Palm Beach County beaches host more sea turtle nests per mile than anywhere else in the United States. During Sea Turtle Nesting Season from March 1 through October 31, nearly two million hatchlings emerge each year to make their way to the ocean guided by natural moonlight. The Film & Television Commission partnered with Environmental Resources Management (ERM) to create an informative and engaging short-form tourism video that educates viewers on this unique occurrence and highlights the need for visitors and residents alike to be aware of special precautions to keep these incredible creatures out of harm’s way to complete their journey. Local production company Rory Fielding Films captured the rarely seen nesting process at an ERM Turtle Walk event held at the Marriott Singer Island Resort & Spa, along with interviews with leading specialists at Loggerhead Marinelife Center, Gumbo Limbo Nature Center and John D. MacArthur Beach State Park.

“Few filmmakers are ever given permission to capture this scene in Florida, and for good reason. We used special cameras with no lights so that they would not disorient the mother as she laid her eggs,” said Fielding. Capturing video in the dark wasn’t the only challenge on this shoot. The biggest wild card was the talent. “Sea turtles really don’t stick to a production schedule,” said Associate Producer Cortney Fielding. “We didn’t know when or where a nesting mother would appear, or if she’d even show up to make her movie debut at all!” Luckily, the team was able to film a nesting loggerhead. The end result is rare footage they hope will capture the hearts and imaginations of people around the world. The completed video will air on The Palm Beaches TV and will be used as a marketing tool to promote eco-tourism. See more at thepalmbeaches.tv/eco-tourism-conciegers.
The sixth season premiere of the Cooking Channel series Carnival Eats featured the South Florida Garlic Fest. Host Noah Cappe and his crew traveled to Lake Worth to indulge in South Florida’s “best stinkin’ party.” Now in its 19th year, Garlic Fest is a celebration of all things garlic, offering more than 100 garlic-infused food items, a cooking competition, and live entertainment as well as 200 artists and craft vendors. The event raises funds for local charities and has brought in more than a half-million dollars thus far. The Cooking Channel is an entertainment brand dedicated to foodies, owned by Discovery, Inc, whose portfolio of lifestyle channels includes Discovery Channel, HGTV, TLC, OWN and The Food Channel. See more at cookingchanneltv.com.

Under the direction of second-year Head Coach Lane Kiffin, the Florida Atlantic University (FAU) football team will have all 12 of its games broadcast live this season. The FAU Owls kick off the 2018 season on September 1 with a nationally televised game on FOX against the University of Oklahoma. Then, the Owls return to Boca Raton to take on Air Force in a matchup that will be broadcast nationally on CBS Sports Network (CBSSN). In addition, CBSSN will televise FAU’s games against Marshall (Oct. 20), Louisiana Tech (Oct. 26) and the University of North Texas (Nov. 15). FAU will also get a prime time nationally televised game on ESPN when they face the University of Central Florida on Sept. 21. If you’re keeping count, that’s six nationally televised games! The remaining FAU games will be broadcast on Stadium Television Network, an internet-based sports network operated by Sinclair Broadcast Group. For the entire 2018 schedule, visit fausports.com.

South Florida-based creative artist Carmen Amara first sang a Spanish-language love ballad titled Eternamente (translation: eternally) written by David Armaan ten years ago, but when life’s obstacles got in the way, she placed her music career on the backburner. A decade later, Amara has returned to her passion and paired it with a music video to help spread the heartfelt song to a larger audience. The video was recently filmed by local production company ashleynicoleco at Mounts Botanical Garden in the Children’s Maze, depicting two lovers searching for one another. “The location was everything I could have asked for and more. It ties the whole narrative together in ways I couldn’t expect until we started editing the visuals to the song,” said director Ashley Taylor. The completed video will be shared through YouTube. See more from the production company at ashleynicoleco.com.

The Palm Beaches TV offers streaming content 24/7 featuring the best destinations, attractions and experiences in the County. It is the only Palm Beach County Tourist Development Council channel that connects visitors and locals to what they can do, see and explore in The Palm Beaches. Visitors can watch in-room at our launch partner sites including The Best Western Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, The Marriott Singer Island Resort & Spa, PGA National Resort & Spa, The DoubleTree by Hilton & Executive Meeting Center, and on screen at The Brazilian Court. The channel is also playing in public locations across the County. Programming is updated often and viewers can tune in now to watch Peter Greenberg’s The Travel Detective as he tours The Palm Beaches and On the Town in The Palm Beaches as Frank Licari explores Palm Beach Gardens. Owned and operated by Olympusat, Inc, the channel is available anytime, any place on Roku and by visiting ThePalmBeaches.TV.
PRODUCTION DANCES ACROSS SCREENS

When it comes to arts and entertainment, The Palm Beaches boast a variety of world-class cultural venues, and is no stranger to the art of dance. A new dance studio in Boca Raton brings the glitz and glamour of the screen to everyday life. Opened in June, the Dance With Me studio is home to Maks and Val Chmerkovskiy and Tony Dovolani from Dancing With the Stars, inviting show fans to strike a pose with the reality stars of one of ABC’s most-watched programs.

Palm Beach County is also getting its groove on with FOX’s So You Think You Can Dance, as Darius Hickman, a West Palm Beach native and graduate of Dreyfoos School of the Arts, is now competing for a second time on the show. Darius did not advance beyond the preliminary rounds last season, but this season has made it to a group of only 40 contestants competing to win. Will Darius make it all the way? Find out Monday nights at 8pm on FOX or by visiting fox.com/so-you-think-you-can-dance.

AWAKENING: AFTER PARKLAND

Theatre and activism collide in the new documentary short Awaken: After Parkland. The film follows a group of students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School (MSD) as they rehearse a production of the musical Spring Awakening at Boca Raton’s BARCLAY Performing Arts Center in the months following the devastating mass shooting that took the lives of 17 students on February 14, 2018. Award-winning documentary filmmakers Cristina Costantini and Darren Foster teamed up for Awakening: After Parkland to spotlight the strength of these students and the significance of the message of the musical. The documentary features interviews with students and teachers of MSD, along with the musical’s two Tony Award-winning creators, book & lyrics writer Steven Sater and composer Duncan Sheik. The 18-minute film is now available online for free viewing on topic.com.

CROSSING FOR A CURE EVENT INSPIRES EPIC LOVE DOCUMENTARY

The Piper’s Angels Foundation just wrapped its signature event Crossing For A Cure, a long-distance paddle board challenge for cystic fibrosis (CF). The 75-mile adventure from the Bahamas to The Palm Beaches was completed on June 16 with 100 paddlers and 30 boats, raising almost $200,000! Organizers also announced the premiere of Epic Love, a film documenting the 2018 Crossing For A Cure. The screening is on August 16 at Cinepolis in Jupiter at 6:30pm. “It was amazing to see so many people come together to challenge themselves and each other,” said Travis Suit, Founder of Piper’s Angels in honor of his daughter, Piper, who was diagnosed with CF at the age of four. “I love watching people get excited about spreading the positive message of making the most out of circumstances we face.” The Foundation wants to make this one of the most prestigious paddle events in the world, generating large scale awareness for CF while attracting participants and spectators to The Palm Beaches. See more at crossingforacure.com.

CATCH UP WITH ON THE TOWN

A new season of the local lifestyle series On the Town in The Palm Beaches begins in September, but viewers can catch past episodes sooner. Produced by South Florida PBS and hosted by witty and spirited actor/producer Frank Licari, On the Town spotlights fun attractions and destinations throughout PBC. Previously featured communities include Delray Beach, Boynton Beach, Wellington, The Glades, Jupiter, Palm Beach Gardens and Boca Raton. Lake Worth will be featured when the third season premieres. “We’re excited to kick off another season of showcasing the diversity of Palm Beach County,” said Joyce Belloise, VP of Content and Community Partnerships. Starting Thursday, August 2, South Florida PBS station WPBT will air past episodes at 7:30pm. Sister station WXEL will air past episodes on Saturdays at 4:30pm beginning August 4. On the Town episodes are also available on-demand on ThePalmBeaches.TV.

BOATING SAFE IN THE PALM BEACHES

Boating in The Palm Beaches is a recreational activity great for any season. Forge Collaborative teamed up with the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) and the Carefree Boat Club to film a public service announcement (PSA) for the NSBC’s Safe Boating Campaign. NSBC and Forge Collaborative selected Lake Osbourne in John Prince Park as a picturesque backdrop to share the important message. The campaign promotes boat safety around the world, encouraging responsible choices like wearing life jackets (one of the simplest ways to ensure your own safety while enjoying the water). Palm Beach County features 47 miles of coastline and 125 miles of beautiful waterways, so there are countless spots in our region to practice safe boating techniques. Learn more at safeboatingcampaign.com.
FOCUS ON FILM

More than just a fancy catchphrase, Cinematic Arts combines the art of cinema with technical aspects of production. It’s the melding of practical applications such as editing, sound and lighting with the more subjective aspects like storytelling, character and theme. It’s the best of both worlds for students looking to join their creative inclinations with real job opportunities in film and television. Cinematic Arts programs have burst onto the scene in Palm Beach County with options for every student.

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LOCATION SPOTLIGHT
PALM BEACH COUNTY INLETS

Palm Beach County is home to four inlets connecting the Intra-coastal Waterway (ICW) to the Atlantic Ocean. Some of the gateways to the ocean are natural while others are glorious feats of engineering. All provide access and opportunity for visitors and locals to enjoy.

Boca Raton Inlet is the southern-most inlet with a jetty of rocks and concrete. The inlet connects Lake Boca and Lake Wyman to the north, and was featured in the action-packed opening scene of Baywatch.

South Lake Worth Inlet, also known as the Boynton Inlet, has a fishing platform off of its south side, while the north side has a sand transfer unit that offers an industrial backdrop with huge iron doors.

Lake Worth Inlet or the Palm Beach Inlet was cut to provide access from LW Lagoon and to keep the Port active as a shipping facility. PB Shores’ beautiful walkway on the north side of the inlet provides a great viewing area for boats and ships or for fashion photography.

Jupiter Inlet is a natural waterway connecting the Loxahatchee River, Jupiter Sound, Lake Worth Creek and ICW to the Atlantic Ocean. The Jupiter Lighthouse provides a wonderful focal point with its red exterior against the turquoise waters during the ebbing tide. It is crucial to remember that filming on waterways can be dangerous, and productions should always consult with the U.S. Coast Guard to ensure everyone’s safety. For more information, please visit pbfilm.com.

EDUCATION CORNER
BACK TO SCHOOL WITH CINEMATIC ARTS

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