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STATEWIDE LAUNCH OF FILM TRAINING PROGRAM  
ANNOUNCED

HOLLAND, Mich— Beginning September 22 – October 3, TicTock Studios' Basic Film Training Program will be launched in Wayne County at Henry Ford Community College. Although this is the third session of the Basic Film Course, it is the first time it is being offered on the eastside of the state. "Our training classes have been extremely popular in Western Michigan, so we're thrilled to be able to offer them in other regions," said TicTock Studios CEO Hopwood DePree. The pilot programs have received national attention and are being taught by Jeffrey Stott, former Executive Vice President of Castle Rock Entertainment and Producer of many hit films, recently including "*The Bucket List*", starring Jack Nicholson.

"The expansion of this program to the Detroit area is the next step in our goal to grow the program to other areas of Michigan, including Lansing and Traverse City," said Dori DePree, Head of Educational Outreach at TicTock Studios.

Other modules that TicTock Studios provides to teach entry-level film crew skills include Grip and Electrical. All modules of the TicTock Film Training Program are designed to teach students the skills, culture, and vocabulary necessary for an entry level position on a film

set, and are being taught by industry professionals that are currently active in the Hollywood film community.

The program is state approved and works closely with Michigan Works! to help out-of-work or underemployed Michiganders learn how to take existing skill sets and move them laterally into the growing film industry in our state. Individuals eligible for the Governor's No Worker Left Behind (NWLB) program may be qualified for funding to participate in the film training program.

"We're trying to extend this training to as many people as we can in order to build a stronger crew base for the developing Michigan film industry," continued Ms. DePree, noting new state tax incentives are expected to bring dozens of new film projects to Michigan over the next six months.

TicTock Studios has been working with Grand Rapids Community College Lakeshore Campus in Holland to pilot the series of film courses. The two-week Basic Film Set Training course is being offered again starting on October 6 in the Holland area, followed by the grip technician course and the new electrical module.

For more information and to register for the courses go online to [www.GRCClearn.com](http://www.GRCClearn.com) and click on "Film Production".

TicTock Studios is a West Michigan-based production company with offices in Los Angeles. The corporate headquarters in Holland, Michigan were founded to attract more film and television production to Michigan by providing film financing, development, and production support. For more information visit [www.TicTockStudios.com](http://www.TicTockStudios.com)

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