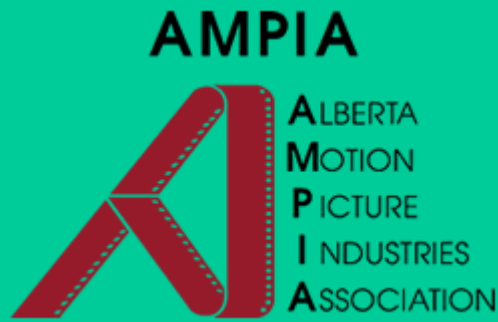


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## AMPIA News & Updates

Hello AMPIA Members!

2011 has been a busy year so far, and we are just getting started. Thank-you to everyone who attended the **AGM** on February 1<sup>st</sup> at Red Deer College. I am happy to say we had over 30 people at the meeting, the majority of them producer members.

A new Board slate was elected, in addition to the three new board members who have recently been appointed to replace outgoing members. I am happy to welcome the returning Board members, as well as the new faces joining the team for the first time. I look forward to working with you in the year to come. A brief meeting was held after the AGM to elect officers. For a complete list of board members and their positions, please click [HERE](#).

A number of reports were also presented from our various committees. As many of you know, the committees are where a lot of the heavy lifting for the Association gets done. To read these reports you can go to the AMPIA website [www.ampia.org](http://www.ampia.org) For information about joining one of the committees, please contact me or Paula Gerlach at the office: (780) 944-0707.

Also at the AGM a number of important Bylaw changes were ratified, which reflect the internal restructuring of the organization and will lead to some exciting

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

**ONGOING** - Book your rooms now at the Edmonton Marriott River Cree Resort for the 2011 Rosie Awards! Click [Here](#) for all your booking information.

**February 21 to 24** - EIFF Presents World's Hottest Commercials

**March 1st** - DOC Alberta - Fair Trade Event (see article)

**March 3 to 5th** - CSIF \$100 Film Festival, Calgary

**March 4 to 8th** - [WIFF 2011](#)- Vancouver, BC

**March 10th** - AMPIA/Digital Alberta Mixer - Calgary & Edmonton (see article)

**March 10th** - 31st Annual [Genie Awards](#) - Ottawa

**March 31st** - AMPIA Deadline for Membership Renewals

**March 31st** - AMPIA Deadline for Second & LAST draft of Production Directory [FORM](#)

announcements in the very near future. For a copy of the new Bylaws, click [HERE](#).

On February 3, I appeared at the **CRTC** hearing into the BCE-CTV application. As many of you have been following, Bell Canada has acquired control of CTV, and this hearing was our opportunity to offer input to the Commission on behalf of Alberta's production community. Thank you to the members of the Broadcast Committee, especially to co-chairs Connie Edwards and Joe Novak, for their valuable input. For a copy of my address to the Commission, please click [HERE](#). A copy of the complete intervention to the CRTC can be found on the AMPIA website under "Government Filings."

Work is progressing quickly on the **Rosie Awards**. Submissions were up by approximately 15% this year, which is a good sign. Our new Event Coordinator/Associate Producer Amanda Almeida is busy processing the entries, and we plan to have our nominees selected by the middle of April. Keep you eyes peeled!

**FUBAR II** heads to Hog Town - Congratulations to Producers George Baptist, Shirley Vercruysse and Dave Lawrence, as well as Paul Spence and Terra Hazelton for their multiple Genie Award nominations for FUBAR II. For more information, there's a link to the Genie website on our calendar!

**REMINDER** - You have until March 31, 2011 to renew your memberships! Please contact Paula Gerlach for more information on categories and benefits.

That's it for now!

Bill Evans, Executive Director

## Promoting Alberta's Media Industries

On January 17-21, Alberta Minister of Culture and Community Spirit Lindsay Blackett undertook a trade mission to Los Angeles to promote the Alberta film, television and digital screen industries. Accompanying him were the Edmonton, Calgary and Alberta Film Commissioners, as well as representatives of AAMPTU, the umbrella group for the guilds and unions in Alberta.

**AMPIA** was also invited to participate and Acting President **Josh Miller** traveled to Los Angeles ....read more

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## AMPIA teams up with Digital Alberta!

One night, Two locations, Two exciting industries join...

Are you involved in the Film Industry in Alberta, or the ever-changing Digital Industry? If so, you won't want to miss this opportunity to meet & mingle with some of the

[HERE](#)

## AMPIA Welcomes...

And our numbers just keep growing! **AMPIA** is pleased to welcome its newest members:

**Damian Chao**

**Benjamin Hayden**

**Clearwater Documentary Inc.** - Emma Radford

**LJH Films** - Latonia Hartery

**Geffen Media** - Missy Geffen

**Scientia Productions** - James Byrne

**Christopher White**

**Deluxe Design Group**

**Loud Whisper Productions** - Katrina Beatty

**Jeff Woodward**

**8th Step Entertainment** - Scott Townsend

**Delsur Films Inc.** - Richard Hardy

**Colin Sheldon**

**Talking Light Media** - Jamie Moorhouse

**David Lawrence**

**Bombboys Productions Inc.** - Jason Sacha

**Derek Clayton**

**FAVA News-Job Postings**

**FAVA** is looking to hire

best professionals from both worlds!

Please join **Digital Alberta & AMPIA** on **Thursday, March 10th** for an informative and interactive evening with members from both industries. Our experts will be sharing their knowledge on numerous topics from within their respective worlds, along with showcasing some of the talent from within our province! [Read More..](#)

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## HBW Entertainment

**HBW Entertainment Inc.** of Calgary, AB, will go into hiatus on February 1st, for an indeterminate number of weeks. However, they will welcome hearing from any Alberta based HD Editors who will be free to edit documentary material during the next three weeks. Because of location, Calgary based editors are preferred but Edmonton is always a possibility for us. Contact: Helene White 403-228-1900.



We also wish to call attention to our B.C. affiliate, RiverWood Pictures Inc., in Fernie, headed by Rory Hinds who is now a resident of that province. Rory also has a full HD post-production service through his Mine Films company that is open for business.

## Doc Alberta Events

### **DOC-National's "Fair Dealing Roadshow" comes to Edmonton**

**When:** Tuesday, March 1 from 6:45 to 9 pm (including a reception)

**Where:** The Provincial Archives of Alberta (8555 Roper Road...on the corner of 86 St. and 51Ave.)

**Cost:** *Free for DOC-Alberta members, \$10 non-members*

Panel members include Entertainment lawyer **Linda Callaghan**, audio/visual archivist **Marlena Wyman**, and one or two others from the film community. The moderator will be **Lisa Fitzgibbons**, the Executive Director of the Documentary Organization of Canada

The Fairdealing Roadshow event in Edmonton is being co-hosted by DOC-Alberta and DOC- National.

**RSVP:** Lorna Thomas [lortho@live.com](mailto:lortho@live.com) [Read More](#) on the Fairdealing Roadshow in the following Press Release from DOC National.

>> [Click Here](#)

## Alberta's Animation Scene

for the position of Video Kitchen Technician and has details on a free Video Workshop for Youth...

[Click Here](#)

## EIFF's Most Popular Fundraiser is Back!

### **The World's Hottest Commercials**

is programmed by EIFF Producer Kerrie Long, and curated from the **2010 CLIO Awards** in Las Vegas. **CLIO** is the most prestigious advertising Awards event in North America, and Edmonton is the only city in the world to present these Gold / Silver / Bronze Award Winners to the general public!

This year, we're kicking it all off on **February 21st** - FAMILY DAY - so you can take the whole family! [More Details...](#)

[Click Here](#)

## Attention all TAP'ers!

**Information & Registration information is now open for [TRANS ATLANTIC PARTNERS 2011- Europe | Canada | USA](#)**

The Erich Pommer Institut, Potsdam (Germany), Strategic Partners, Halifax (Canada) and IFP, New York (USA) - proudly present a three-module, intensive training and networking Program for film producers from

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Oscar bound..and Book bound!

New Calgary-based studio Roughhouse Animation head, **Paul Dutton**, and his team of international animators were recently recognized for their contribution to the new classically animated feature film, *The Illusionist*, which was nominated for an academy award alongside Pixar's *Toy Story 3*, and DreamWorks' *How to Tame Your Dragon*. *The Illusionist* has drawn rave reviews for its visual style and animation – elements of the film that Paul, the Animation Director, was instrumental in creating. He plans to attend the Oscar ceremonies with Producers and hopefully we'll see him on the podium! Good luck Paul!

New Machine Studios - In other news, New Machine's 26x24min CGI-animated series, *Raven Tales* has secured a Book licensing deal with Toronto's Rubicon Publishing. All 26 episodes will be published in book form by Scholastic and will be available in September 2011. The Studio has released the second season on DVD via the show's web site (<http://www.raventales.com>) and sales have been brisk!

## ANAID: Weight Loss and the Web



**ANAID**  
PRODUCTIONS

**Anaïd Productions'** award-winning website, **XWEIGHTED.COM**, an online spin-off of the popular TV series, *X-Weighted*, is back with its proven solution for weight loss and a new National Challenge. On January 15, 2011, Canadians from coast to coast logged on to join the Challenge and begin their 26-week weight-loss program. Nearly 3500 people registered and have committed to losing 72,000 lbs in the next 6 months!

It's easy (and free) to join: participants are simply asked to record their initial weight and measurements and are then assigned a healthy weight-loss goal. If they can achieve that goal in six months, they become eligible for one of three grand prizes, to be awarded on July 16, 2011. Meanwhile, a variety of smaller prizes are awarded to select participants every week.

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## Jump Studios..Busy, busy, busy!



February at **Jump Studios** is shaping up to be full of letters – MTV and ESPN! Jump is revving their engines for the start of the NASCAR Nationwide season. They are currently in the process of creating a complete design package entitled *The Studio* – comprised of a super sleek and sexy 3D design environment the drivers interact with and undertaking a 3 day green screen shoot on RED in Daytona at mid-month.

Europe, Canada and the US. The Program includes:

- Co-Production Training
- Co-Production Networking
- Co-Production Partners

## Office Space Available

**AMPIA** has office space for rent! Here's the rundown:

2 Offices - with a shared Boardroom and common area kitchen. Infrastructure is in place, including copier, phone. New renters would have to set up their individual phone lines. Floorspace: 2 offices - each office approximately 20 sq. ft \$1000/month Contact: Colette Switzer [cswitzer@ampia.org](mailto:cswitzer@ampia.org) for more information. Ph: 780-944-0707



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The MTV project is a movie of the week, teen thriller entitled **The Truth Below**, and Jump has the honour of color grading the piece. Working with LA director Scott Glosserman to create story-motivated looks to tell the story, Colorist Jeff August used the SpeedGrade DI system to essentially relight scenes during the grade. The result is a moody and claustrophobic feeling that underlines the story's dark themes. For more information on how you can use color grading to enhance your storytelling – give Jump a call at 403-355-0053.

## New Additions for Nomadic Pictures

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**Nomadic Pictures** is pleased to announce the launch of it's new commercial production arm and a new addition to the Nomadic Pictures team. Petros Danabasis, an industry veteran of 12 years, has joined Nomadic Pictures as Executive Producer/Producer to oversee commercial and non – dramatic television production.

Nomadic Pictures is a Calgary based production company developing, financing and producing features, MOV's and TV series.

Last year, Nomadic co-produced **Broken Trail** (starring Robert Duvall and Thomas Haden Church), won 4 Primetime EMMY Awards and in 2004, it won Three Daytime Emmys for **The Incredible Mrs. Ritchie** starring James Caan, Kevin Zegers and Gena Rowlands.

Nomadic's next production will be their AMC Original TV Series, **Hell On Wheels**, starting spring of 2011.

## Brandy Y Productions

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AMPIA member Brandy Yanchyk is regularly featured on BBC World TV's travel show Fast Track. In early February her feature "Learn to ice climb in Canada" aired nine times on BBC World TV. The feature was edited by Edmonton based Editor, Sarah Taylor and was shot in Jasper, Alberta.

[Click Here](#) to link to the feature. Brandy also works as a TV Reporter for CBC TV and Radio in Edmonton and for the BBC. She is also on the Board of DOC Alberta.



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