

STORYBOARD

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John Adams backlot near Richmond
Kent Eanes, Photographer.

Film Office Announces Virginia Film Competition Winners

The first annual Virginia Film Competition resulted in 13 finalist films selected in three categories that were screened at the *Virginia Independent Film Festival* at the Byrd Theatre in Richmond on April 26. A list of the finalists is below. Winners are designated in red.

DOCUMENTARIES: **Project Floyd**, Kevin Mounce (Virginia Beach), **The Person Most Real**, **Olivia Dodson (Amherst)**. **Discovering Archaeology: The Curles Neck Project**, Robert Mark (Richmond). **SHORT FILMS:** **Canned**, **Joseph Rohrs (Virginia Beach)**, **Lustig**, **John Francis Black II (Gainesville)**, **When You Wish Upon A Fish**, Gabe Uhr (Arlington), **Scarlet Letters**, Kevin Hershberger (Richmond), **Hard Boiled**, Brian Wimer (Charlottesville), **Thoughts on Departure**, William Robinette (Richmond), and **April Fool**, James Shearer (Portsmouth). **FEATURE FILMS:** **Subs**, Jay Gates (Virginia Beach), **Freedom**, **Rick McVey (Bristol)**, and **Forgotten Stars**, James Shearer (Portsmouth). [Go here for more information](#) on the Competition and Festival.

FINAL WEEK for Screenwriting Competition Submissions

May 23 is the deadline to submit Virginia-based screenplays to the 20th annual Virginia Screenwriting Competition. Submissions must be by Virginia writers, and must be post-marked on or before May 23. For more information, or to download the brochure, visit the [Film Office website](#).

Jeff Frizzell Heads Hampton Roads Chapter of VPA

Jeff Frizzell, the Film Commissioner from [Hampton Roads Film Office](#) will be heading up the Hampton Roads Chapter of the Virginia Production Alliance. The Alliance thanks former Chair Keith Flippen who will continue to be involved with the organization. Jeff will be working to expand the VPA presence in Hampton Roads and is looking for new leadership and membership. Those interested in getting more involved in the Hampton Roads film & television industry should call Jeff at 757.943.0993 or e-mail filmoffice@hrp.org.

May 19, The Virginia Production Alliance presents: *How to Market Your Product for Free (or really really cheap)*

This seminar will be conducted by producer Dan Portnoy, founder of [The Portnoy Media Group](#), chief editor of the online music magazine [The Drop](#), and creator of [The Great American Road Trip](#). It will be filled with valuable facts and information that will be useful for anyone involved in today's changing industry. The session will cover low & no-cost options for filmmakers to get their product noticed and will include a demonstration of the process of marketing a specific project. It will also provide information about New Media to include a financial model, information on "The Powers That Be" and some thoughts on where New Media is headed. A Q & A session will follow the presentation. The cost of the event is \$5.00 for non-VPA members and free for members of the Alliance. Light refreshments will be served. The seminar will be at [ArtWorks](#) in Richmond, 320 Hull Street. [Map](#).

VPA Accepts Ukrop's Golden Gift Certificates

If you live or work in central Virginia, you probably know about Ukrop's grocery store and its Golden Gift program. (If you don't, you can skip this article). Ukrop's shoppers should have already received their Golden Gift Certificates, which can be donated to the VPA. In order to participate, bring your certificates to the May 19 marketing seminar or the next monthly meeting which will be held on June 9 at [ArtWorks](#) in Richmond. Receipts can also be mailed to: Virginia Production Alliance, P.O. Box 7419, Richmond, VA 23221 and must be postmarked no later than June 10, 2008.

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