

# THE MISSOURI FILM COMMISSION WEEKLY WRAP-UP

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Promoting Missouri to the Film Industry

## MISSOURI NEWS

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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.

Producers Justin Moore-Lewy and Charlie Mason were back in Missouri this week, checking locations for their upcoming feature *"Still Waters."* Accompanying them from Los Angeles was line producer Mike Mathis. The film is slated to utilize locations in St. Louis and Drake, with a production office likely to open after Labor Day and principal photography tentatively scheduled to begin Oct. 30. Contact information for the production office will be posted on the film office website [www.mofilm.org](http://www.mofilm.org) when it becomes available.

Commercial production in Kansas City may have taken a hit earlier this month when Wal-Mart ended its 32-year relationship with *Bernstein-Rein Advertising*. Thanks to the retailer's account with the KC ad agency, local production was enhanced significantly with a number of Wal-Mart spots produced over the years. As agency president Bob Bernstein told the *Kansas City Star*, "I think we helped them grow, and I also think they helped us grow. We've gotten a lot from this relationship and, financial ramifications aside, it's like saying goodbye to an old friend."

*"Cantina Bar Tales"* wrapped 17 days of shooting last Thursday in St. Louis. The feature film originally had planned to shoot earlier in the summer, but had to push back because of crew availability when the feature *"Bill"* came to town. *"Cantina,"* written and directed by David VonAllmen of St. Louis, utilized a lot of local crew and talent, as well as several locations around the metro area, including the Pepper Lounge, Atomic Cowboy, Bar Italia, Bar Napoli and Webster University. (Pictured: Director of Photography Chris Benson, First Assistant Director Mike Witman, VonAllman, Producer Joe Farmer and Executive Producer Scott Adderton.)



*"Streetballers,"* an independent, locally-produced feature-film, is 19 days into a 28-day shoot in metro St. Louis. Webster Groves native Matthew Krentz is the writer, producer, director and star of the film, about two young men trying to find a better life through basketball. Former Mizzou player Jimmy McKinney co-stars. Locations include several schools and the Richmond Heights Community Center. (Pictured: Krentz directs an actor on location at Sigel elementary school in St. Louis.)

Now you can add *"Saving Shiloh"* to your home movie collection. The *"Shiloh"* DVD, which stars Scott Wilson and Gerald McRaney, hit the stores yesterday. Based on the young adult novel by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, *"Shiloh"* filmed on location in St. Louis, Pacific, Hermann and Union last summer. The film had its Missouri premiere Feb. 25 in St. Louis, then had a limited national release in May.

## INDUSTRY NEWS

Connecticut and South Carolina both had new, aggressive financial incentives kick in on July 1, and already they're reaping the rewards. Connecticut will provide locations for Uma Thurman's next film, *"In Bloom."* South Carolina has two productions on tap: *"Death Sentence,"* with Kevin Bacon, and *"Asylum,"* with *"Snakes on a Plane"* director David Ellis. Unlike many states – including Missouri – offering tax credits, South Carolina offers cash rebates, promising to deliver the money within 30 days of the end of production.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 8-14  
Filmfest Kansas City  
<http://www.filmkc.org/filmfest/>
- September 15-21  
Kansas International Film Festival  
[www.kansasfilm.com](http://www.kansasfilm.com)
- October 6-8  
Cinmerge Film Festival Springfield  
[www.cinmerge.com](http://www.cinmerge.com)
- October 25-30  
Cineposium, Pasadena, CA
- November 9-19  
St. Louis International Film Festival  
[www.cinemastlouis.org/](http://www.cinemastlouis.org/)

## SCOUTING REPORT

We are currently in search of the following locations for projects. Email your photos to [mofilm@missouri.edu](mailto:mofilm@missouri.edu)

- A major studio is looking for a few city blocks to completely control for an urban film set in an area like New York City a few decades ago; they need four or more square blocks, without residents, that could be used as a set for a month or two.

## WEEKLY WEB REPORT

- Website Hits: 2,343

## PROJECT REPORT

- Crew requests: 2
- Location requests: 3
- Resource Requests: 3

