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Burien to Host Film Office Launch Party May 14

Last Month, the City of Burien's Economic Development Division announced the creation of a new Film Office to support and promote its vibrant and growing film community. On May 14, the community will join with the City in officially launching the Office at the Tin Room Bar & Theater in Olde Burien. The event will consist of networking, a ribbon cutting, and a screening of the three winners of the recent Burien Film Festival, held on April 1.

"As we looked at Burien's emerging assets, its filmmaking community stood out as a unique opportunity for growth," said Dan Trimble, Burien's Economic Development Manager. "By raising awareness of our growing filmography, we hope to show our appreciation for those that have already found Burien to be an attractive location and let others know that we are a welcoming location for visual arts."

WHO: City of Burien, Tin Room Bar & Theater

WHAT: Launch Party & Networking Event

WHERE: Tin Room, 923 SW 152nd St in Olde Burien

WHEN: Thursday, May 14, 2015 – 5:00 to 7:00pm (program to begin at appx. 6:00pm)

The Creative Economy is alive and well in Burien, home to the Burien Actors Theatre, Hi-Liners Theater, Burien Arts Association, Moshier Arts Center, the B-Town Beat, and the Highline Performing Arts Center. Within Burien's borders lies the Puget Sound Skills Center, which houses programs like Fashion Design & Marketing, DigiPen Video Game Programming, and Broadcast Communications, and serving the greater Burien area is Highline College with even more great programs.

The City's Film Office aims to raise the profile of film in Burien and throughout our region by providing resources to filmmakers, actors, designers, and writers alike, such as: information on filming locations around town; streamlined permitting if site locations need to use public-right of way, etc.; connections to funding resources available through programs like Washington State's Motion Picture Incentive Program; region-wide promotional opportunities and resources; and connections to existing local talent. The Office can serve as a catalyst for filmmakers to reach out to actors and set-designers, for costume-designers to find screen writers, and so on. For more information, visit the Office's homepage at www.burienwa.gov/film.

The City of Burien is a vibrant and creative community, where the residents embrace diversity, celebrate arts and culture, promote vitality, and treasure the environment. For more information, visit www.burienwa.gov.

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