



STORYBOARD

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STATE OF THE INDUSTRY

Join the Virginia Film Office and the Virginia Production Alliance for their annual *State of the Industry* networking event and EXPO. **Scheduled for January 21 in Richmond, February 4 in Hampton Roads, and February 25 in Arlington**, this is an excellent opportunity for Virginia's production community to get together. The *State of the Industry* is a networking event with complementary food, wine, beer, and soft drinks; it's a trade show featuring informational displays from people and companies working in the industry and it's a screening opportunity with short films and trailers by Virginia filmmakers. There is no cost for attending the event or participating in the Expo. For more information, visit www.film.virginia.org.

VIRGINIA PRODUCTION ALLIANCE HOSTS FILM DAY

The Virginia Production Alliance will host the sixth annual **Film Day** at the state capitol in Richmond from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on **Thursday, January 29**. Film Day is a rally in support of legislation benefitting Virginia's production community and is an opportunity for everyone involved in media production to inform lawmakers about the value of the industry. The Alliance will provide free parking and a shuttle to and from the event. For more information about Film Day and incentive initiatives, visit the VPA website, www.filmva.com.

VA INDEPENDENT FILM COMPETITION CALL FOR ENTRIES

January 30 is the deadline for submissions to the **Virginia Film Office's independent film competition**. The competition has categories for short films (under 20 minutes), feature films (longer than 20 minutes) and documentaries. Finalist films will be screened in April and cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. For information visit www.film.virginia.org.

RICHMOND NAMED BEST PLACE TO FILM

MovieMaker Magazine has named **Richmond one of the 25 best places** in the country to film, citing the availability of a wide variety of diverse locations, the colonial backlot, and Richmond's creative community. This is the second time Richmond has made the annual list. See the magazine online at www.Moviemaker.com.

JOIN THE ALLIANCE

The **Virginia Production Alliance (VPA)** is currently sponsoring its annual membership campaign. The Alliance is an important part of Virginia's production community, providing educational and networking opportunities throughout the year. One of the most important aspects of the VPA is its lobbying work with Virginia lawmakers on legislation that benefits the media production industry in the state. Memberships are \$40 for individuals, \$15 for students and \$125 for a corporate membership which includes three individual memberships. You can join online with PayPal or by mail. Visit www.filmva.com to find out more.

VFO DIRECTOR TO SPEAK AT C3 BREAKFAST MEETING

On Wednesday, January 28, **Film Office Director Rita McClenny** will speak about how creativity, craftsmanship and invention intersect in Virginia's film community. The event is part of the C3 Breakfast Club and will be held at 7:30 a.m. at In Your Ear Music, 1813 East Broad Street. The cost is \$15. For information or to register visit www.c3richmond.org.



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