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# SCHEDULE

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 29 – PRE-CONFERENCE DAY

12:00 PM - 3:45 PM

**REGISTRATION OPENS FOR  
EARLY ARRIVALS**  
Registration West

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**ICVM BOARD MEETING – BOARD &  
STAFF & INVITED GUESTS**  
Marathon Hospitality Suite

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**ICVM EARLY ARRIVALS SOCIAL**  
**Key West Roof Terrace**  
Come meet the other early arrivals,  
many from overseas. Great snacks and  
coffee provided. *Sponsor: Arise Builds,  
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# PRAYER ROOM TIMES

**DAY 1 - (WED 9/30)** - 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**DAY 2 - (THURS 10/1)** - 10:00 AM - 12 PM; 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**DAY 3 - (FRI 10/2)** - 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM; 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

**DAY 4 - (SAT 10/3)** - 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

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# WED. SEPT. 30 – DAY ONE

12:00 PM – 12:45 PM

## FIRST TIMERS MEET-UP

### Palms ABC

Great for first-timers or old-timers to learn how to make the most of the conference!

1:00 PM – 3:50 PM

## KEEP IT REEL SHOWCASE - PART 1

### Palms ABC

This is one big reason they call ICVM 'network central!' You get up to 3 minutes to show a trailer or reel, or get up and talk about what you're doing – or both! But slots are limited, so sign up online! Be on-stage, or in the audience, and find people or projects you want to be involved with. BUT if you're late, you lose your slot; and when your 3 minutes ends, LEAVE THE STAGE! (Must sign up and submit your video in advance of conference!)

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM



## MEET THE SCREENWRITER: A FIRESIDE CHAT W/ RICHARD RAMSEY, 'DRUMMER BOY'

### Palms ABC

Richard L. Ramsey, the writer of 'Drummer Boy' (tonight's screening!), Co-Director/Writer of 'Unsung Hero' and Director/Writer of 'The Song' movie, shares his journey and advice on the faith-based film world, and writing and directing for it.

5:00 PM – 6:45 PM



## DINNER - Sponsored by Ocean Avenue Entertainment OPENING NIGHT KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DAN RUPPLE

### Palms DEFG

Dan Ruppel brings more than 50 years of media experience to set the tone for ICVM's 54th year. A respected producer, writer, and speaker, Dan has worked

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

across television, digital programming, comedy, and faith-based media leadership. At CBS, Dan served as supervising producer for *The Price Is Right*, *The Late Show with David Letterman*, and many other iconic programs. He began his career as a founding member of the pioneer Christian comedy team Isaac Air Freight. Today, Dan is CEO of Mastermedia International, where he serves as a trusted Christian presence within the mainstream global media industry and regularly consults with leading media executives and influencers. His upcoming book is titled “Glimpses: Viewing the Media Through the Lens of Faith.” And yes – he was the first man to walk on the moon... in flip flops.

**ICVM MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A quick update on where we stand, and a vote if anything requires it!**

**OPENING NIGHT AT THE MOVIES!  
(in Hotel) ADVANCE-SCREENING OF  
ANGEL STUDIO'S 'DRUMMER BOY'  
Palms ABC**

An epic musical from 'For King and Country's Ben and Joel David Smallbone, the story tells of two brothers driven onto opposite sides of the American Revolutionary War. With love, loyalty, and family caught in the crossfire, each must decide who he will become, as the fight for freedom turns into a deeply personal battle for forgiveness.

*Q&A after with Screenwriter  
Richard Ramsey!*

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# DRUMMER BOY

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ANGEL

ADVANCE SCREENING

## DRUMMER BOY

Wednesday, September 30  
7:00-9:00 PM

Embassy Suites by Hilton  
Orlando Lake Buena Vista South  
Meeting Room: Palms ABC

Q&A TO FOLLOW WITH

**Richard Ramsey**

Writer, Drummer Boy

**Kelly Shelton**

VP, Marketing

**Jared Geesey**

Executive VP, International

# THURS. OCT. 1 – DAY TWO

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

## WORSHIP & DEVOTION

### Palms ABC

What better way to start the day than gathering to praise our God joyfully. Join Nick Coetzee as he leads music you can sing along to, and Tim Mahoney as he brings us a Gospel-based message guaranteed to get you thinking...

10:00 AM – 11:45 AM

## PRAYER ROOM OPEN

### Magnolia A

Hope Studios is bringing an experiential prayer room which will be a blessing to you. Stop by whenever they are open if you have a prayer request, or desire to pray for others... and you will likely leave with much more than the prayer you entered for.

10:00 AM – 11:45 AM

## KEEP IT REEL SHOWCASE – Part 2

### Palms ABC

The fun & networking continues with attendees sharing their projects and lives in 3 minutes! Show a trailer or reel or get up and talk about what you're doing – or both! If you're not on-stage, be in the audience to find people or projects you want to be involved with. But if you're late, you lose your slot; and when your 3 minutes ends, LEAVE THE STAGE! (Must sign up and submit your video in advance of conference!)

12:00 PM – 1:45 PM



## LUNCH -Sponsored by Living Scriptures+

### Palms DEFG

**FIRESIDE CHAT: JOHN HELMS, VFX Specialist** – Dominic Carola hosts a personal talk with John Helms, the VFX supervisor and digital artist on films like MEN IN BLACK, PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END, STAR WARS: EPSIODE III –

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*Nick Coetzee*  
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2:00 PM – 3:50 PM



REVENGE OF THE SITH, SOUL ON FIRE, & REAGAN. With examples, John will show how AI integrated into existing film-making processes will reduce costs and produce a better product. He'll show you AI doesn't replace original filmmaking; it enhances. Filmmakers who love Jesus can use AI as a tool to compete in a market that has already been using AI for years. It's just a new tool.

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ASH GREYSON**

Ash Greyson is considered one of the top media entrepreneurs and marketing strategists with 20+ years of experience building and launching some of the most successful film campaigns in recent history. He will take us through the 'AI vs. Faith' struggle and how it affects producing, distribution, and marketing. You need to hear what he has to say.

### **ICVM INVESTORS SHOWCASE**

Palms ABC

PANELISTS:

Ed Pearce, Investor, President,  
Lions Den DFW

Chantelle Price, Investor, 'Invest Like a Mother'

Roger Lindley, Producer/Investor

Our popular Shark-Tank-like event that brings savvy investors together to take film-related business proposals for new projects or expansion. Three companies will present their detailed vision, and then the panel will tell them what works and what doesn't -- while we in the audience learn just what investors seek to trigger their 'yes' or 'no'.

### **INVESTORS PANEL**

Ed Pearce, CEO, Founder, LION'S DEN  
DFW



The Lion's Den DFW fuels transformative entrepreneurship connecting Christ-centered investors and entrepreneurs. Their two-day annual conference & pitch competition will be March 31-April 1, 2027, with about 1,000 Christian investors attending.

### **Chantelle Price, Founder, Chief Village Builder, INVEST LIKE A MOTHER**

**Chantelle Price** is an investor, 2X founder, and former Silicon Valley Venture Capital executive who has sat on every side of the investment table—as an investor, capital raiser, founder, operator, and advisor. Over her career, she has helped raise more than \$100 million in capital from pre-seed to pre-IPO spanning nearly 150 startup investments. Her work is increasingly focused on values-aligned and redemptive media, technology, & entertainment.

### **Roger Lindley - HEARTSTRINGS MEDIA / PROFOUND STUDIOS**

**Roger Lindley** is the CEO of Profound Studios and HMC Media Holdings, where he leads the development, financing, production, and distribution strategy of values-driven film and media assets. With hands-on experience across film development, capital structuring, production oversight, and investor strategy, he's at the intersection of storytelling, finance, and cultural impact.

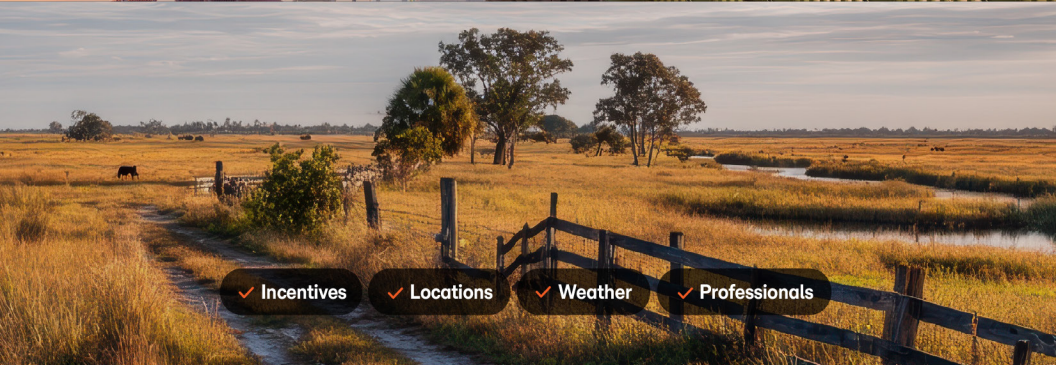
### **A CONVERSATION WITH... CHANTELLE PRICE**

Chantelle will chat with a host about the difficult path to investment in media and film, and why it's that way.

**Q & A WITH THE INVESTOR PANEL**  
**Ed Pearce, Chantelle Price & Roger Lindley** will answer YOUR questions about filmmaking and investing!



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4:00 PM – 4:45 PM



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## WORKSHOP – EFFECTIVE PITCHING

### Palms ABC

Join top screenwriters **Cheryl McKay Price & Bob Saenz** on one of the hardest disciplines in screenwriting: the verbal pitch. It needs to be short, sweet, and convey exactly what your project is, in a way that gets the listener to want to know more and ultimately be excited to read your script. We'll listen to some pitches in front of the group and give our thoughts on improvement, style, and effectiveness so everyone can learn from it. We'll give our tips and strategies from our own years of experience giving pitches ourselves. Then we'll open the floor for any screenwriting questions you have for us. Just in time for tomorrow's SCRIPT & STORY PITCH-A-THON!

## SEMINAR – DISTRIBUTION

### The Biblical ROI Equation: How To Multiply Your Content's Impact & Profitability

#### Magnolia B

With **JOSH CARPENTER**, Global Content -- Most filmmakers know how to make films. Far fewer know how to distribute those films strategically, reach the right audiences, and maximize the return on the resources God has entrusted to them. Josh brings you The Biblical ROI Equation -- You'll leave equipped with a biblical blueprint to evaluate opportunities, identify the right audiences and platforms, reduce distribution friction, expand your reach, and increase both Kingdom impact and project profitability.

5:00 PM – 6:45 PM



7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

## **DINNER (Sponsored by Come and See Foundation & 'The Chosen')**

### **Palms DEFG**

**SPEAKER: Stan Jantz** -- We all love Dallas Jenkins & THE CHOSEN series – Now get an inside look at how it is reaching the entire world from Stan Jantz, the founding CEO and Global Ambassador of Come and See Foundation. Tonight he'll update us on the progress, and what's next, with THE CHOSEN as it is rapidly covering the globe as it's being translated into over over 125 languages, with changed lives at every stop..

**FIRESIDE CHAT: Tyler Thompson**, the Co-Writer and Executive Producer of THE CHOSEN series and the upcoming THE CHOSEN movie, will share inside details on wrapping up the 6th and 7th seasons of the hit series, and share what's next! Stan Jantz will moderate the chat. The series returns for its 6th season on November 15, 2026 on Prime Video, culminating in the worldwide theatrical rollout of the feature film The Chosen Crucifixion beginning March 12, 2027, which Tyler co-wrote and executive produced. He also wrote ten monologues featured in The Chosen's three Christmas specials and serves as an executive producer on the forthcoming Amazon MGM Studios limited series Joseph of Egypt.

## **THE CHOSEN SPECIAL SCREENING**

You're in for a real treat! Afterward, Tyler Thompson and Stan Jantz will do a Q&A! Ask and learn from the best!



THE CHOSEN  
SEASON 6

# FRI. OCT. 2 – DAY THREE

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

## WORSHIP & DEVOTIONAL

### Palms ABC

What better way to start the day than gathering to lift a joyful noise to the Lord! Join **Nick Coetzee** as he leads us in songs of worship. **Robert LaCosta**, author of the new book, **PORTALS TO HEAVEN**, based on his daily devotional series, will deliver a personal devotion for us all.

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

## PRAYER ROOM OPEN

### Magnolia A

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM



## WORKSHOP: Re-Launch Your Indie Film PROFITABLY!

### Magnolia C

Writer/Director/Producer/Stuntman **Ian Max Eyre**, with 130+ credits, will show you your movie doesn't have to disappear when the credits roll. Learn a practical 3-step approach to re-launching your indie film, reconnecting with audiences, and creating new opportunities for revenue. Discover how to turn a finished film into a shared experience that brings people together and gives your movie a second life. Ian's also a Producers Guild of America Diversity Fellow and SAG Award-nominated stunt professional. Through [IndieFilmROI.com](http://IndieFilmROI.com), Ian explores new ways for independent filmmakers to Gather. Share. Belong.

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM



## MEDIASPHERE FOCUS: AFRICA'S ALIVE WITH FAITH FILMS!

### Palms DEFG

Join this panel discussion with African Christian film leaders about the exciting growth they are experiencing, and how ICVM in helping to further encourage, educate, and inspire them to do more as

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

we 'connect continents'. Panelists: **Rex Nwakamma, Joy Odafe, Bright Wonder Obasi**, host **Marc Harper**.

### **SCRIPT & STORY PITCH-A-THON**

**Distributors: Palms ABC**

**Attendees Pitching: Magnolia Room B**

**GOT A SCRIPT?** This is where you need to be! You get 5 minutes one-on-one to pitch to each distributor, producer or network you choose. Get feedback, and maybe more – but you will walk away with relationships with key people in the industry! Must sign up in advance for slots!

### **Companies Taking Pitches (more to come):**

BOBBY DOWNES PRODUCTIONS – Bobby Downes

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AMERICAN CINEMA INSPIRES – Chevonne O'Shaughnessy

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1:00 PM – 2:45 PM



3:00 PM – 5:30 PM



3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

## **SEMINAR: GETTING STARTED IN VOICE ACTING**

**Magnolia C**

Join professional Voice Actor **ALAN SHIRES** as he shares the inside world of voice acting – and how you can make a living doing it – he does!

## **LUNCH (Sponsored by Angel Studios)**

**Palms DEFG**

BLESSING OF THE MEAL: CHRIS KARELSE, CBN Netherlands (Dutch & English)

**SPEAKER:** Kelly Shelton, VP of Marketing, Angel Studios & the Angel Guild, will share the latest in the ever-changing and ever-growing world of the Angel Guild. It's still the most unique & successful platform for testing and releasing shows.

**SPEAKER:** This is who you want to hear from about filmmaking, distribution, and life! We welcome former ICVM President **Jared Geesey**, now Executive Vice President and Head of International for Angel Studios.

## **ACTORS 90-SECOND MONOLOGUE CHALLENGE W/ BEVERLY HOLLOWAY-Palms ABC**

Join much-loved casting director **Beverly Holloway** (I CAN ONLY IMAGINE 1 & 2; BLUE RIDGE: THE SERIES; THE CHOSEN; UNSUNG HERO) as she gives notes to the first 20 actors to sign up IN ADVANCE to present a 90-second monologue – and she may take more if time allows, so be prepared. **BEST OF ALL:** She will choose the 5 best to perform on stage the next day at lunch (Sat. 10/3) in front of all the directors, producers and distributors attending! No one has that!

## **PRAYER ROOM OPEN**

**Magnolia A**

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3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

## **SEMINAR: SCRIPTING THE UNSCRIPTED: Creating Documentary & Reality Programs in the Age of AI**

### **Magnolia B**

Drawing on her book “Story Producing for Reality Television and Documentary: Scripting the Unscripted” (Routledge, 2026) and her own experience producing stories of survival from sex trafficking, filmmaker and Regent U. professor **Ashley Zahorian** will offer filmmakers concrete tools for the craft, the conscience, and the care required to tell true stories well — and to keep telling them – in this age of AI.

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

## **FILMMAKER PORTRAIT: HENRIQUE FRANHANI: Servant first, filmmaker second.**

### **Magnolia C**

Learn from filmmaker & Associate Producer **Henrique Franhani** (Flywheel: Ignition of the Soul, Forgiving The Nightmare) as he shares more about the process of how being a servant first will lead you to becoming the filmmaker that Jesus has created you to be. Franhani is a Brazilian American filmmaker local to Central Florida who has been a part of the entertainment industry ever since he stepped foot on stage at the age of ten.

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM



## **WORKSHOP: THE STORY ONLY YOU CAN TELL**

### **Magnolia B**

From **Cheryl McKay Price**, Showrunner on ‘THESE STONES’ TV series. Everyone has experiences that have shaped who they are, but not everyone knows how to turn those experiences into meaningful stories. Through examples, guided discussion, and practical writing exercises, participants will discover the unique message only they can share. Whether your ideas eventually become a novel or

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM



5:30 PM – 10:30 PM

screenplay, this workshop will help you identify the stories worth telling and the impact they can make on others.

### **SEMINAR: BEFORE YOUR FILM IS PRODUCED – MAKE IT DISTRIBUTION-READY**

#### **Magnolia C**

Join **Doug Weiss**, founder of Faith Film Collective and Sr. Media Manager for Infinity Concepts, as he deep-dives into practical steps in developing a “Distribution Ready Strategy” during pre-production that will help you avoid distribution roadblocks. Also, learn about an opportunity through the Faith Film Collective to develop an audience, marketing and distribution plan for your film..

### **EVENT NIGHT AT DISNEY SPRINGS!**

Dinner on your own, then an Advance Screening of the movie:

**FLYWHEEL: IGNITION OF THE SOUL**

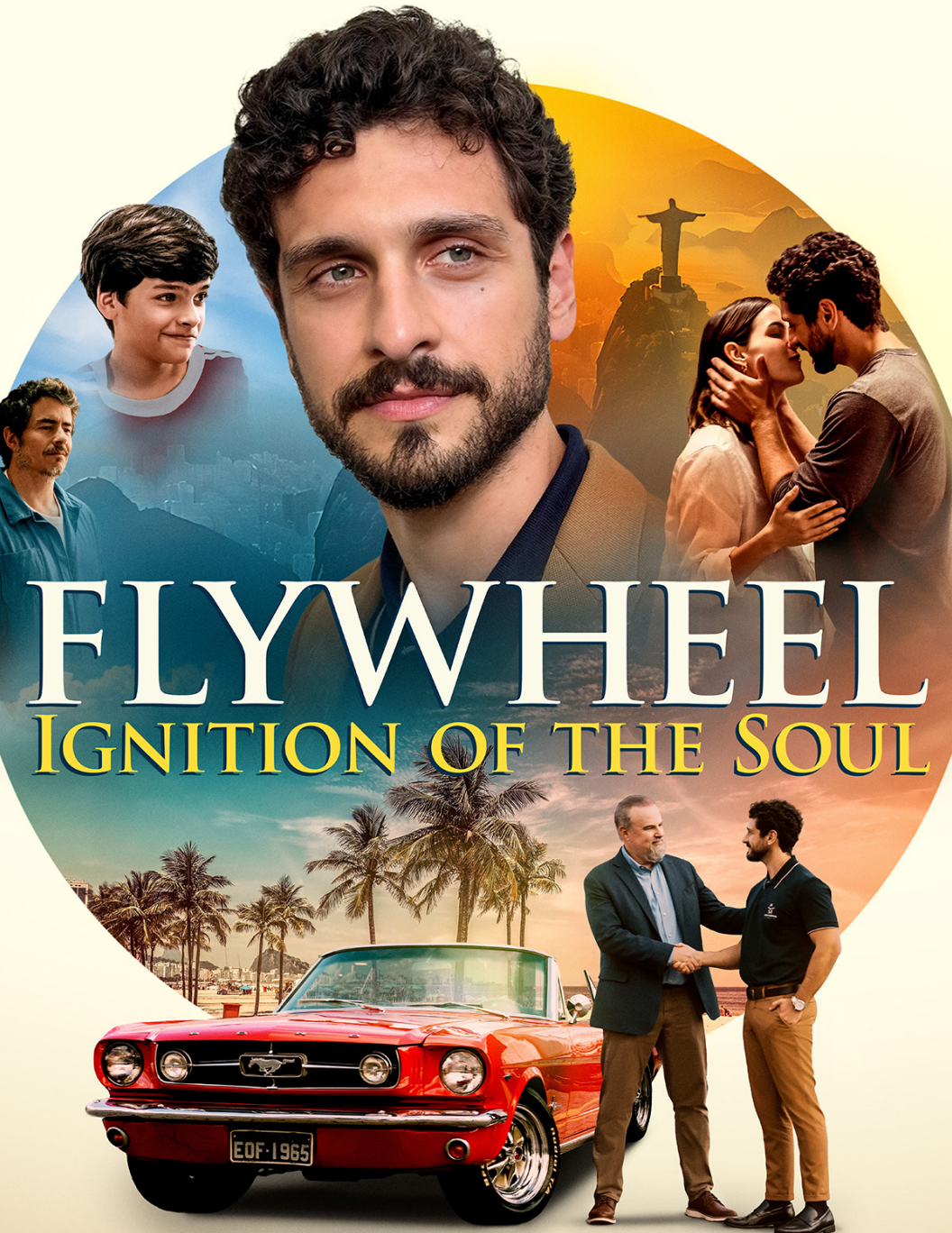
**WE’RE BUSING EVERYONE TO DISNEY SPRINGS WHERE YOU’LL HAVE A COUPLE HOURS TO HAVE A NICE DINNER ON YOUR OWN, AND THEN SEE THE SPECIAL ADVANCE SCREENING OF ‘FLYWHEEL: IGNITION OF THE SOUL’ WITH A Q&A AFTER AT THE AMC THEATER. BE SURE TO BRING YOUR WRISTBAND!**

5:30 PM – Buses leave to Disney Springs.

6:00 PM – Dinner on your own –Scan this barcode for the many restaurants at Disney Springs



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## IGNITION OF THE SOUL



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DIRECTED BY ANGELO VIDAL EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS CAROLINA FARIA PRODUCED BY ZACK LEFFEN PRODUCED BY ELIAS ANTOINE PRODUCED BY ALEX KENDRICK ALESSANDRO BARROS EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS DIC RAFAGINI EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS SHANNON KENDRICK HENRIQUE FRANZANI LARRY FRENZEL  
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7:45 PM – Doors open for the theater screening

8:00 PM – FLYWHEEL: IGNITION OF THE SOUL Advance Screening!

10:00 PM – Brief Q&A with Henrique Franhani, Associate Producer of the movie!

10:30 PM – Buses leave for hotel!

## SAT. OCT. 3 – DAY FOUR

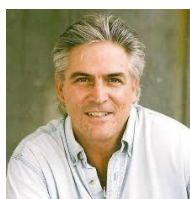
9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

### WORSHIP & DEVOTION

#### Palms ABC

Our final day to worship together – join film composer and audio post producer Nick Coetzee as he leads worship music to stir your soul, and Tim Mahoney returns to bring us 'Part 2' of his inspirational and introspective Gospel-based message.

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM



### SEMINAR: A CASTING DIRECTOR'S WISDOM: "IT'S A MATTER OF HEART"

#### Magnolia C

Famed casting director **Mark Fincannon** gets down to 'the heart of the matter'! Every actor searches for that 'special spark' that brings to life the character that they would like to play. Many consider every aspect of a character other than the heart. But every character has a heart. And so does the actor. In this seminar, he will lead you to explore matters of the heart! Proverbs 4:23

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

### SEMINAR: IMMERSIVE MEDIA: YOU ARE HERE: From Watcher to Protagonist: The New Language of Immersive Storytelling

#### Palms DEFG

From the Greek amphitheater to today's



11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

cinema, the storyteller has traditionally placed the audience outside the story. We watch heroes struggle, make choices, suffer, triumph, and change. The story happens to them, while we watch. But immersive media introduces a radical new possibility:

What happens when the audience member becomes the protagonist?

**JJ Ruscella** introduces a new way of thinking about storytelling using 360° film, layered environments, spatial sound, interactive moments, anticipation, and immersive design. Rather than simply placing a camera inside a scene, we will explore how filmmakers can design experiences around the person experiencing them.

## **THE CHRISTIAN FILM MARKET**

**Distributor: Palms ABC**

**Attendees Pitching: Magnolia Room B**

Got a finished movie, TV show, doc, or more? YOU NEED TO BE HERE! We have about 25 distributors, networks or sales agents seeking finished movies, TV shows, docs and more. You get 5 minutes one-on-one with a limited number that you choose in advance as best for your film. But you must sign up for slots in advance of the conference!

## **DEALS ARE MADE HERE!**

## **COMPANIES SEEKING YOUR FINISHED FILMS:**

ANGEL STUDIOS – Jared Geesey, Kelly Shelton

PINNACLE PEAK / EKKL – Dave Mechem

BOBBY DOWNES PRODUCTIONS – Bobby Downes

CTN NETWORK – Paul Lodato

]BMG GLOBAL – Candra Knobloch

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11:00 AM – 11:45 AM



**SEMINAR: Documentary Storytelling:  
How to Find the Heart of Your Story  
Magnolia A**

Screenwriter **Laura Woodworth** makes the case that documentary filmmaking is storytelling — and it's one of the fastest growing genres of entertainment. This session will help you take your short or long-form idea and translate it into a narrative storyline that entertains and engages audiences. Documentary storytelling begins with finding the heart of your story, and that happens through exploration and discovery. We'll workshop how to evaluate a topic and choose your on-camera subject, plus cover interview techniques and location choices to draw out the heart of the story. Lastly, we'll discuss how to develop a production shot

11:00 AM – 12:45 PM



list to express the story through powerful visuals audiences remember.

### **ACTING WORKSHOP: MAKE IT REAL: A Live Masterclass for Actors, Directors, Screenwriters**

#### **Magnolia C**

What makes a scene truly captivating? And how do you get there—fast? In this explosive 2-hour live masterclass, award-winning director, actor and coach **Mario Morin** will bring actors onto the stage to experience his approach in real time. Bring a memorized scene, monologue, character—or simply an idea. Mario will coach and direct the material live, transforming it before the audience's eyes and pushing it toward truth, emotional impact, and shoot-ready quality. Mario will reveal specific, efficient and unprecedented tools that allow actors to break through performance clichés, directors to quickly identify and unlock the essence of a story, and screenwriters to sharpen their scenes and increase their captivating factor. Come **MAKE IT REAL**.

1:00 PM – 2:45 PM



### **LUNCH (Sponsored by Film Florida, supporting Florida's Film Community)**

#### **Palms DEFG**

**REPORT: STATE OF THE CHRISTIAN FILM INDUSTRY TODAY**

**Bob Elder**, Founder & Chief Impact Officer at Collide Media in Nashville, brings us his latest stats and box office reports to reveal if the Christian film industry is growing or contracting... no one has more up-to-date figures than Bob does! His info ends up in many business plans, so take notes!

**GREAT PERFORMANCES:** Casting Director **Beverly Holloway** presents the five best 90-second monologues from her

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## ACTORS MONOLOGUE CHALLENGE.

**SPEAKER: Matt Wohl**, President, Film Florida, a non-profit supporting Florida's film industry and workers, will give you some good reasons to film in Florida using local incentives – and talk about their new Film Florida TV channel!

## PRAYER ROOM OPEN

**Magnolia A**

## FRONTGATE'S SUPER PANEL: Your Story, Its Audience: A Christian Marketing Q&A

**Palms ABC**

**Scott Shuford**, FrontGate Media, leads a panel of industry media and marketing professionals, including **Glenn Wagner** and **Steph Carse**, gathered to answer your questions... You've made the film, developed the project, or shaped the story—now how do you connect it with the people it was created to reach? Bring your real-world marketing questions and they will answer them openly and honestly. The panel will offer practical guidance on positioning, launch strategy, publicity, partnerships, and reaching faith-based audiences through the channels they already trust.

## SEMINAR: WRITING AUTHENTICALLY

**Magnolia B**

Top screenwriter and author **Bob Saenz** teaches us that besides your solid story, nothing keeps a reader turning the pages of your script or book more than your authentic writing. Your unique voice telling your story only the way you can tell it. The real research you do on your subject and research techniques beyond computer searches. Join him to up your writing game.



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### **SEMINAR: THE REALITY OF ACTING: A Q&A with VENUS MONIQUE**

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Producer and actress **Venus Monique** (VINDICATION: SEARCH & RESCUE; VINDICATION The Series) shares about the importance of industry standard materials, how to stand up for yourself, turn things down with professionalism, take advantage of conferences like this, and choosing proper acting coaches – and anything else you want to ask and get insider info on!

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

### **SEMINAR: HOW TO SOUND AS GOOD AS YOU LOOK – WITHOUT GOING OVER BUDGET**

**Magnolia B**

How much should you budget for sound and music - and where should you spend it when every dollar counts? Join composer and audio post producer **Nick Coetzee** for a practical look at film scoring and audio post production, from choosing the right composer and sound team to building a strong director-composer relationship and understanding how music serves your story. Discover how smart decisions early in production can prevent expensive fixes later—and how to get the greatest emotional impact from your sound and music budget.

4:00 PM – 5:15 PM



### **WORKSHOP: The Human Author in the Age of AI**

**Magnolia C**

Filmmaker, songwriter & educator **Kevyn Bashore** takes you through the human side of the AI process, to insure your story, your craft, and your creative judgment remain the foundation of meaningful work in the age of AI. In this practical workshop, Kevyn explores how storytellers can develop original writing, music, images, and film with AI while

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4:30 PM – 5:45 PM



### **PANEL: HOPE STUDIOS PRESENTS: YOUR STORY MAY BE 'TELLABLE', BUT IS IT 'SELLABLE'?**

#### **Palms ABC**

Many projects are 'tellable,' but very few are 'sellable.' How does a script actually become a fully-funded film...with talent...and marketing...in cinemas and streaming platforms? **Kevin Christenson** hosts a panel with **Jared Geesey** from Angel Studios, **Dave Mechem** from Pinnacle Peak/EKKL, **Chevonne O'Shaughnessy** of American Cinema International, **Chris Bueno** of Ocean Avenue Entertainment, and **Beverly Holloway** of Beverly Holloway Casting, to highlight how a great story is only one piece of the journey. As storytellers consider packaging, financing, and distribution, these industry experts will shine a light on each piece of that puzzle!

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## **DINNER (Sponsored by Hope Studios)** **Palms DEFG**

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: BRYAN YEE, COO OF INNOVATIVE DREAMS**

Innovative Dreams is at the forefront of GAI through its work on Wonder Project's 'HOUSE OF DAVID' series. Bryan will take us through the AI production process that is, quite simply, mind-blowing. This is the future of production and post-production.

### **CROWN AWARDS FINALIST CELEBRATION**

#### **Palms ABC**

Join us as we announce the 5 finalists in 19 categories that will be up for the Gold, Silver & Bronze Crown Awards Presented at the Crown Awards Ceremony at NRB next February.

### **CROWN AWARDS CREATIVE ARTS CEREMONY**

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(In Alphabetical Order)

#### **Best Christian Talk Show**

- Echo
- How to Restore Your Body Image
- The Vision TV Show
- Understanding the Prophetic Harp
- Walk in Faith – Elijah Peel

#### **Best Soundtrack**

- Beyond Belief
- David
- Elijah Peel
- The Best Thing About Christmas
- The King of Kings

#### **Best Use of AI on Screen**

- A New Beginning – Full DocuFilm
- By Dawn's Early Light
- Pilgrim's Progress Part 2: Christiana
- Snow Colored Ashes

- The High Ground

#### **Best Editing**

- Elijah Peel
- Investigating the Supernatural – Angels & Demons
- Oracles of God: The Story of the New Testament
- The Flock
- The Lord's Prayer

#### **Best Short Film**

- Bridge to Redemption
- Fret Not
- Here I Am
- Papa Panov's Special Christmas
- Pilgrims: The Journey

#### **Best Production Design**

- Beyond Belief
- Daniel & the Fiery Furnace
- Elijah Peel
- Oracles of God: The Story of the New Testament
- The Best Thing About Christmas

#### **Best Cinematography**

- Elijah Peel
- I Was a Stranger
- Sketch
- The Best Thing About Christmas
- The Lord's Prayer

#### **Best Music Video**

- Alaska Rescue Story
- Love Comes Home to Holly
- OTOGE (Enough is Enough)
- The Other Side
- Zion – A Prophetic Song for Israel's Return

#### **Best Video Podcast**

- Called as Creatives Podcast
- Finish Strong
- Grace Grace with Nina & Michelle – Episode 251
- Made to Share
- Shaped by Faith – Pilates Stretch Band Workout

#### **Best Student Production**

- Beyond the Bible

- Delirium
- Kids Who Dance
- Project Halia
- Rare, But Everywhere
- So, Tender a Flame
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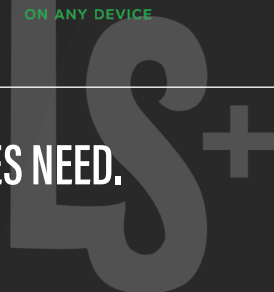


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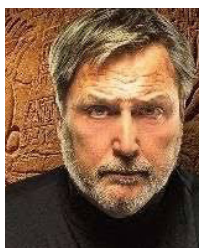


# WORSHIP & DEVOTION BIOS



## **NICK COETZEE, MUSIC**

South African-born Nick Coetzee is an award-winning composer, music producer and worship leader whose career has spanned more than four decades and three continents. With a lifelong passion for music, worship and the visual arts, Nick now focuses much of his creative work on film scoring and cinematic audio post production particularly for faith-based and inspirational projects. Some of his recent credits include *The Journey to Mt. Sinai Part 2*, *The Sound Mind* television series, and the forthcoming theatrical docudrama *Eating with the Enemy*. Nick and his wife, Alisa, are based in the Tampa Bay area, where they operate RainMusic Productions.



## **TIMOTHY MAHONEY - DEVOTIONS 10/1 & 10/3**

Tim is an award-winning filmmaker, producer, director, and storyteller best known as the creator of the *Patterns of Evidence* film series. Through more than three decades of filmmaking—and the successes, challenges, risks, and unexpected turns of his own journey—Tim has come to recognize that while we spend much of our lives telling stories, the most important story we are creating is our own. At ICVM, he will share two devotional messages centered on the question, “What will your life story be when you meet Jesus?”—challenging Christian media professionals to consider not only the work they create, but how faithfully they are living the life and calling God has entrusted to them.



## **ROBERT J. LACOSTA - DEVOTION, 10/2**

Robert is a man of many hats! His *PORTALS TO HEAVEN* devotions log thousands of examples of how simple clues and cues are like an Easter-egg hunt for the believer. Robert J. LaCosta is also the world’s longest-running-interviewer of senior citizens and is known as “The writer who retired retirement.” He transitioned his three-decade-long *RETIRING RETIREMENT* print column into *THE*

AGE SAGE podcast. His books, screenplays and songs (over 2,000) draw heavily on the power of sticking to the metaphor at hand without ever wearing out its welcome. He has logged several mission trips. He is married to Vincenzina and they have 4 adult children and 5 grandchildren. You may get his PORTALS TO HEAVEN devotional book on Amazon, and sign up for his FREE daily online PORTALS TO HEAVEN devotional at [info@robertjlacosta.com](mailto:info@robertjlacosta.com). [Robertjlacosta.com](http://Robertjlacosta.com)



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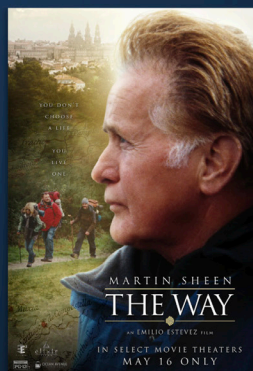
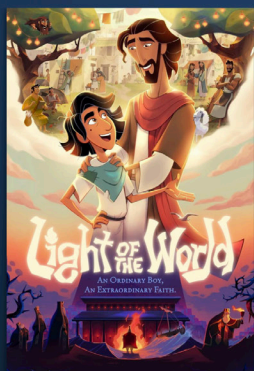
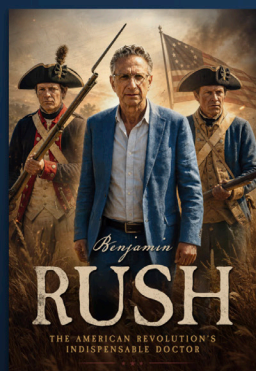
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