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MN WIFT Monthly Newsletter

February 2010

MN WIFT Mission

' **Empower** women of all ages to reach their highest potential in the film, television and media industry

' **Provide** international access to a broad network of resources, education and support

' **Promote** events that showcase work; engaging audience in open-forum discussion

' **Inspire** the public and marketplace with diverse voices

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February Board of Directors Meeting

When:

Wednesday, Feb 10, 2010
7:15 - 8:15pm

Where:

[Old Arizona](#)
2821 Nicollet Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55408
612.871.0050

For More Details: Contact president@mnwift.org

MN WIFT Annual Board Meeting & Board of Directors Election

When:

Thursday, February 25, 2010
6:00pm - 9:00pm

Where:

[Old Arizona](#)
2821 Nicollet Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55408
612.871.0050

Schedule:

6:00 - 7:00pm Mix & Mingle
7:00 - 7:45pm Board election introductions and voting
7:45 - 9:00pm Facility Tours

For More Details: Contact president@mnwift.org

Pre-Oscar Buzz! - Film Buffs Trivia Night at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse

What: A red carpet and red meat fete! The evening includes a full three-course meal with choice of entrée, wine, and a lively game of *Film Trivia with Kevyn Burger*. Besides the fun and fine food, prizes will be awarded to trivia winners.

Ruth's Chris will provide red carpet treatment by providing guests with a glass of "bubbly" and free valet parking.

When:

Exactly one week before the Academy Awards on Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 6 p.m.

Where:

[Ruth's Chris Steakhouse](#)
920 2nd Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Cost:

\$75.00 per person (includes gratuity) * A portion of the night's proceeds benefiting Minnesota Women In Film and Television (MN WIFT)*

RSVP: *Seating is limited!* Reservations necessary. Call 612-672-9000.

Featuring YOUR News

WE WANT TO FEATURE YOUR NEWS!

Have you just landed a new part in a movie?
Finished writing that screen play?
Been nominated for an award?

Is your film screening at a festival?
We want to know.

The process is simple.

1. Write up a short article (3-10 sentences)
2. Attach a photo (if you have one)
3. Submit it to:
communications@mnwift.org

Details:

Kevyn Burger, an award-winning television and radio host known for her sharp wit and brainy banter has been presenting themed *Trivia Nights* in the Twin Cities since Fall of 2009. The Ruth's Chris event will feature trivia content on Minnesota films, filmmakers and celebrities, plus general film trivia.

MN WIFT Welcomes New and Renewing Members

Welcome to new member **Eddie Cohen** and renewing members **Deborah Fiscus** and **Aleshia Mueller**. We look forward to seeing you soon at a MN WIFT event!

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Collaboration: A Short Film Experience

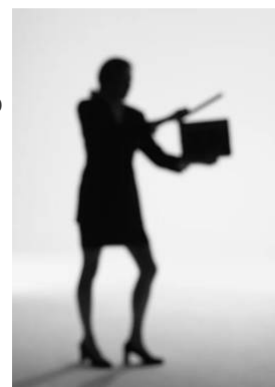


It's something we do every day in our industry. We add our skills to the expertise of many others to create a final product. Collaboration is a big part of any project's success.

Join MN WIFT for an expert discussion on **Collaboration** with the 2009 Short Film Showcase winners **Sarah Jean Kruchowski** and **Nicole Brending**. Then, as a team, we will "collaborate and conquer" making our own 2-minute MN WIFT Short.

The twist.. each participant will experience this process from the viewpoint of a completely different department. All crew positions will be "hired" in a blind drawing: Real-life Producers could become Make-up Artists, Make-up Artists might act as DP's and DP's could potentially work as writers. Live a day in another woman's shoes and see how together we make it happen!

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday March 2nd, 2010, 5-10pm** and watch your inbox for more details.
Questions? Please contact education@mnwift.org.



Events Around Town

AUGSBURG NATIVE AMERICAN FILM SERIES

What: *Lost Sparrow* (Chris Billing, 2008)
Hosted by Chris Billing and Sandy White Hawk
When: Thursday, February 4, 2010, 7:00 - 10:00pm
Where:

[Augsburg College](#)

Sateren Auditorium, Music Hall
715 22nd Ave South, Minneapolis, MN 55455

Admission: Free

Details:

[Lost Sparrow](#) is documentary filmmaker Chris Billing's journey to find the answers to why his two brothers, adopted out of the Crow community, ran away



from their adopted home and died in upstate New York. In this highly personal film, Chris attempts to find answers to these questions and to bring his brothers' bodies back to be buried in their traditional homeland.



MAKING SENSE of MINNESOTA SALES TAX for COMMERCIAL PRODUCERS

Untangling the Mysteries of Fact Sheet 133 and 163

When: Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 5:30pm

Where:

[Cinequipt](#)

2601 49th Avenue North, Suite 500

Minneapolis, MN 55430

612.627.9080

Cost: \$15 non-members, free to AICP Members

For More Details: go to www.aicp-mn.com

INDUQUE/BIG IDEAS from EMERGING INDIA AIRS ON TPT



Minneapolis and Mumbai based filmmaker Simone Ahuja's new television series **Indique | Big Ideas from Emerging India** begins airing on TPT on February 16, 2010 and began airing in nationwide markets in January. The business/travel series, filmed entirely in India with post-production taking place in Mumbai and at Minneapolis' Splice Here, takes a deep dive into innovation in India, what drives it and why it is relevant to the US. The series was created with the generous support of Best Buy Corp and was created in partnership with the Centre for India & Global Business at the University of Cambridge, UK.

For more information, please visit www.indique.tv or write to info@blood-orange.com.

THIS WINTER AT THE TRYLON: GODARD'S 60'S

Where:

The Trylon Microcinema

3258 Minnehaha Ave S

Minneapolis, MN 55406

Ticket Information:

General admission- \$8

Discount cards - 5 admissions for \$25

(good for up to two admissions at a time)

For online tickets go to [The Trylon](#)

Info line:

612-424-5468

When:



Feb 5 and 6 **Made in U.S.A.** (1966) *Minneapolis Premiere!* 7:00 8:50

Starring Anna Karina

Feb 12 and 13 **Two or Three Things I Know About Her** (1967) 7:00 8:50

Starring Marina Vlady

Feb 19 and 20 **Cry Baby** (1963) 7:00 9:05

Starring Brigitte Bardot, Michel Piccoli and Jack Palance

Feb 26 and 27 **Band of Outsiders** (1964) 7:00 8:55

"BEING 15" STUDENT FILMAKER DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

When: Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 7:00pm

Where:

[Minnesota History Center](#), 3M Auditorium

345 West Kellogg Blvd West

St. Paul, MN 55102

651.259.3000

Admission: \$5.00 "donation" at the door

Documentaries have the power to change the world! The screening marks the culmination of six months of training and support provided by The Storyboard staff and a host of local professionals.

Cash and prizes totaling \$500 will be awarded at the evening event.



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MEET YOUR MATCH!

NETWORKING EVENT for MENTORS and MENTEES

When: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Where:

[Tryg's](#)

3118 West Lake Street

Minneapolis MN 55416

What: [Minnesota Women in Marketing and Communication](#) (MWMC) is hosting a networking event where both Young Professionals (those in the field for approximately 10 years or less) and Seasoned Professionals (20 years or more experience) can benefit by forging professional relationships with women in different stages of their careers. The casual **cocktail party** setting will allow YPs and SPs the opportunity to mingle and will be followed by a **speed networking exercise** beginning at **6 p.m.**

Cash bar; happy hour prices last until 6 p.m. Light appetizers will be provided by MWMC.

Registration: This event is free to members; \$15 for non-members. Members register [here](#).

Non-members register [here](#).

Space is limited to 20. RSVP by Friday, February 5.

JOIN THE CAST and CREW of *The Red Tail* for a SPECIAL SCREENING

When:

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 7:00pm

Where:

[The Riverview Theater](#)

3800 42nd Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55406

www.riverviewtheater.com



Tickets:

Buying tickets ahead of time [online](#) is highly recommended.

\$8 general public, \$6 students/seniors (55+). No one turned away for lack of funds at the door as long as seats are available.

THE WALKER ART CENTER presents
WOMEN WITH VISION: DIMENSIONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
March 12 - 27, 2010

The 17th annual festival showcases work by women artists and filmmakers. The festival will feature area premieres of films from around the world, including *El General*, Natalia Alameda's award-winning documentary about growing up in the shadow of the controversial figure of her grandfather, the 1924 president of Mexico. Chicago-based artist and filmmaker Deborah Stratman will be in attendance to introduce *O'er The Land*, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival. In conjunction with her Walker screening, Stratman will also discuss her artistic practice, which includes film, video, photography, sound, drawing and sculpture, at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design.

The 2010 Women with Vision program will include artists who blur the line between film and the visual art world. The festival partners also with the Minnesota chapter of Women in Film and Television to present an afternoon of local and international short films. Girls in the Director's Chair is back this year and will screen at the Walker and at the Minnesota History Center. This program is dedicated to inspiring and creating a venue for rising young female filmmakers, ages 8 to 18 in Minnesota. www.walkerart.org

Deadlines and Opportunities**Z SYSTEMS HOSTS FIRST ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL**

On Line Entry Form Deadline: February 1st, 2010, 6pm

Script Deadline: February 15th, 2010, 6pm

Combine the pressure and fun of creating a short film in a limited time with the preparation of a traditional short. Your team will have time to write a short script (4-7 pages) in any genre. Start right now! Write your script, audition actors, scout locations and even rehearse if you like, but no shooting yet.

Kickoff Party: February 22, 2010 at Z Systems in St. Louis Park where teams will receive their revised scripts with a few add/changes to ensure script was not shot prior to the contest.

Film Completion Deadline: Sunday, February 28, 2010, 6 pm

Both HD and SD film acceptable. QT movie file on DATA DVD preferred. The submissions will be judged by a panel of local video producers. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top winners.

Grand Prize: \$1000.00 cash Sony, Panasonic, Apple, Avid and others will provide prizes that will be posted to website as they are confirmed.

Details and entry form: www.zsyst.com/zfest

For more information: Contact Adam Colt, Z Systems, 952-288-7352 cell, adamc@zsyst.com

IOWA CITY INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL
Regular deadline:



February 5, 2010

Late deadline: March 6, 2010

Festival: April 15-17, 2010

We are looking to put together a diverse program that covers a broad range of forms, modes and styles, from conventional documentary to experimental non-fiction. In short, anything that adds to the field or to the way we think about the form and practice of non-fiction filmmaking. All we ask is that the work be less than 30 minutes in length, as programming is tight and very rarely are we able to make space for longer work. Please see our submission guidelines for more details, including fees, mailing address, preview formats etc. Please visit us at <http://icdocs.blogspot.com> or email icdocs@gmail.com with any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing your submission.

IFP MINNESOTA NOW ACCEPTING 2010 McKnight Fellowship Submissions

What: The McKnight Foundation offers four awards of \$25,000 each for mid-career screenwriters and filmmakers.

Submission Deadlines:

February 1, 2010 for Screenwriting Fellowship

March 1, 2010 for Filmmaking Fellowship

Application Guidelines: available at www.ifpmn.org/mcknight.html

McKnight Fellows are selected by a panel of highly regarded industry professionals from outside Minnesota. The fellowships honor the professional and artistic accomplishments of Minnesota artists writing and directing for the screen.

For more information, please call Lu Lippold at 651-644-1912 x106 or llippold@ifpmn.org

AUDITIONS for *Gehenna*, AN INDEPENDENT INTELLIGENT-HORROR MOVIE

When: Saturday, February 20, 2010 - 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Where: [IFP Minnesota Center for Media Arts](#)

2446 University Ave W / Suite 100, St Paul, MN 55114

Details: Auditions are being held for all characters of all ages and gender (no one under 18). For full character descriptions, audition schedule, and questions, please email writer/director, Joshua Bruening, at brueningjoshua@hotmail.com

. Please include in email: Full Name, Age, Gender, Union? and Portfolio -- if you have one.

Women Stand Up! A Comedy Cabaret IFP Minnesota are pleased to announce...

WOMEN STAND UP AND SHOOT: A COMEDIC FILM COMPETITION

Deadline: April 21, 2010

The purpose of WOMEN STAND UP AND SHOOT is to promote and encourage women writers, actors and directors in film comedies. Send in your best woman-made, woman-starry short comedy films! Films will be judged by our amazing panel of nationally-known funny Minnesota-bred women: Lizz Winstead, Mary Jo Pehl and Jackie Kasian.

For more information:

<http://www.ifpmn.org/womenstandup.html>

Members, if you have something you want to see in the newsletter, write it up in a few sentences (125 words or less) with a description of WHAT, WHEN - Date and Time and WHERE. Include a LINK to more DETAILS (if applicable) and submit it to communications@mnwift.org by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

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