



NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

SYMPOSIUM

Guy Jaconelli, head of the Below-the-Line Committee, is currently organizing a symposium that will be held at the **Greater Hartford Academy of Art** on a Saturday afternoon. A panel consisting of a director, cinematographer, writer and producer will be discussing how films are made. Stay tuned, date and time to be determined.

NEW HAVEN DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL

From **October 12th to October 22nd**, the **New Haven Documentary Film Festival** will celebrate its 10th anniversary by bringing the magic and mystery of documentary film to the New Haven area. Tickets are on sale now for over 100 films screening over 11 days at 10 venues around New Haven. What will be your favorite film?

For more information and a complete schedule, please visit www.NHdocs.org.



The Latest

The Connecticut Film and TV Alliance Inc. is excited to share our first quarterly newsletter with all of you. As our membership continues to grow exponentially, we are committed to bringing you updates about our upcoming events, fundraisers, legislative news and information about how our nonprofit organization is working to nurture a booming production industry within the State of Connecticut.

The Alliance is in its final stages of securing a 501(c)3 non-profit status. This will allow for grants and donations which will enable us to create programs that will benefit the filmmaking community with educational seminars and symposiums, mixers, and much more.

The Alliance has held several successful mixers, where we have informed the public about our mission which includes current Connecticut State Politics as it pertains to the film industry, and what we're doing to achieve our goals, i.e., by helping to build a strong foundation of knowledgeable above-the-line creatives and below-the-line crews. In addition to the successes that we have

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MYSTIC FILM FESTIVAL

Now celebrating its sixth year, the festival will take place **October 19th to October 22nd** at venues in Mystic, Connecticut and Westerly, Rhode Island. The cornerstone venue is Mystic Luxury Cinemas in Olde Mystic Village. They'll be open with a local premiere and close the festival with an awards event where the best film in each category is recognized.

The screenplay competition, now in its fourth year, is expanding relationships with key partners in the screenwriting industry. The five award winners of the 2023 screenplay competition will be announced at the awards ceremony at **Mystic Luxury Cinemas** on **October 22nd, 2023**. Submissions for the 7th edition will open in December 2023.

For tickets and more information, please go to mysticfilmfestival.com.



already had with these events, we are currently planning workshops and panels, including our very first symposium, and a panel of industry professionals that will present at the Mystic Film Festival to discuss producing films from A to Z. This will include information on how to develop, fund and distribute your film project.

At present, we are also preparing for the upcoming 2024 legislative session with the primary goal of finding ways to strengthen the current film tax credit incentives thereby bolstering the film industry in "The Nutmeg State."



Committee Updates

The **Political Action Committee**, headed by **Jonathan Black** and **Cindy Clancy**, will be engaging with lawmakers and local governments to educate them about the positive impact that bringing the film industry to Connecticut could have on our economy. We continue to push to improve Connecticut's film tax credit to make our state more competitive with regional players like New York and New Jersey as well as other states around the country. We are actively putting a plan of action together to address this in the next legislative session. If you'd like to be involved in our Political Action, we'd love to have you as a part of it. Feel free to email us at political.action@connecticutfilmandtvalliance.com.

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Don't miss our panel at the Mystic Film Festival!

From Development to Distribution: Producing a Movie from A to Z

Presented by **Chair 10 Productions, LLC** and the **Connecticut Film & TV Alliance**

October 22nd at 2:30pm

The Connecticut Film & TV Alliance, in conjunction with Chair 10 Productions, is presenting a panel at the Mystic Film Festival discussing the ins and outs of film production, including: script development, talent attachments, financing, production, pos-production, festivals, sales and distribution. For everyone with a passing interest in film up to experienced filmmakers, this panel will offer new insights into how films are made, sold and seen. Stay tuned for more information.



The **Networking and Events Committee**, headed by **Don "Q" Quijada**, is focused on maintaining social media outreach, hosting and organizing Alliance events, working with film festivals within the state, holding fundraisers and creating partnerships with other nonprofits. For more information, contact events@connecticutfilmandtvalliance.com.

The **Above the Line Committee**, headed by **Bob Dio**, will be responsible for developing and maintaining a strong, creative talent force that covers, but is not limited to, casting, acting, writing, directing and the creative side of producing for film and television. For more information, contact atl@connecticutfilmandtvalliance.com.

The **Below the Line Committee**, headed by **Guy Jaconelli**, will be responsible for developing and maintaining a strong infrastructure of crew in all areas, including, but not limited to, camera and audio, art direction, grip and electric, and full production support. For more information, contact btl@connecticutfilmandtvalliance.com.

The **Education Committee**, headed by **Ed Cohen**, will be responsible for working with state and local schools to create a bridge between education and the film and entertainment industry. This committee will provide educational growth opportunities for the industry. For more information, contact education@connecticutfilmandtvalliance.com.

Would you like to get involved in another way? Send an email to info@connecticutfilmandtvalliance.com

If you are not a member of the Connecticut Film and TV Alliance, you're missing out on ground floor opportunities. And if you are a member, please ask your friends who have an interest in our industry to join us by filling out a member registration form on our website at www.connecticutfilmandtvalliance.com/