

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.

A production team from **The Oxygen Network** visited Columbia and St. Louis last week to get footage for a new reality show to air in January. One of the show subjects is from Columbia. We would tell you more, but they won't let us.



The Oxygen Network

Filmfest Kansas City opens next Friday night (Sept. 8) with screenings that include "Civil War Stories," a film by Kansas Citian Don Maxwell that utilized a hangar-turned-soundstage in Belton. Filmfest programmer and former bait shop owner John Shipp has put together a schedule of 43 films from every continent except Antarctica. Films will show at the Screenland Theatre; festival passes are \$45, students/seniors \$35. For more information and to see the complete schedule of films, go to www.filmkc.org/filmfest.



September 1 is the early deadline for entries to the **Kansas City Filmmakers Jubilee's** 11th annual independent short film festival (April 20-22, 2007). The festival celebrates local filmmakers' talents and will award \$5000 cash to the "Best of the Fest" winner for each genre. Students will have an additional chance to win a \$1000 prize. Anyone, any age living in Missouri, Kansas or the Heartland region is welcome to submit an entry that has been completed since January 2005. Entry deadlines are Sept. 1, Oct. 15, Dec. 1 and Dec. 10. Entry fees increase for each deadline. For more information about rules and registration, go to www.kcjubilee.org.

Joe Heyen, the energetic president of the Kansas City Filmmakers Coalition, steps down this week as president of that organization. Under Joe's leadership the past two years, the Coalition's membership has grown to an impressive 181. Joe will still remain a member of the organization, but he wants to devote more time to producing and directing his own projects. Joe has been a hardworking advocate for filmmakers in KC and in Missouri, and we thank him for his efforts and wish him on future endeavors. Aaron Gnirk steps into Joe's shoes to become the new president of the Coalition.



If you liked the 48 Hour Film Project, you'll love the **National Film Challenge**. Presented by St. Louis' own KDHX, the National Film Challenge (www.filmchallenge.org) is the same concept as the 48 Hour Film Project (www.48hourfilm.com) but conducted on a national basis. This year 250 teams from across the country will be accepted to participate; the top films will be available online for viewer voting. Registration begins Sept. 1 and runs through Oct. 19; only 250 teams will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

British producer Vanessa Greene returned to Missouri this week to do some more scouting for the feature film "**Beekman's Big Deal**." She visited St. Louis, Jefferson City, Columbia, Boonville and Kansas City. Her main challenge is to replicate the streets of New York City and to find a building that would be a suitable stand-in for an upscale academy there. She has also scouted several other states, including New York and Rhode Island. Principal photography for the five week shoot is currently scheduled to begin January 2007. (Pictured: producer Vanessa Greene photographs a building on the closed Kemper Military Academy campus in Boonville.)



St. Louis' **Anheuser-Busch** is launching its own production company to produce shorts and sitcom-type programs for internet and cellphones, according to Reelchicago.com. Funding will probably come from A-B's \$.56 billion marketing budget. Senior director/branded entertainment, Michael Gianino, was assigned to a division devoted to producing online content.

Do you have production news or photos from set to share?
E-mail us at mofilm@missouri.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

SCOUTING REPORT

We are currently in search of the following locations for projects. Email your photos to 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: 2,325

PROJECT REPORT

- Crew requests: 3
- Location requests: 5
- Resource Requests: 4