

# **NEWSLETTER**

THE OFFICE OF FILM, THEATRE AND BROADCASTING
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### **ESTABLISHING SHOT**



# GOTHAM AWARDS HONOR BEST IN INDEPENDENT FILM, PAY TRIBUTE TO COMMISSIONER OLIVER

At the 23rd Annual Gotham Independent Film Awards, Katherine Oliver, commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment since 2002, received the Industry Tribute. Each year, the

Industry Tribute is awarded to a career veteran who has significantly influenced the motion picture industry.

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# NEW YORK CITY'S FIRST BACKLOT OPENS AT KAUFMAN ASTORIA STUDIOS

Kaufman Astoria Studios has unveiled New York City's first Backlot in Astoria, Queens. The landmarked studio, once the home of Paramount

Pictures, has created the outdoor "black-box" working stage to allow productions the ability to film outside in a controlled environment, providing more flexibility and reducing the need to film on city streets.

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#### WOMEN IN FILM AND TELEVISION OFFER INSIGHT INTO THEIR CAREERS

A talented group of women who have made their careers in film and television in New York City gathered on a blistery evening at Museum of the Moving Image for an indepth conversation about their careers as part of "Made in NY" Talks.

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### **NEW YORK CITY CREDITS**

#### HARLEM COMMUNITY WELCOMED TO SPECIAL SCREENING OF BLACK NATIVITY

On November 20, the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment, in partnership with Fox Searchlight and The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, invited members of the Harlem community to attend a special screening of the new feature film, *Black Nativity*.

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## MAYOR BLOOMBERG ANNOUNCES CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY WILL OPEN THE FOURTH NEW APPLIED SCIENCES PROGRAM IN NYC

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Carnegie Mellon Provost Dr. Mark Kamlet and Steiner Studios Chairman Douglas C. Steiner have announced Carnegie Mellon University will open the fourth new applied sciences program in New York City as a part of the Applied Sciences NYC Competition. The Carnegie Mellon University Integrative Media Program will focus on research and education in film, gaming, social media and big data, interactive computing, the performing and visual arts, and urban planning and be located at Steiner Studios.

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### IN THE NEWS

#### **DECEMBER IS A 'DREAM' ON BROADWAY**

December begins with a handful of new productions coming to Broadway.

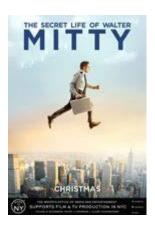
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#### FIND "MADE IN NY" VENDORS WITH THE FACEBOOK APP

As more businesses join the "Made in NY" Discount Card program, productions can keep track of what they offer and where they're located with an easy to use Facebook app. Among the latest vendors to join the program are Flashing Amber LLC; Triboro Printing; USA Studios and Direction by Appointment, Inc.

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INSIDE THE 'SECRET' OF THE "MADE IN NY" MARKETING CREDIT



A variety of local projects has taken part in the "Made in NY" Marketing Credit for December and will be showcased on bus shelters and subway cars.

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#### "MADE IN NY" FILMS GO 'INSIDE' IN DECEMBER

A host of "Made in NY" films this month look at the past and distant lands.

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#### FREE NEW YEAR'S EVE SATELLITE FEED AVAILABLE

The Times Square Alliance and Countdown Entertainment are offering free HD pool feeds of the New Year's Eve Celebration in Times Square.

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## **REEL NEW YORKERS**



## "MADE IN NY" GRADUATE OF THE MONTH: JULIAN MONTOYA

A serendipitous meeting with a "Made in NY" Production Assistant set Julian "Jay" Montoya on the path to the career he always wanted but didn't know how to obtain.

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### **GOT CULTURE?**

#### FIND A NUTCRACKER NEAR YOU

The Nutcracker is a beloved mainstay for performing arts groups and audiences during the holiday



season. This year, productions in all five boroughs range from faithful adaptions to playful reimaginings, all of which breathe new life into the classic story.

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