



Nick Maniatis Named Director of New Mexico Film Office

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June 21, 2011, SANTA FE — New Mexico Economic Development Department Cabinet Secretary-designate Jon Barela announced today that Nick Maniatis has been named director of the New Mexico Film Office.

Maniatis previously served as the executive director of the New Mexico Independent Power Producers. He has worked on many film projects in New Mexico and was an appointed board member of the Governor's Council on Film and Media Industries from 2002-09. He also was a board member of the Digital Film Institute from 2003-10.

"Nick has deep knowledge of the film landscape in New Mexico, and with his leadership, we're looking forward to the film industry continuing to be an important part of the state's economy," said Secretary-designate Barela.

Maniatis worked in many capacities in film and television production throughout his career, including "Grace Under Fire" (1995-96), "World War II: When Lions Roared" (1994), "A Different World" (1992-93), and "Candid Camera" (1991-92). Maniatis is a former member of the Director's Guild of America.

"I'm looking forward to working with film and media companies to continue to build and grow a sustainable industry here in New Mexico," Maniatis said. "New Mexico is a wonderful location for the film industry; we have the climate, culture and a talented and experienced workforce. I hope to foster an environment that encourages long term job and economic growth in communities across New Mexico."

Maniatis is a 1988 graduate of the University of Redlands, where he received a Bachelor's degree in Sociology with a minor in Business Administration.