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Ohio: the Hollywood of the Midwest

Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit spurs active film industry

Ohio is quickly becoming the tinsel town of the Midwest. Today is the release of *Bad Grandpa* from Johnny Knoxville which was filmed around central and northeast Ohio. The Greater Cleveland Film Commission has announced that Katherine Heigl and Tom Wilkinson will star in the upcoming film *Jenny's Wedding*, which begins shooting in Cleveland Monday. Both films will receive a state Motion Picture Tax Credit.



"Ohio is on a roll, bringing major film productions to Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus and towns around the state such as *Jenny's Wedding*, *Draft Day*, *Captain American*, *Bad Grandpa*, *Johnny Longshot* and more," said David Goodman, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency which administers the Motion Picture Tax Credit. "Producers have told me a state won't be considered for filming if they don't have a tax credit."

"Film Columbus (Greater Columbus Film Commission) was happy to host and assist *Bad Grandpa's* production in Columbus and Central Ohio," said Thomas McClure, executive director of Film Columbus. "Before leaving, the production team expressed how easy it was to work in Columbus and how they loved our Capital City and our crew base. They even asked some of our local professionals to work on other projects with them."

Johnny Longshot from Emilio Estevez is currently in production in Cincinnati and will receive a Motion Picture Tax Credit. Estevez, a major supporter of Ohio film-making, stars and directs the movie about an aging jockey making a comeback as a harness-racing driver.



The Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit provides a 35 percent credit for the Ohio jobs that come from hiring cast and crew. All other eligible Ohio production spending credited at 25 percent.



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The production companies will only receive the tax credit after filming is complete. For more information, visit www.ohiofilloffice.com.

For local film information related to the above projects and more, visit the websites for the Greater Columbus Film Commission, the Greater Cleveland Film Commission and the Greater Cincinnati Film Commission.

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