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The Minnesota Film & TV Board builds and promotes the state's moving image industry as a force for economic growth.

**What We Do:**

Attract production to Minnesota through the [Snowbate](#) incentive program, a 15 to 20% rebate on eligible Minnesota expenditures.

Market

Minnesota's extensive talent and crew base and production infrastructure in the [online Minnesota Production Guide](#).

Facilitate

production with location and scouting services and crew, equipment and permitting referrals.

Maintain an extensive statewide digital location [photo database](#).

Develop and sustain relationships with independent producers and location decision-makers at major studios and networks nationwide.

**SOUND UNSEEN 12**

October 12-16, 2011

Named "Best of the Fests" from Minneapolis-St. Paul Magazine's annual "Best of the Twin Cities 2010," Sound Unseen is proud to present its 12th year uniting music, art and film lovers. Featuring 10 films screened at the Ritz Theater and Trylon Microcinema, parties and musical acts at venues around the Twin Cities, Sound Unseen offers something for everyone.

For tickets, schedules and events visit their [website](#) or like them on [Facebook](#)!

UPCOMING PRODUCTION GUIDE CHANGES

Improvements to the Production Guide will take effect in January. They include a major change to our pricing structure (you'll like it) and increasing user interaction. Some changes to the format have already taken place, so take a [look](#), and [let us know](#) your comments on all things production guide **by October 10th!**

**Production Guide Fun Fact:**

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SPOTLIGHT MN PRODUCTION GUIDE: FUSE ANIMATION

[Demo Reel](#)
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Who?

Chris Korn, Animator/Visual Effects Artist at Fuse Animation, with a background in special make-up/creature fx.

What?

The six full-time team members at Fuse Animation create motion graphics, Virtual photography™, animation and visual effects for print, web, TV and film. This includes everything from Virtual photography™ (photo real illustrations), technical animations (taking a product apart to show how it works), all the way up to character animation/visual effects for TV and film.

Where?

800 N. Washington Avenue Suite 902
Minneapolis, MN 55401
<http://www.fuseanimation.com>
612.886.3502

When?

Since 2001, Fuse has produced unforgettable 3D animation, illustration and visual effects for the advertising, television, film and design industries.

Why?

"I know for a fact that there are films being made right now in this area that could use our skills, even invisible effects that most don't even think about like set extensions or object removal. Say you have a film that takes place in the forties and you need to replace a modern building with one that fits the time, removing a cell phone tower, sky replacement, etc. We can do that."

How?

We're slowly starting to get our name around, but not as fast as we'd like, especially within the film and TV community. Fuse is here, letting people know that high level visual effects are not out of their reach, and that we're ready to help make their productions that much closer to what's in their heads."



ON LOCATION: Regional Treatment Center, Fergus Falls, MN.

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About the Regional Treatment Center:

The crown jewel of Fergus Falls is the **Regional Treatment Center** (RTC). Once a State Hospital, this castle-like historic structure was built in the 1890s and is one of the few remaining complete examples of a Thomas Kirkbride-designed psychiatric hospital. Recently abandoned by the State of Minnesota, it is owned by the City of Fergus Falls and awaiting reuse and redevelopment. Sitting atop a hill, the eight-story brick tower is capped by a red tile roof. Two wings of patient rooms run east and west from the tower. The main building is about 1,600 feet long and at one time housed as many as 2,000 mentally-ill patients. For more photos interior and exterior please visit [MN Film TV's Location Database](#).

Fergus Falls Features:

Fergus Falls is a quiet rural Minnesota community ideal for filmmaking. Easily accessible by I-94 we are only 2 ½ hours from Minneapolis St. Paul. With a population of nearly 14,000, a "quaint" historic main street and a variety of natural environments (lakes, rivers, hills, prairies, forests) outdoor shooting can cover the gamut. Spaces for internal production as well as many beautiful and historic buildings lend themselves nicely for movie-making. Home to the Lake Region Arts Council, A Center for the Arts and many galleries, Fergus Falls is a thriving arts community with people and resources that support the film industry.

Fergus Falls has an FBO airport and welcomes private air traffic as needed by the production company. Also, hotels, restaurants and

local businesses will welcome cast and crew – happy to have you in our community.

Jean Bowman, Fergus Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau, welcomes queries and can arrange for tours of Fergus Falls, provide photographs and help navigate approvals and infrastructure requests as needed. Call her at 800-726-8959 or e-mail jeanbowman@visitfergusfalls.com.

ON LOCATION is a new section of the newsletter featuring Minnesota. Hear about locations from the people that know them best and learn firsthand what the great state of Minnesota has to offer the production community.



MN HAPPENINGS:

[Cinequipt Community Garage Sale II](#) is happening on Thursday, **October 6th from 10-3pm**. MN Film TV will be serving up grilled delights! Have stuff to sell? Contact [Cinequipt](#). Wanna buy, peruse and eat some lunch? Sweet! Just don't forget your wallet.

Things on the Big Screen:

Walker Art Center presents, ***Richard Linklater: A Day in the Life, Film Series***. Now through **October 14th**. \$8.00.

[McNally Smith College of Music](#) presents, ***First Avenue Hay Day***, a film by Rick Fuller, with a Q & A to follow. Tuesday, **October 4th**, at 6pm. Free

[MNUneearthed presents](#), a series of outstanding MN made films. This month features an incredible MN made existential sci-fi film, ***Bits*** shown with ***Oh Contrary***, at the Trylon Microcinema on Wednesday, **October 5th**, at 7pm. Tickets \$8.00

Restraining Hollywood & Diviney Pictures present, the premiere of ***Potpourri*** at the Riverview Theater on Thursday, **October 6th**, at 6:30pm. Tickets \$5.00

[20th Annual AICP Show](#), Monday **October 10th**, 5:30-10:00pm. Show at 7:00pm. Tickets at the door: \$60.00

Thin Ice (formerly '***The Convincer***') will have a "Special Screening" in MN at the Walker Art Center on **October 12th** at 7:30pm courtesy of ATO Pictures.

[Sound Unseen](#) unites film, music and art lovers **October 12-16**.

[Flyway Film Festival](#) takes place **October 20-23**, in Pepin &

Stockholm, WI. Check out the [WI/MN Showcase!](#)

[The Edina Film Festival](#) presents its inaugural year, starting **October 20-22** at the Landmark Edina Theater on 50th & France Ave.

For details on other and future screenings and festivals in MN visit [FILMind](#), a group that strives to raise the awareness of MN film programs and to encourage critical discourse about cinema through connections to the blogging and academic communities.

Things to Apply for:

[Tribeca Film Institute's Feature Programs](#) are currently open!
Deadline: October 10, 2011

[Underground Film Festival Call for Entries!](#) **Deadline Oct. 21**

Things to Cheer for:

Congratulations to all who won an [Upper Midwest Emmy](#). We are honored to support a creative and vibrant group of talented individuals in the [Minnesota Production Industry](#). Thank you for all your work!

[Explore MN Tourism's 'More to Explore'](#) television ad, created by [Colle+McVoy](#), was awarded the 2011 Mercury Award by the U.S. Travel Association.

Twin Cities Film Fest wrapped its second annual film festival! For awards and more information visit their [website](#).

For casting calls, events, jobs and calls for entry please visit the [HOTLINE](#).

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