

THE MISSOURI FILM COMMISSION WEEKLY WRAP-UP

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Welcome to the Weekly Wrap-Up, the weekly e-newsletter produced by the Missouri Film Office. Here you'll get the latest updates on film and video production in Missouri.

St. Louis got its first look last week at "Alice," which filmed in the city last fall. Director/producer Sandy Tung brought a rough cut of the film to the Tivoli Theatre in University City for a private Tuesday night screening. The audience included about 50 kids who were extras in the family film, as well as casting director Joni Tackette and IATSE business manager Gary Hansen, who attended with his wife Linda. The film, which features Luke Perry and Penny Marshall, was very well-received, and Sandy said he hopes to hold a true St. Louis premiere in late spring or summer.



Fact or fiction? It will be up to the Gimme Truth! audience to decide whether Missouri filmmakers have created a 2 minutes or less profile of a Missourian that is 100 percent true or 100 percent false. Finalists will be part of a game show at the annual True/False Film Festival March 2-4 in Columbia. The top three films will receive cash and in-kind prize packages, with no less than \$500 in combined cash and prizes for first prize. The entry deadline is Feb. 16. For guidelines go to www.truefalse.org or for more info email info@truefalse.org or call (573) 442-TRUE.

For all of you Cardinals-loving, toasted ravioli-eating St. Louis filmmakers: submit your film to the **St. Louis Filmmakers Showcase** (SLFS) between Feb. 1 and May 31. SLFS is an annual presentation of the nonprofit Cinema St. Louis, screening works that are written, directed, edited or produced by St. Louis natives or those with strong local ties. The 2007 SLFS will take place July 21-26. Films range across all genres and styles including comedies, dramas, narratives, documentaries and experimental works. For more info, go to www.cinemastlouis.org.

Kansas City local **Kevin Kraft** is determined to prove that movie production can easily make a home outside of Hollywood. Kraft announced that his company TEK Productions will produce "Proving Ground: From the Adventures of Captain Redlocks." This family-oriented space adventure is to star Holliston Coleman ("Lilo & Stitch") in the title role, along with actors Gary Graham ("Star Trek: Enterprise") and Kim Rhodes ("The Suite Life of Zack and Cody"). Kraft has enlisted Ken Johnson ("Alien Nation" the television series, and "V" the miniseries) to direct.



St. Louis's TalentPlus talent agency has two actors in LA filming feature films. **Ron Wilkinson** (left) is filming "Cordially Invited," in the role of Dr. Flowers and **Rob Clark** (right), is filming the feature "Hotel California" for Alliance Group Entertainment. Clark plays a bodyguard in the movie that includes Tyson Beckford and Raymond Barry.



Andrea Sporic of the Missouri Film Office spent last week working the crowd at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. She met with more than 20 producers and directors, pitching the virtues of the Show-Me State. Andrea also hooked up with actor and Washington University grad **Peter Sarsgaard** and St. Louis native **Steve Berra**, whose feature film directorial debut was in competition at the festival. Other Missourians at the festival were **David Wilson** and **Paul Sturtz** from Columbia's True/ False Film Festival, Cinema St. Louis board member **Jean Shepherd**, **Sharon Rippe** and **Tiffany Greenwood** with Swank Motion Pictures Inc. in St. Louis, KC film critic **Russ Simmons**, St. Louis film critic **Pete Timmerman**, and Missouri Film Commission board member **Cindy Sheltmire**. Andrea said the quality of films was strong, with 13 films already picked up for distribution. The True/False Festival also bagged 10 films from Sundance and the Slamdance Festival. (Pictures L to R, Sporic and Shepherd, Sarsgaard, Berra, Greenwood and Sporic, Netflix's Liesl Copland with Wilson.)



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **February**
Show-me Digital Film Festival
(Cape Girardeau)
www.showmefilmfest.com
- **February 21-25**
Show-Me Missouri International
Film Festival (Springfield)
www.missourifilm.com
- **March 1-4**
True/ False Film Festival (Columbia)
www.truefalse.org
- **March 9-17**
South by Southwest Film Festival
(Austin, Texas)
www.2007.sxsw.com/film/

SCOUTING REPORT

We are currently in search of the following locations for projects. Email your photos to mofilm@missouri.edu

A feature project needs a remote location with two run-down cabins or houses on opposite sides of a creek in a wooded, hilly area.

Another project needs a stream or river with a bridge; the water has to be deep enough to submerge a car.

WEEKLY WEB REPORT

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