

IN PRODUCTION

The Wannabes, a comedy sitcom following six performing art school tweens who “wanna be” pop stars, even if it means they have to dress up like fruit and rock out in a local café. The show was created by Doreen Spicer and directed by Eric Dean Seaton. The six stars of the series are from the pop recording group, Savvy. Filming for the series has taken place primarily at Parker High School in Howell, Michigan.



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WANTED: YOUR LOCATIONS

We are interested in seeing everything from your charming tree-lit small town main street to the bustling slushy sidewalks of a big city. We would like to see photos of everything from your kid's local shinny hockey pond to your town's most feared sledding hill, from your freshly groomed black diamond ski hills to your full scale snowboarding half pipe. Do you live near a lake littered with ice fishing shanties?

We want to see it. Is there a unique drive-up snow mobile watering hole you're aware of? We want to see it.

Please share photos of anything and everything you can think of that makes Michigan our own personal winter wonderland. To upload photos, please visit the **Michigan Film Office** website. If you have any questions, please contact one of our location scouts, Mike Grabemeyer at 517.373.8680, or Tony Garcia at 517.373.0239.

MFOAC NOTICES

The Michigan Film Office Advisory Council met on Friday, January 29, in Ann Arbor at the University of Michigan Union. Minutes from the meeting are now available [here](#).

If you have any questions or information you would like to see in future newsletters, please feel free to e-mail Jackie Wressell at wressellj@michigan.org or call us at 800.477.3456. We hope to issue an updated newsletter on a bi-monthly basis.

COMING SOON



Whip It, directed by and starring Drew Barrymore along with Ellen Page, is newly released on DVD.



American Virgin, starring Rob Schneider and Jenna Dewan, is also now available on DVD from Echo Bridge Entertainment.



Annabelle and Bear, a story of a man who finds himself suddenly thrust into fatherhood, and the unexpected journey that leads him to discover the life altering love found in the heart of his little girl, will premiere on February 20, 2010, at the Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit, Michigan. All proceeds from the benefit will go to the Starfish Family Services. The project was completed by the Royal Oak-based production company, Radish Creative Group.

SUCCESS STORIES

DeSantis Trucking, Warren

Long time independent trash hauling company entered the film business providing an old ratty dumpster first as a prop for the pilot episode of HBO's *Hung* and then for actual trash hauling needed by the production. The company's longtime standard of immediate, personal service was a perfect match for film needs as positive word-of-mouth soon led to many projects including *Red Dawn*, *Highland Park* and *The Irishman*.

Vintage Vogue, Pleasant Ridge

Opened the day after Christmas 2008 as a temporary estate sale business. Starting with one employee, a steady flow of foot traffic soon arrived including a few Hollywood set designers from area film shoots. Word of their satisfaction spread quickly, and owner Steve Humphreys suddenly was scrounging every vintage prop or furniture piece he could find from the 1980s and earlier. Inventory now includes seven racks of clothes, as well as antiques, modern and Art Deco furniture, vintage appliances, light fixtures, jewelry, art glass, plus anything of Lucite, chrome and vintage plastic.

Business has expanded from the original 5,000 sq. ft. showroom on Woodward to an additional 3,000 sq. ft. warehouse nearby, while Humphreys continually does due diligence researching the industry. Clientele now includes top set designers, with recent kudos coming from Emmy award winner Rob Wilson (*Breaking Bad*) working on the upcoming Lifetime film *Secrets in the Walls*.

DON'T FORGET

The Film Office will be closed for the President's Day holiday on Monday, February 15.