success of the office is due to Rejto's passionate commitment to filmmaking. He works tirelessly with productions so they can be assured that their filming experience in the Hudson Valley is always a positive one, and that they will want to bring future projects to the area. [Read more here.](#)

NEED TO GO BACK IN TIME WITH THE MTA? HERE'S HOW.



Archivist Mary Hedge oversees MTA Bridges & Tunnels Treasure

There is a treasure located in downtown Manhattan where the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) has assembled a collection that serves as archives,

museum and library all in one. This collection, the **Bridges & Tunnels Special Archive**, houses historical records that date back to the 1920's, approximately 100,000 drawings and maps, 100,000 original photos, 40 linear feet of subject files, hundreds of printed materials, project models and a large collection of artifacts and film footage from the 1930's-1960's -- all documenting the planning and construction of New York City's seven bridges and two tunnels.

The Bridges & Tunnels Special Archive also houses a large collection of artifacts, including token booths, toll collection machines, bells, electrical meters, gigantic wrenches, and MTA employee uniforms, to name a few. In the past, some artifacts have been lent to museums for special exhibitions, but have not yet been lent to filmmakers, though archivist Hedge welcomes the idea. The archive is open by appointment only to filmmakers, authors, or students with historical interest who can't do their research anywhere else. Whether a filmmaker needs to recreate a toll booth from the 30's, 40's 50's or 60's, research engineering practices for building bridges or creating tunnels in those early days or see footage on how New York was impacted by recent storms, a visit to the Special Archive would definitely be worthwhile. [Read more here.](#)



Some interesting artifacts from the MTA Archives.

LOCATION SPOTLIGHT: HUDSON RIVER PARK

Film Friendly Park That Boasts More Than Gorgeous Views



Photo Credit: Hudson River Park Trust.

Along the west side of Manhattan is the longest waterfront park in the United States. [Hudson River Park](#) is a 550-acre, multi-purpose park which runs along the Hudson River from Battery Place to 59th Street. It boasts a wide range of public events including concert series, movie screenings, sporting events, community events, bike paths, pedestrian paths, and environmental and educational programs. In addition to this myriad of recreational and educational activities, the park is film-friendly and works

diligently with requests from film, television and commercial productions who want to film within their vast confines. [Read more here.](#)

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