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Quarterly Newsletter - June 2017

A Letter from our Executive Director, Beth Nelson

Spring has been extremely busy at the Savannah Area Film Office! Traveling to Los Angeles, screening two Savannah films, sponsoring a PA Bootcamp and a Location Manager Symposium, assisting a Hallmark feature and a UK television series, as well as preparing numerous location packages, organizing location scouts, and assisting student filmmakers has kept our office hopping. And we love every minute of it!



In April I attended the *AFCI Location Show* in LA with Katie Schuck and Ralph Singleton. From location managers and scouts, filmmakers and producers, to studio executives, the Locations Show is *THE* marketplace for industry professionals interested in connecting to global production locations. We joined 80 exhibitors from more than 30 countries and spent three days showcasing Savannah. It was a very successful event and we spoke with many industry professionals. Since the show we have followed up with the contacts we made which has resulted in at least one production choosing to film in the Savannah Area!

In May the Savannah Area Film Office was a sponsor of *Georgia Night in LA*. The event is organized by the Georgia Film Office and is held at the beautiful Sunset Tower Hotel. Over 400 Georgians and Hollywood studio

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executives were in attendance. This is the fourth year for the event, and it allows Georgians an opportunity to thank the studios and production executives for supporting Georgia's entertainment industry. Governor Nathan Deal and Mrs. Deal attended the event. It was a proud moment for us all when Governor Deal announced that Georgia now leads the world in feature film production, taking the top spot from California. Another highlight of the night was hosting the very talented actor Diane Ladd as a guest of the Savannah Area Film Office!

We welcomed our first UK television series to Savannah, *Living the Dream*, a series produced by Big Talk Productions for Sky 1 TV. We are excited to have this six-part comedy drama shooting in the Savannah Area and hope they will return for a second season next year. We also hope this show paves the way for other UK productions to come to Savannah.

The Savannah Area Film Office was pleased to sponsor two screenings of productions filmed in the Savannah Area. We held a screening of *Gifted* at the Trustees Theater in March, and a screening of *Baywatch* at the Lucas Theater in May. These screenings are a way to say thank you to the crew, cast, location owners, and businesses in the Savannah Area who work so hard to make these productions successful. I must say the Savannah, Tybee Island and Chatham County locations looked amazing in both of these films!

There are no signs that we are slowing down for the summer. Our sultry Savannah weather is not stopping productions from heading our way! Please check the NEWS section of our website and sign up for email alerts as we expect to have more exciting news to share over the summer months.

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Productions in Town

"Galveston"

[Galveston](#), an independent feature, was filmed in the Savannah Area during February and March. Written by True Detective author Nic Pizzolatto, the movie stars Elle Fanning, Ben Foster, and Beau Bridges. The film employed many local crew and had a wonderful impact on the community.

"An LA Minute"

[An L.A. Minute](#) started filming late last year and wrapped in March. The film stars Kiersey Clemons, Gabriel Byrne, and Lyne Renee.

"Living the Dream"

Living the Dream is Savannah's second television series and first ever UK television series to film in the area. They will be wrapping towards the end of June. The show will be available on Sky 1 and online streaming service Now TV later this year. Read more about it [here](#).

"Love at the Shore"

Hallmark's made for TV movie [Love at the Shore](#) filmed quickly during April and the beginning of May. It is set to air on the [Hallmark Channel](#) on July 29 (9 pm ET/PT). Tune in!

"Maggie Sottero Spring 2018 Photoshoot"

This wedding dress photo shoot took advantage of the beautiful historic district. We can't wait to see this [collection](#)! See a sneak peak of the photo shoot below.



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Film News in Savannah

Gifted Private Screening

The Savannah Area Film Office hosted a private screening of [Gifted](#) for the local cast, crew, vendors, and location owners. We love to give back to the community who work so tirelessly on the productions in the area. This is a must-see movie!

PA Bootcamp

The Savannah Area Film Office hosted a PA Bootcamp taught by local Assistant Director, Witt Lacy. Over 30 selected participants spent the day learning about being a production assistant and the duties that go along with the job. We hope to offer another class later this year.



River Oaks Film Studios holds Open House to showcase new Sound Stage

On April 6, [River Oaks](#) opened its doors to showcase the first part of Phase 1 — a 20,000-square-foot sound stage featuring the latest in soundproofing, electrical rigging and movable walls. Read more about the studio [here](#).

New Savannah-based Digital Storytelling Summer Film Camp Program

[S]3 is announcing their new summer film camp program -- [S3filmcamp.com](#), where [S]TEM + [S]STORY = [S]UCCESS! Please help promote and share this with family and friends!

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AFCI Location Show

AFCI's 32nd annual [Location Show and Global Production & Finance Conference](#) was held over three days in the beginning of April in Burbank, CA. The Savannah Area Film Office had a booth at the event where Beth Nelson, Katie Schuck, and Ralph Singleton actively recruited filmmakers to our local area.



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Location Manager Guild Awards

One of our own - Location Manager, Laura Bryant - was [nominated](#) for 'Outstanding Locations in a Period Film' for [Live by Night](#) along with Location Manager, JJ Hook. We are so very proud of her!

Location Management Symposium

The Savannah Area Film Office and the City of Savannah Office of Permitting Services co-hosted a free conference for local location managers, assistant location managers, location scouts, unit production managers, and producers. The [Location Management Symposium](#) included representatives from each municipality in the Savannah Area. They explained the rules, guidelines, and permitting processes for their municipality. The event was a success! Professional Location Managers, Laura Bryant and Stanley Pearse, lead a panel discussion and Q&A. The Savannah Area Film Office plans to host another symposium sometime this year.

Baywatch Private Screening

The Savannah Area Film Office, SCAD, and Paramount hosted a private screening of [Baywatch](#) for the local cast, crew, vendors, and location owners at the Lucas Theater on May 18. We had over 450+ guests.



Updates on Divorce Party

Film Producer, Sunil Perakash, had a great experience filming [Divorce Party](#) in the Savannah Area. He says, "We had a great time in Savannah, and hope to do more films there in the future." See Perakash's full story [here](#).

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Georgia Night in LA

Along with Governor Nathan Deal, President and CEO of SEDA, Trip Tollison, Executive Director, Beth Nelson, and Entertainment Liaison, Ralph Singleton attended Georgia Night in LA to thank studios for supporting Georgia's entertainment industry. Announced at the event, Georgia took first place as the top filming destination for feature films in 2016. This surpasses California! Read about the event [here](#) and the outstanding statistic [here](#).

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.

Savannah Locations Video

The Savannah Area Film Office commissioned another video to showcase locations in the Savannah Area. [MadLawMedia](#) did yet another awesome job! Check out the video [here](#):



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