



Virginia Screenwriting Awards Winners and Finalists

The Virginia Film Office has announced the winners of the 2008 Virginia Screenwriting Competition. They are **Virginia Proutt** (Charlottesville), **C.B. Wilson** (Ruther Glen) and **Allan Moye** (Staunton). This year marks C.B. Wilson's fourth competition win and Allan Moye's third win. Finalists were **Drew Babb** (Lincoln), **Patrick Beltran** (Winchester), **Alan T. Williamson** (Midlothian), **Ramona Taylor** (Midlothian), **Andrew Carnwath** (Richmond), **Virginia Shepherd** (Keene), **Matthew Warner** (Staunton), **Vincent Sweeney** (Roanoke), **Thomas Randolph** (White Plains), **George Willis** (Blacksburg), **Scott Norris** (Charlottesville) and **Annie Elizabeth Ryan** (Lorton). For information or to read screenplay synopses, visit the [Film Office](#) website.

Virginia Welcomes the AICP Show—Thursday, November 13

For the fourth year, the Association of Independent Commercial Producers (AICP) will be presenting *The Art and Technique of the American Commercial*, featuring the most innovative commercials of the past year. This is a unique opportunity to see award-winning commercials on the big screen at Richmond's [Byrd Theatre](#) (2908 W. Cary Street). The screening will take place at 7:30 p.m. following a reception at [New York Deli](#) (2920 W. Cary Street) starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are sold separately for each event. The reception is \$15 for the general public and free for Richmond Ad Club members. The AICP show includes free popcorn and drinks and is \$15 for the general public and free for Virginia Production Alliance Members and VCU students. This event is sponsored by the [Richmond Ad Club](#), the [VCU Brandcenter](#), the [Virginia Film Office](#) and the [Virginia Production Alliance](#). For more information on the AICP or the AICP Show, visit the [AICP website](#).

Virginia Production Alliance Hosts *Friends with Benefits*

Are you involved in any aspect of Virginia's media production community including film, television, advertising, writing, acting or audio production? The Virginia Production Alliance (VPA) is hosting a networking party at Richmond's Firehouse Theatre (1609 W. Broad Street) for everyone interested in media production. This is a fun event — no agendas, no programs, no messages — just a chance to catch up with old friends and colleagues or meet new ones. It will be held November 19 at 6:30 p.m and features food, soft drinks and a cash bar. Free parking is available in the Lowe's parking lot. For information about the VPA visit www.filmva.com or email events@filmva.com. For more about the Firehouse visit www.firehousetheatre.org.

Virginia Film Screened Throughout the State

Familiar Strangers, a new film from Cavalier Films and Charlottesville-based filmmaker Barry Sisson, will be screened at several Virginia theaters. *Familiar Strangers* was filmed on location in Staunton, Virginia, and is the off-beat, funny, heartfelt story of a family negotiating the changing relationships between parents and children, especially as those children grow into adulthood. Screening dates are November 14 in Charlottesville and Fairfax, November 21 in Staunton and December 5 in Richmond. For more information, visit www.familiarstrangersmovie.com.