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Welcome to the Santa Clarita Valley Film Office E-Newsletter.

Here you will find information about new film projects taking place in Santa Clarita, upcoming special events, quick tips on how the film office can work for you, film incentive program tidbits and more!

Be in the know and take advantage of the thousands of film locations including sound stages, movie ranches, film friendly neighborhoods & businesses that Santa Clarita has to offer.

Santa Clarita on Location

Have you noticed Santa Clarita on TV lately? Whatever the script may call for in order to create the perfect location....Santa Clarita delivers. Our City has stood in for Virginia on "NCIS," Utah on "Big Love," Colorado on "Make It or Break It" and even Scranton, Pennsylvania for an episode or two of "The Office." Santa Clarita is also home to two new highly acclaimed shows including "Justified," which helms from Kentucky and "Sons of Tucson," which obviously takes place in....well....Tucson.



Film Incentive Program (FIP)

The City of Santa Clarita continues to reward productions that base and frequently film on location in Santa Clarita through the City's Film Incentive Program (FIP). Three more productions have earned the financial benefits of the program, Fox's "Sons of Tucson," HBO's "Big Love," and Faster, a feature film starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.

"Sons of Tucson" received a full refund of paid permit fees through the FIP's first incentive option that focuses on locally based productions. The show was based at Santa Clarita Studios, with 88% of principal photography taking place at locations in the Santa Clarita area (including businesses and homes), and 20% of the cast and crew were local Santa Clarita residents. The new show premiered recently on Fox. HBO's "Big Love" received a partial refund of paid permit fees through the second incentive option which focuses on recurring productions. The show has based in Santa Clarita at Avenue Scott Stages since its inception and regularly films on location around town. The fourth season of "Big Love" just wrapped on HBO and the show has been picked up for a fifth season. The feature film Faster, which wrapped filming on Soledad Canyon in Santa Clarita this past week, received partial subsidization of permit fees through the City's incentive program and is one of the films that qualified for California's production incentives.

Santa Clarita is the first city in the Los Angeles area to implement film incentives and create a program in conjunction with the State's. To date, eight productions that qualified for California's incentives have filmed on location in Santa Clarita, including FX's new television show "Justified," which is based at Santa Clarita Studios, and Priest, a vampire feature that transformed Melody Ranch Motion Picture Studios into a post-apocalyptic western town.

For more information about the FIP, go to FilmSantaClarita.com.

Disney/ABC Studios at The Ranch

Disney/ABC Studios announced plan for Disney/ABC Studios at The Ranch, a new Los Angeles County based studio project bringing a dozen soundstages and new production facilities to Disney's Golden Oak Ranch. The project will create thousands of new jobs, energizing business throughout Los Angeles County and the Santa Clarita Valley. The project is expected to generate \$522 million in direct economic activity throughout LA County during construction and \$533 in annual economic activity throughout LA County at full build out. Stay up to date with information about this exciting project at ABCStudiosattheRanch.com



AFCI Locations Trade Show

The Santa Clarita Film Office will be at the world's premier tradeshow for location filmmaking AFCI Locations Trade Show April 15- 17, 2010 at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. Lasts year's show featured 300 exhibitors from 30 countries and pulled in more than 3500 industry professionals! Be sure to check out the Santa Clarita Film Office (Booth #530 & #531) at the show!



Location Spotlight

Mountasia opened in 1995 bringing miniature golf, go-carts, laser tag, video and redemption arcade games, batting cages, bumper boats and a rock climbing wall to Santa Clarita. Not only does Mountasia provide family entertainment, the facility is also one of Santa Clarita's favorite film locations. Most recently the television show "The Mentalist" filmed at Mountasia and other prime time television shows like "CSI" and "House" have also filmed there.

In short, here are a few of the advantages to filming at Santa Clarita's "little" mountain.



Benefits of filming at Mountasia:

- Within the 30-mile zone
- Ample parking
- Diverse & comprehensive venue, including one of only 2 nostalgic Farrell's Ice Cream Parlours restaurant and ice cream parlour, arcade, miniature golf, go karts, bumper boats, batting cages and laser tag.
- Diverse landscape with mountain views
- Easy to work with, competitive rates, lots of references



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2010 Santa Clarita Valley Film Festival



The 5th Annual Santa Clarita Valley Film Festival was hosted earlier this year at the Repertory East Playhouse in Old Town Newhall was a success with multiple sold out screenings! The 2010 Festival was quite successful with multiple sold out screenings! The Festival is dedicated to celebrating the art of filmmaking by providing an open forum for independent filmmakers, both professionals and students, and highlighting short independent films appropriate for all audiences and features a film competition for all selected works.

Thank you to everyone who supported the 5th Annual SCV Film Festival, including filmmakers, audience members and valuable sponsors. Congratulations to all accepted filmmakers and to the award winners!

- Best Film Shot on Film: "Unitards" (Award Sponsored by Fuji Film. Winner receives 35mm film stock)
- Best Feature Film: "My Name is Jerry"
- Best Short Film: "The Mouse that Soared"
- Best College Film: "Family Pieces"
- Best High School Film: "Reading to Jack"
- Best Junior High School Film: "Happy Thanksgiving"
- Best Script 2 Screen: "Back to the Past"

Submissions for the 6th Annual SCV Film Festival will open this Spring. Don't miss out on your chance to be a part of the exciting festival. To be added to the email list and receive a notification when submissions open, please send an email with subject line ADD TO LIST to info@scvfilmfestival.com. You can also join the festival on facebook-Santa Clarita Valley Film Festival.