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SOUNDSTAGE ROUND-UP: The List of Qualified Production Facilities Continues To Grow



Inside the James A. Farley Post Office Building.

The New York State Film Production tax credit program requires all applicants to shoot some portion of their principal photography on an approved soundstage, known as a New York State Qualified Production Facility (QPF).

Threshold requirements for filming at a QPF vary by size and type of production - for more details on specific program requirements, please visit the tax incentives page.

The list of certified QPF stages continues to grow. Under the Cuomo administration, more than 30 properties have been added, with a current total of 74 QPF's located across the state, from Long Island to Niagara Falls. For the full story, click [here](#).

MEET THE TEAM: Calherbe Monel, Rockland County Tourism

A world away in your own backyard

Rockland County, home to one of the Empire State's most film-friendly local governments, is located in New York City's backyard - just fifteen miles northwest of the Big Apple and easily accessible by public transportation.

Calherbe (pronounced "Cal'-eb") Monel, the Director of Economic Growth for Rockland County Executive Ed Day, is the point of contact for film, television and commercial producers looking to shoot in Rockland County.

Monel is currently redeveloping his office's website - <http://www.rocktourism.com> - by creating a Film Guide, which will include information, contacts and services to better assist producers. For the full story, click [here](#).



LOCATION SPOTLIGHT: Mohawk Valley Region



Encompassing six counties and covering over 5,800 square miles of Upstate New York, the Mohawk Valley region features cities like Utica, Oneonta, and Cooperstown (home of the National Baseball Hall of Fame) and boasts a wide array of location options for filmmakers.

Soon there will be one more reason for productions to shoot in the Mohawk Valley region - beginning in 2015 they'll receive a 10% bump, increasing the 30% credit on below the line spend to 40%. For the full story, click [here](#).

TALENT SPOTLIGHT: M Blair Breard, Executive Producer, "Louie"

One of the industry's busiest working professionals, M. Blair Breard always knew she wanted to be a New Yorker. Originally from Monroe, a small town in the northeast corner of Louisiana, she came to New York with \$100 and a suitcase, and crashed with a friend. Soon she had her own apartment, was working as a waitress, an au pair, an actress, and a performer in a punk rock band.

Her passion was the entertainment industry, and one of her first jobs in the industry was working as an unpaid intern on the John Sayles film *Passion Fish*. She calls landing a career in the world of film and television a "happy accident," and says her career path has taken her from unpaid intern, to coordinator, to field producer, to production manager, to line producer, and finally to executive producer.

In 1999, M. Blair Breard met Louis C.K. on the set of the feature film *Pootie Tang*, and now works as Executive Producer on his award-winning series *Louie*, which has grown into a force to be reckoned with, scoring numerous award nominations, including two Emmy nominations for Best Comedy Series. Breard refers to it as the "little show that could," and season 5 will begin filming in January. For the full story, click [here](#).



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A NEW YORK ACTOR: Natia Simon



For those with high hopes and aspirations of stardom, New York provides a healthy dose of opportunity if you're willing to go out and grab it. This is not an opportunity to be taken lightly, and it's one that I am excited to have the mere chance to be within arm's length of.

I am Natia Simon. I'm a Houston, Texas native, and I've been in New York for almost a year. Immediately upon deciding to move to the Big Apple after a dear friend offered her extra bedroom, I knew that auditioning would be on my to-do list. I would be remiss if I didn't, because acting has been a large part of my life and a true passion of mine. I am no stranger to stages and large audiences, having performed for thousands in plays, as a comedienne, a host, an international debater on the Texas Southern University Debate team and as a motivational speaker. For the full story, click [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE: November 2014 - March 2015

Film Festivals & Events

New Filmmakers New York - November - December 2014 (ongoing)

Hudson Horror Show - December 6, 2014

New York Jewish Film Festival - January 14-29, 2015



Snowtown Film Festival - January 30-31, 2015
Dance On Camera Festival - January 30 - February 3, 2015
Film Comment Selects - February 20 - March 1, 2015

For more information on upcoming film festivals & events, click [here](#).

TV & Film Premieres

Peter Pan Live! - December 4, 2014 at 8pm on NBC
I'd Kill For You - Season 2 - December 13 at 9pm on Investigation Discovery
Sons Of Liberty - December 14 on History Channel
Mozart In The Jungle - December 23 on Amazon
Eye Candy - January 5, 2015 on MTV Channel
Girls - Season 4 - January 11, at 9pm on HBO
Younger - January 13, 2015, at 10pm on TV Land

For a list of more upcoming TV & film premieres, click [here](#).

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