



**Georgia Production Partnership (GPP) to Host Mid-Georgia Regional Meeting in Macon
March 27th to Showcase Georgia Film Industry Opportunities**

Meeting to be held at Macon's Historic Douglass Theatre is presented by the
Georgia Film Office

ATLANTA, March 13, 2018 - As Georgia's booming film industry continues to break records; the Georgia Production Partnership (GPP), along with presenting sponsor, the Georgia Film Office, a division of the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDECD), will host the first of four regional meetings to showcase the opportunity the film industry brings to all of Georgia. This first meeting of 2018, will be for the mid-Georgia region, and will take place at Macon's historic, Douglass Theatre, on Tuesday, March 27th from 10:00–11:30am, located at 355 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Macon, GA 31201.

The meeting is open to members of the public including business owners, economic development representatives, students, and others to learn more about how Georgia communities (outside of Atlanta) are attracting film productions to their cities. Georgia business owners can learn how to utilize the film incentives in their own tax planning. Students are also invited to gain a better understanding of the opportunities their studies in established Middle Georgia film educational programs will give them in allowing them to live and work right here in Georgia.

The meeting will feature a panel of state and local industry experts discussing their role and successes in the Georgia film industry. For more information on each panelist's topic, go to the GPP Mid-Georgia Regional meeting event page at bit.ly/2to8AAG.

Panelists Scheduled to Attend:

Craig Dominey, Manager of Camera Ready Georgia

Dodd Vickers, a well-known Location Manager

Kathy Oxford, Executive Director of the Barnesville-Lamar Industrial Development Authority

Niki Sappington, City of Barnesville Director of Community Development

Peter Stathopoulos, Partner with Bennett Thrasher and Head of Entertainment practice

Pre-registration for the meeting is required. The cost is \$10 for all non GPP members. (free to GPP members) Deadline to register is Sunday, March 25th at Midnight. Attendees can register at: bit.ly/2to8AAG.

About GPP

The Georgia Production Partnership (GPP) is a 501c6 nonprofit coalition of companies and individuals who are active in the state's film, television, music and digital entertainment industries. Since 1995 our top priority has been to protect the production tax incentive and strengthen our industry. GPP's mission is to:

- Engage the community to protect the tax incentive;
- Activate individuals through activities to advance all parts of the industry; and
- Educate the Georgia workforce to strengthen and grow the industry.



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About GDEcD

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDECD) is the state's sales and marketing arm, the lead agency for attracting new business investment, encouraging the expansion of existing industry and small businesses, locating new markets for Georgia products, attracting tourists to Georgia, and promoting the state as a destination for arts events and location for film, music and digital entertainment projects, as well as planning and mobilizing state resources for economic development. www.georgia.org

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