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Quarterly Newsletter - March 2017

A Letter from our Executive Director, Beth Nelson

Welcome to the first edition of the Savannah Area Film Office Quarterly Newsletter! Here you will find current news about film production in Savannah, as well as information on projects filming in our area. We want to keep everyone informed and excited about the growing film industry in the Savannah area.

The Savannah Area Film Office is the first stop for productions interested in filming in Chatham County. We serve as a liaison between production companies and area municipalities, government agencies, and local businesses, crew, and the community. We are not a permitting office, but serve as a liaison and help productions coordinate with the permitting offices in Chatham County. There is lots of great information on our website. You will find permits, guidelines, fees, and contact information. Please check it out and call our office if you have any questions.

Our website also includes a database of local crew, businesses, and filming locations. You can list yourself, your business, or your property so productions coming to Savannah will know where to find you. If you are a crew member, business owner, or have property you would like used in a movie please list on our website.

Thank you for reading and for supporting our growing entertainment production industry in Savannah!



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End of Year Numbers for 2016

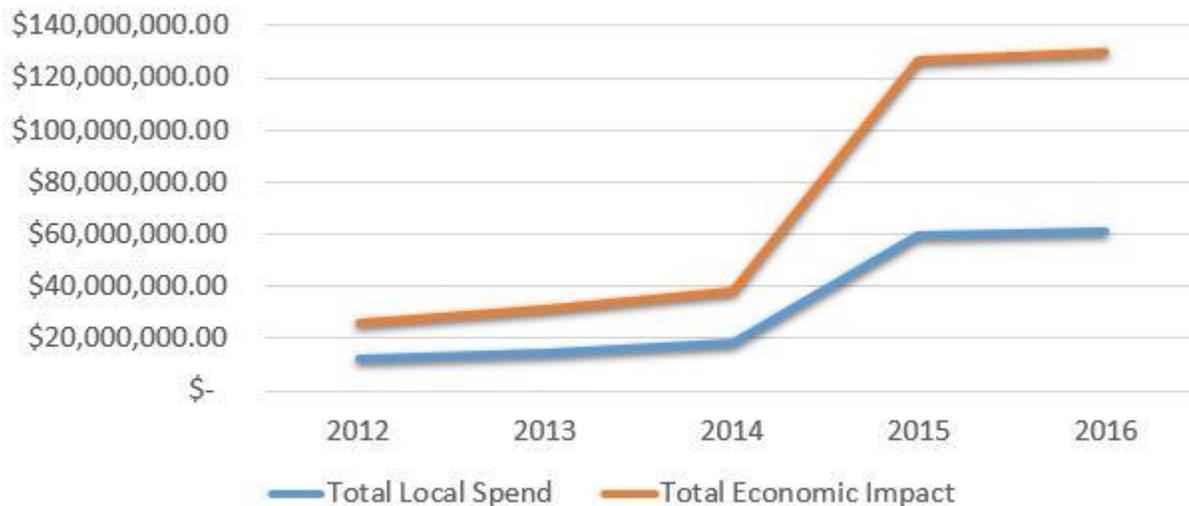
The Savannah Area had an impressive economic impact from the film industry last year. With over \$61 million of direct local spend, our community benefited greatly from the productions that came into town.



2016 Savannah Area Impact

	Local Spend	Number of Projects	Number of Shooting Days
PROFESSIONAL PROJECTS			
Feature Films	\$26,847,127.00	14	324
Television	\$33,419,000.00	24	246
Commercials	\$145,000.00	5	17
Still Photography	\$395,000.00	15	31
Music Videos	\$40,000.00	2	3
Other	\$393,633.75	44	129
Sub-Total	\$61,239,960.75	104	750
STUDENT PROJECTS			
Student	\$192,463.69	176	409
Sub-Total	\$192,463.69	176	409
TOTALS	\$61,432,424.44	280	1159
Multiplier	2.12		
Total Economic Impact	\$130,236,739.81		

Savannah Area Economic Impact 2012-2016



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Productions in Town

"Galveston"

This independent feature filmed in the Savannah Area from Feb 9 - March 15. Written by True Detective author Nic Pizzolatto, the movie stars Elle Fanning, Ben Foster, and Beau Bridges. It is directed by French actor/director Melanie Laurent. Read more about the film [here](#).

"Vera Bradley - Back to School"

This catalog and ad [campaign](#) was shot in late February. Even with little impact to the Savannah Area, this project brought in \$150,000 of direct spend to Chatham County.



"Ride with Norman Reedus, Season 2"

Norman Reedus and co-host Dave Chappelle toured the Savannah Area on their motorcycles and explored the local biker culture in late February. Check out the first season [here](#)!

"West Elm"

This small documentary filmed late January. It featured local artists and designers in the Savannah area by capturing elements of their [craftsmanship](#).

"Coolibar"

[Coolibar](#) was back again! The production loved Tybee Island and Savannah so much that they returned to our area for another summer & fall clothing catalog ad early this year.

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Savannah Named #1 Best Small City to Live and Work as a Moviemaker!

Film News in Savannah

Savannah Named #1

For the second year in a row, Savannah is the champion of MovieMaker's Small Cities and Towns list for the best place to live and work as a moviemaker in 2017!

Underground, Season 2 Premiere

Hope you didn't miss the heart-pounding Season 2 premiere of the show everyone is talking about! This show was filmed in the Savannah Area last fall. *Underground, Season 2* started March 8 and is on every Wednesday at 10:00PM on WGN America!

Local Incentives

If you haven't checked out our local incentives yet, you should! Click [here](#) to see more details on the Savannah Entertainment Incentive and the Savannah Entertainment Production Crew Relocation Incentive.

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Laura Bryant, Local Location Manager, Nominated for the LMGI 4th Annual Awards

Laura Bryant was announced as a nominee for the Location Managers Guild International's Outstanding Locations in a Period Film for "Live By Night," filmed in the Savannah Area. Check out all the nominees [here](#).

Become a Camera Ready Vendor

Businesses learned how to sell their services and products to film and TV productions in the Savannah Area during this [program](#) held on March 3. Almost every business can be utilized by the film industry!

River Oaks Film Studios + MBS Equipment Company

[River Oaks Film Studios](#) is happy to announce an exclusive three year partnership with MBS Equipment Company to provide production equipment to productions filming in the studio and the Savannah area. MBS Equipment Company is the first film-related company to sign an agreement to move into the 150,000 sq. ft. studio located on Gulfstream Road.

MountainFilm on Tour: Savannah 2017

From adventure to heart warming, there were films for all audiences of all age groups to enjoy during this year's [festival](#) which ran January 19 - 21.

Gray's Reef Film Festival 2017

Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary and Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Foundation presented the [14th annual Gray's Reef Film Festival](#) on February 2-5. The 2017 festival featured an exciting [film lineup](#) that inspired ocean stewardship and conservation.

Savannah Jewish Film Festival 2017

On behalf of the Savannah Jewish Federation, Jewish Educational Alliance, and the members of the Savannah Jewish Film Festival Committee, the [Savannah Jewish Film Festival](#) is an exhibition of international cinema that promotes and celebrates the diversity of Jewish history, culture and experience through film. This year the festival spanned from January 25 - February 4.

See How Film Can Work for You! Video

The Savannah Area Film Office commissioned a video to show how the film industry can work in the Savannah Area for local businesses and crew. [MadLawMedia](#) did an amazing job! Check out the video [here](#).



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