

### The Ansonia Spotlight is on Their Sponsors!

This is a release from the Ansonia Theatre: It's sponsorship time again at the Ansonia Theatre, but before we get started we have to recognize our devoted sponsors. We know you hear us say, "We couldn't do all we do without you," but it's 100% true!!



All the lives you help enrich by bringing the arts into our community, giving actors a chance to express themselves, and giving patrons an escape from this crazy world for just a little while - it's all because of YOU!! This list doesn't include ALL the people who help in ways big and little behind the scenes. To all of you, THANK YOU from the bottoms of our hearts!

And now, we are proud to say, "2022-2023 Sponsors, we LOVE YOU!!! The Spotlight is on YOU!!!!"

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If you'd like to add your name to this list, or become a new sponsor, reach out to Beth or Tommy at 704.694.4950.

### Dates Set for 2022 Anson Ag Expo & Fair

This is a release from Roshunda Terry, County Extension Director: Mark your calendars for the weekend of September 23-24, the dates for this year's Anson Ag Expo & Fair. The event's planning committee has started meeting to prepare for traditional and new fall festivities.

The annual 4-H Youth Livestock Show will be hosted by the Anson Cattlemen's Association and be held at 2385 Little Creek Road in Ansonville on Saturday, August 27. The Ag Fair will be held at the Extension Center in Wadesboro on Saturday, September 24. This year we will be having the Family Fall Fest on the square in Wadesboro and West Wade Street on Friday night, September 23 from 6 until 8 p.m.

The Family Fall Fest will feature fall and agriculture themed relays and competitions for kids, face painting, food trucks, games for small children and more. Come out and enjoy an evening of family fun and entertainment.

The 4-H Youth Livestock Show will begin at 10:00 a.m. The Ag Fair will be open to the public on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in Wadesboro.

Be on the lookout for more information to come, including schedules, fair book release, and much more. Come out and join the fun, and help us celebrate agriculture in Anson.

### Five New Projects Approved for NC Film & Entertainment Grants

Five new television and film projects are approved to receive North Carolina Film and Entertainment Grant funds, Governor Roy Cooper announced recently. Combined, these projects are expected to produce direct in-state spending of \$107 million while creating more than 4,900 job opportunities in the state.

"We've worked tirelessly to get the film industry going again in North Carolina and we're succeeding," said Governor Cooper. "Film, television and digital streaming projects here mean more money and jobs for North Carolinians."

The first awardee, "Providence" is an independent feature film about the unexpected consequences that arise when a veteran police officer tries to cover up a mistake made by their rookie trainee. The production is approved for a rebate of up to \$1.75 million, with production being completed in Brunswick and New Hanover counties.

The series, "Hightown" returns to southeast North Carolina for its third season, continuing its storyline about a Massachusetts Fisheries Enforcement Officer whose journey to sobriety is overshadowed by a murder investigation. Based out of EUE/Screen Gems Studios in Wilmington, production is also already underway, with filming continuing through July. The Starz series from Lionsgate Television has been approved for a film and entertainment grant award of \$10 million.

The next grant recipient is "AGB and Her Monster," a feature-length film approved for a rebate of \$600,000. The project will shoot in the greater Charlotte area and is told through the eyes of an African American teenage girl who constructs a monster to combat injustices in her neighborhood. The production is a modern story inspired by the classic tale, "Frankenstein".

"The Summer I Turned Pretty" is a recently released Amazon Prime Video series that will return to southeastern North Carolina later this year for its second production season. Hailing from wiip in association with Amazon Studios, season 2 of the series has been approved for a grant award of \$13.6 million.

Another made-for-Hallmark feature, "To Her with Love," is approved for a grant award of \$975,000 for filming scheduled in and around Rowan and Mecklenburg counties. The made-for-tv/streaming movie will tell the story of a young teacher who secures a job at her former high school and is given free rein to design and head up the arts program. Though she's still hoping to win a grant to teach in London the following year, the kids at the school win her over, and all her future plans suddenly come into question as program funding may be cut by the school board.

These awardees join previously announced projects, "George and Tammy," an event series for Spectrum Originals and Paramount+; "Something Here," a country music-inspired feature film; and "The Other Zoey," a comedy about a co-ed whose life is turned upside down when the most popular guy on campus gets amnesia and mistakes her for his girlfriend. In addition to these projects, North Carolina also welcomed productions this year for several travel shows, local projects including feature films "A Little Prayer" and "A Song for Imogene," and the new reality series, "Austin Dillon's Life in the Fast Lane."

"Following an amazing 2021, which saw productions spend more than \$416 million in North Carolina, we are excited to see the momentum continue with these projects in 2022," said North Carolina Film Office Director Guy Gaster. "Our industry continues to grow and we expect 2022 to be another successful year, resulting in well-paying job opportunities for film professionals in our state as well as millions of dollars being spent with local businesses and suppliers."

The North Carolina Film and Entertainment Grant provides financial assistance to attract feature film and television productions that will stimulate economic activity and create jobs in the state. Production companies receive no money up front and must meet direct in-state spending requirements to qualify for grant funds, which are paid out following the completion of the project and a successful audit. The program is administered by the N.C. Department of Commerce and promoted by the North Carolina Film Office, part of VisitNC and the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina.

### Funny, Random & Weird Holidays this Week

- July 14 Thursday - Pandemonium Day
- July 15 Friday - Gummi Worm Day
- July 16 Saturday - Corn Fritters Day
- July 17 Sunday - Yellow Pig Day & Emoji Day & Ice Cream Day
- July 18 Monday - Insurance Nerd Day & Caviar Day
- July 19 Tuesday - Stick Out Your Tongue Day
- July 20 Wednesday - Space Exploration Day
- July 21 Thursday - Junk Food Day

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