

STORYBOARD

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VPA Hosts Annual Barbecue on John Adams Backlot August 2



The [Virginia Production Alliance](#) is hosting its THIRD ANNUAL summer barbecue! This year the popular VPA event will be held on the backlot set for the HBO mini-series *John Adams*. It is located near Richmond and, for those who have never been to the backlot, it's an impressive experience. For anyone who worked on the mini-series, it's a chance to come and share your memories of the shoot! It'll be a time to relax, socialize, see old friends, make new ones and just have fun. The event will begin at 3:00 p.m. and will feature picnic food, soft drinks and all the fixings including vegetarian options. There will be games, VPA hats and t-shirts on sale and a raffle to help raise funds for VPA initiatives.

The event is free for VPA members and children 10 and under and \$10 for non-members. VPA members are each entitled to one free guest pass. Corporate members receive three free admissions and three free guest passes. VPA memberships will be available for purchase at the door.

All those who RSVP that they will be attending will receive email directions to the backlot **the week before the event**. To RSVP email events@filmva.com and include your name, phone number and the number of people attending.

The VPA is also looking for volunteers to help Friday, August 1 to get the backlot ready for the party or to work Saturday August 2 at the barbecue with set up or clean up. If you have some time to lend a hand, email Kimberly Brown at 1brownmuse@gmail.com. All volunteers will receive one free pass to the barbecue!

48 Hour Film Project Screening in Richmond - July 26

Richmond area filmmakers worked hard the weekend of July 18 - 20 to complete their short films for the [48 Hour Film Project](#). The last few minutes before the deadline saw filmmakers, operating on little sleep and lots of adrenaline, rushing to get their films in on time. Everyone is invited to come and see the final products submitted by teams who worked day and night to complete their work. Thirty-five short films will be screened in three groups at 11:00 am, 1:30 pm and 4:00 pm at the [Byrd Theatre](#), 2980 W. Cary Street, followed by a wrap party at the New York Deli, 2920 West Cary Street. Tickets to each screening group are \$7.00. and an all-day pass is only \$12.00. Visit the [48-Hour Film Project](#) website for a complete list of participants and screening schedule.

Mid Atlantic Black Film Festival Pitch-a-thon Deadline August 1

The [Mid Atlantic Black Film Festival](#) (MABFF) is now accepting submissions for the [2008 Pitch-a-thon](#), a forum for helping to fine-tune creative pitches to industry executives. Up to ten participants will be pre-screened and selected to pitch their project concepts and/or script ideas to a panel of seasoned industry professionals who will provide valuable insights on successful pitches as well as how to avoid common industry pitfalls. The panel will take place on Saturday August 23, 2008 as part of the Festival in conjunction with the 4th annual Virginia Black Expo '08. The Festival recently announced that BET Television is its newest sponsor and that the Festival will open with the powerful drama *Prince Among Thieves* at the [Attucks Theatre](#) in Norfolk. on August 21. Visit the [Festival website](#) for information.

Virginia Is Honored with Emmy Noms

Congratulations to everyone involved with the [John Adams](#) mini-series that shot in Virginia last year, particularly Virginians David Crank and Jay Meagher. The mini-series was nominated for 23 Emmy awards including best series, director, actor, actress, cinematography, art direction, casting, hair, costumes, make-up, visual effects, and editing. Visit HBO.com for a complete list of nominees.

Congratulations to Virginian Vince Gilligan for his new hit AMC series [Breaking Bad](#) which received four Emmy nominations. Vince created and is the executive producer for the series and was nominated as best director for the pilot.

**John dams backlot near Richmond
Kent Eanes, Photographer.**