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CITY NEWS

WASHINGTON FILMWORKS IS THE 2016 MAYOR'S FILM AWARD WINNER

[SEATTLE FILM + MUSIC BLOG](#)

Washington Filmworks is a Seattle-based nonprofit that manages Washington State's film commission and production incentive programs, and whose mission is to create economic development opportunities by building and enhancing the competitiveness, profile, and sustainability of Washington State's film industry. The 11th Annual award will be presented tonight, during the Opening Night Festivities for the Seattle International Film Festival.



Led by Executive Director Amy Lillard, since 2006, Washington Filmworks has funded over 115 projects including 41 feature films, 6 television projects, and 54 commercial productions, resulting in over \$299 million in economic impact to Washington State and \$170 million to the Seattle region.

Washington Filmworks offers comprehensive production support and financial incentives to filmmakers, promotes and markets the State as a premier global filming destination, and advocates for the creative economy at the federal, state, and local levels. Through funding and programs like the Innovation Lab and Commercialize Seattle, Washington Filmworks invests in the individuals who make up the film industry.

JOIN US AT FILM + MUSIC + INTERACTIVE HAPPY HOUR ON MAY 25

[FMI HAPPY HOUR](#)

Join us on Wednesday, May 25, from 5 to 7 pm at our new summer location - Saint John's Bar & Eatery - for the next installment of the Film + Music + Interactive (FMI) Happy Hour! This will be an open networking event, with no formal program. We will be inviting a few key people from the film, transmedia, and VR industries who will be available to converse with attendees about new developments and emerging opportunities in these areas. This event is free and open to the public; you must be 21+ to attend.



THIS WEEK ON ART ZONE WITH NANCY GUPPY

[ART ZONE](#)

This week's episode was shot on location at Fran's Chocolate's retail and production space in

Georgetown. Featured this week is a musical performance by trio Cracker Factory, an interview with artist and owner of Martyr Sauce Gallery - Tariqa Waters, a behind the scenes peak at local fashion house Prairie Underground, and a interview with Dawna Holloway and Brian Beck, the brains and brawn behind Georgetown's newest gallery. Art Zone airs Fridays at 8 p.m. on the Seattle Channel.



INDUSTRY NEWS

SIFF OPENS TONIGHT!

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The 42nd Seattle International Film Festival will open tonight with the annual Opening Night Gala and the North American Premier of "Café Society." This festival will immerse Seattle in film from May 19 to June 12, and will screen 421 films representing 85 countries. The festival will feature a number of film rooted in the Pacific Northwest, which will be highlighted in its "NW Connections" programming, and this year marks the launch of "SIFFX" - a special four-day festival-within-a-festival focusing on the emerging cutting-edge modes of storytelling using Virtual Reality, 360° video, and Augmented Reality. SIFF is the largest and most highly attended festival of it's kind in the United States.



KICKSTART SEATTLE MUSIC + FILM PROJECTS

KICKSTARTER

This week, check out these Seattle Kickstarter campaigns:

"Whitney Lyman Records a Full-Length Album #2,"

a new album from this local singer-songwriter will feature a host of collaborations with other Seattle artist; **"Celestial,"** a film about two young-boys who's sci-fi dreams come to life when they make an important discovery; and **"March to May's first full-length album,"** a debut record from this local duo which layers thick harmonies over Celtic harp and guitar.



THIS WEEK ON BAND IN SEATTLE: WILD POWWERS

BAND IN SEATTLE

On this week's Band in Seattle Wild Powwers proves that they've got enough raw power to justify all those Ws in their name. This three-piece blends punk, metal, and power pop stylings into a sound that is uniquely their own. Band in Seattle airs Saturday nights on KSTW, CW11 @ 11.



OPPORTUNITY

WASHINGTON FILMWORKS IS NOW HIRING A COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

WASHINGTON FILMWORKS

In this role, the Communications Coordinator would work with the Executive Director to execute the organization's communications strategy. Filmworks is looking for someone with excellent written and verbal communication skills who also has the ability to multi-task in a quickly evolving work environment. The ideal candidate will enjoy writing in a variety of formats, be able to work collaboratively, is comfortable handling responsibility, and is an effective problem solver.



MEDIA DIGEST

WINNERS OF '3 MINUTE MASTERPIECE' CONTEST TO BE HIGHLIGHTED AT SIFF

[SEATTLE TIMES](#)

A harpooner (who doesn't hurt the whale) and giant killer Legos are the stars of this year's winners of the 3-Minute Masterpiece digital film contest, presented by The Seattle Times and Seattle International Film Festival (SIFF). Films from the grand-prize, youth winners as well as the runners-up will be shown at a special event Saturday, May 21, at SIFF, and are streaming now at seattletimes.com.



SEATTLE HIP-HOP ARTIST DRAZE NEW VIDEO TACKLES THE 'IRONY ON 23RD'

[SEATTLE MEDIUM](#)

Seattle hip-hop artist and community activist, Draze, new video "Irony on 23rd" provides a front row seat to the heated debate concerning the impact of recreational cannabis retail outlets on communities, in particular, Seattle's historically black Central District. The intersection of Seattle's 23rd and Union, has become the epicenter for the city's ongoing gentrification debate.



A PROFILE OF CARL SPENCE, SIFF'S FESTIVAL DIRECTOR AND CHIEF CURATOR

[THE STRANGER](#)

Carl Spence has spent more than 20 years curating film exhibitions, festivals, and live events. In addition to his more than two decades with SIFF, he has also worked with international fests in San Francisco and Palm Springs. More recently, he helped start the Orcas Island Film Festival. Since 1994, Spence has helped transform SIFF from a small exhibition-focused nonprofit to a year-round arts organization.



MACKLEMORE AND RYAN LEWIS DANCE THROUGH SEATTLE IN NEW VIDEO

[ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY](#)

Macklemore & Ryan Lewis's new music video for their song "Dance Off" premiered this week, and features many a familiar Seattle locations. The Arctic Club's Northern Lights Dome Room, and Lost Lake Cafe on Capitol Hill are among those featured in the local duo's video, which also features a guest appearance by actor Idris Elba.



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