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The Monthly Newsletter of the New Mexico State Film Office May 2020

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- Film Office Program News on the Senator John Pinto Native Filmmaker Memorial Fund, FCAP, Production Registrations, the Governor's Council on Film & Media Industries, and more

COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Order Extended

On Wednesday, May 13, Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham issued new guidance replacing and extending the Stay-At-Home Order previously set to expire on May 15. Details of this new order are provided on the **New Mexico Department of Health Coronavirus Updates page**.



The New Mexico Film Office <u>COVID-19</u> Resource and <u>Information Page for the Film Industry</u> provides direct links to programs established by the industry to assist during the national emergency. The page is updated frequently and currently includes links to assistance programs developed by the film and television industry including the following:

- SAGAFTRA Foundation
- The Actors Fund
- DGA COVID-19 Resources and Updates
- Local 600 International Cinematographers Guild COVID-19 Updates
- Motion Picture and Television Fund
- Teamsters Local 492 COVID-19 Updates



Numerous programs offered through New Mexico's state government agencies provide support and assistance to anyone affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Follow these links for detailed program information.

- State of New Mexico E-Government Portal
- New Mexico Economic Development Department
- Buy Today for Tomorrow (Additional information below)
- <u>Unemployment Insurance Benefits</u>
- Programs for Business Owners and Employers
- Spanish Language Program Assistance
- <u>Vietnamese Language Program Assistance</u>

We want to help save local businesses. To that end, we've built this platform to help New Mexicans buy gift cards from these companies.

Find your local business here.



Federal Resources

A centralized starting point for information on all Federal programs is <u>coronavirus.gov</u>. Information and links to up-to-the-minute information from specific Federal agencies also include:

Small Business Owner Resources

- CDC COVID-19 Response
- FEMA COVID-19 Response
- CDC Spanish Language Assistance



In an attempt to mitigate the historic economic disruption caused by COVID-19, the Small Business Administration has been authorized to administer assistance programs that may be available to your business. Visit the SBA's Coronavirus (COVID-19): Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources pages to obtain an array of important information regarding sources of funding and other forms of assistance available. The SBA also provides Spanish language access to all of its COVID-19 assistance programs.

<u>Senator John Pinto</u> Native Filmmakers Memorial Fund

Awards up to \$10K per project

Deadline to submit is May 22, 2020

- Applicants must be Native American students or filmmakers who are members of pueblos or native nations within the state of New Mexico.
- The grants are awarded to projects by Native students and Native filmmakers living and working in New Mexico. The grants will be awarded in \$5,000 increments with a maximum of \$10,000 per project. Only 1 project per applicant may be submitted.
- Funds can be used for pre-production, production and post-production expenses.



Sen. John Pinto

More details are included in the video on the Senator John Pinto Native Filmmakers Memorial Fund <u>project</u> page of the New Mexico Film Office. Watch the below video about the submission process.



Film Crew Advancement Program (FCAP)

This on-the-job training program focuses on NM residents working in primarily technical industry positions. It serves as an incentive for participating companies to provide job opportunities to New Mexico residents who are ready to move up within their department or are adding a new skill set.

A sub-program of FCAP for military veterans and reserve component members in New Mexico known as Operation Soundstage, adds an additional position on each production to be available specifically to a New Mexico veteran. For program details **click here**.

If you still have questions after visiting our FCAP page, please contact: **Rochelle Bussey**, Sr. Manager of Operations and Workforce Development.

Production Registrations Temporarily Halted

Due to the Governor's orders, the State of New Mexico has temporarily halted film/TV production and does not yet have a date in place for filming activities to resume. Until that date is determined, new production registrations with the New Mexico Film Office are also temporarily halted. If you have a project that you would like to bring to our state, **please contact us** so we can gather your contact information and reach out to you as soon as we are given the go-ahead.

Check the <u>Film Office Incentives web page</u> for new updates or information.

Governor's Council on Film & Media Industries

Currently comprised of 10 appointed by the Governor, the Council serves as a resource and recommending body to the Governor and the Film Office to promote film, television and emerging media in the state. Its current membership is comprised of:

- James Gollin, Chairman
- Talia Kosh
- Luke Renner
- Jo Edna Boldin
- Rajeev Nirmalakhandan
- Lance Maurer
- Ramona Emerson
- Ken Fischer
- Liz Pecos
- · Sam Tischler

Additional biographical information for each Council member can be found on the **Film Office Governor's Council page**. We'll provide additional biographical information for each of the members of this important advisory body in future issues of this newsletter as well as future Film Office Podcast episodes.

2020 New Mexico Film & Media Conference

The New Mexico Film Office's Annual Film & Media Conference has been postponed. Although a definitive date has not been set, at this time, the most likely dates for the next conference will be in the first quarter of 2021.

FILMMAKERS SHOWCASE

The Filmmaker's Showcase is being evaluated to address health and safety concerns before going forward with the event. The Film Office hopes to announce details regarding the 2020 event going virtual soon.

NEW MEXICO VIRTUAL SCREENINGS

COVID-19 RESOURCES AND INFORMATION FOR THE NEW MEXICO FILM AND TELEVISION INDUSTRY

NM FILM OFFICE SUGGESTS "STAY AT HOME" ENTERTAINMENT

With social distancing orders now entering their third full month in New Mexico, the Film Office continues its fun program of recommending specific Made-in-New Mexico film and television productions for streaming in the comfort and safety of one's own home. The social media post for each recommendation includes a few interesting details about the production such as whether it was nominated for or won any major awards, the year it was released or aired, the stars of the program and the New Mexico locations used.

The Virtual Screenings Program is a great way for the whole family to learn about the incredible diversity of filmmaking and storytelling right here in our own backyard. Our daily recommendation is made each weekday morning before 9:00 am on the <u>Film Office Facebook page</u>. Listed here are the 44 recommendations provided since the project began in addition to those planned to be announced during the remainder of May.

- Godless
- Jericho
- John Carpenter's Ghosts of Mars
- Tortilla Heaven
- Traffic

- MacGruber
- Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey
- Indiana Jones and Kingdom of the Crystal Skull
- In From the Night
- In Plain Sight

- The Man Who Fell to Earth
- The Legend of the Lone Ranger
- Young Guns II
- 21 Grams
- Frontera
- Lonesome Dove
- Gargoyles
- Bless Me Ultima
- The Astronaut Farmer
- Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid
- The Kid
- Hostiles
- Only the Brave
- Crazy Heart
- The Ballad of Buster Scruggs
- Waco
- Terminator Salvation

- In the Valley of Elah
- Into the West
- Intervention
- Red Dawn
- Breaking Bad Pilot Episode
- Midnight, Texas
- Night Shift
- Better Call Saul
- The Mule
- Every Which Way But Loose
- Hang Em High
- Ace in the Hole
- The Andromeda Strain
- · Let Me In
- Salt of the Earth
- Them
- Easy Rider
- · No Country for Old Men

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The New Mexico Film Office is a division of the <u>Economic</u> <u>Development Department</u>, whose mission is to improve the lives of New Mexico families by increasing economic opportunities and providing a place for businesses to thrive.

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