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## December 2008: Paranormal "Reality" Series – T.V./Podcast Show

Oriana East Productions in association with Blue Mercury Productions is pitching a new paranormal "reality" series to television networks in the near future. I have been chosen as a lead actor to play a part of the paranormal research team. We will begin shooting the pilot episode in Wilmington this December. The cast also includes Katrina Munday and Adrienne Harvey. I am thrilled to embark on this new adventure as I feel this will be an innovative series with great potential as a network show or as an internet podcast series. Thank you to Will and Jenn Mullins of Oriana East Productions for this amazing opportunity. I will keep you updated after our first shoot and share my encounters along the way.

## December 2008: Law Commercial – Raleigh NC – December 2008

I made the short trip to Raleigh in early December to film a commercial for a law firm based in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. A local advertising agency, Vitalink, chose Talent One actors to use as the talent for the commercial. I had a great experience working with Vitalink as they were fast, efficient, and friendly. If any of you are in the Harrisburg area I hope you enjoy the commercial!

## November 2008: Digits – UNCW Student Film

Digits is a UNC-W student film written and directed by Ross Burchfield. The short film was shot in Hi-Def by a member of the UNC-W film department. I played Tina Mackey, a mysterious girl who has a one night stand with the popular jock, Rod, played by Aaron Mills. The film also featured Katrina Munday and Alex Adams. The short will go into post-production next semester at UNC-W, and will be entered into festivals in 2009.

## November 2008: Jackie Burch Workshop – Raleigh, NC

Jackie Burch, an established casting director with a remarkable list of credentials recently made the move from Los Angeles to the east coast and settled in Wilmington, North Carolina. She recently taught a workshop in Raleigh that I was privileged to attend. During the day long workshop she held Q/A sessions and mock casting sessions. It was the most interesting to sit on the other side of the fence and view multiple readings by different actors for the same part. I found it extremely helpful to learn why one actor got a call back and eventually landed a role over the others who auditioned for it. I am excited to have Jackie Burch here on the east coast and look forward to working with her in the future. I highly recommend taking one of her workshops if the opportunity presents itself.

## November 2008: 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Cucalorus Film Festival

The Cucalorus Film Festival is one of the most exciting events for film enthusiasts in Wilmington. The Festival began in 1994 and has grown to be a four day event drawing filmmakers from around the world. The festival featured 145 documentaries, features and shorts. There is so much to be said and so much to learn about the festival I recommend check out the website at [www.cucalorus.org](http://www.cucalorus.org).

So instead of giving you a run down of the festival, I'll share a little bit of how I enjoyed the festival this year. It all started Wednesday night at The Soapbox downtown. The kickoff party was full of energy and new faces. Everyone gathered for good drinks and good conversation set to a background of music videos and excitement. Thursday morning I set foot over to Jengo's Playhouse to catch a series of shorts

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mostly directed by student filmmakers. I mainly went to catch Door to Door by Sara Giarratana, a UNC-W alumni whom I have done theatre with in the past. I was very impressed with these student films. My favorite two films I saw this year were Good Dick written, directed, produced by and starring Marianna Palka also featuring Jason Ritter and Tom Arnold. I highly recommend watching this powerful film, check it out on [www.netflix.com](http://www.netflix.com). I also enjoyed a surfing documentary Under The Sun shot in Australia and Indonesia. The festival wrapped up Saturday night with drinks and a late night brunch at The Dixie Grill downtown. It was sad to say goodbye to new friends, but nice to leave with a pocketful of new colleagues! Weather you are a filmmaker or an enthusiast or just want to try something new, make sure to submit your film or buy tickets to Cucalorus 2009!

*~ I was also a part of the commercial shoot at Jengo's Playhouse to promote the festival.*

## September 2008: "Mustang Psycho" – Short Film

Actor/Writer/Producer Le Ann Cheri has recently founded Le Ann Cheri Productions. In association with Oriana East Productions and CFIFN, the short thriller "Mustang Psycho" will be shooting October 09 – January 10. This will be Le Ann's second film, to follow last years "Whispers". The film will be directed by Le Ann Cheri, Co- Directed by Jenn Mullins of Oriana East and produced by Will Mullins of Oriana East. This film is a loose adaptation of a true story. I am honored to work with Le Ann and Oriana East Productions. I have been cast as Coffee Patron and will shoot my scene in January. Both of these production companies have been taking great strides so expect triumph for this short film.

Check out the following article about Le Ann's production company:

[http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20080909/COLUMNISTS/809090352/1082/COLUMNIST02?Title=Aspiring\\_filmaker\\_wants\\_to\\_make\\_family\\_friendly\\_suspense\\_films](http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20080909/COLUMNISTS/809090352/1082/COLUMNIST02?Title=Aspiring_filmaker_wants_to_make_family_friendly_suspense_films)

## September 2008: "Lola Takes a Ride" – Short Film

Ever so often the amazing myth of shooting a film in one day comes true; "Lola Takes a Ride" was a film of this sort. "Lola Takes a Ride" is a short comedy written, directed and produced by UNC-W film major Patricia Selznick. Patricia starred in the film that features cameos by Micah Shane Ballinger, DaNae West, Katrina Munday and I. With the aid of experienced crew including Nino and Chad Oliver from "Port City" and exceptional equipment courtesy of the UNCW film department, which included an HD camera and dolly track, this film is sure to be of great caliber. Patricia is hoping to edit the film by this December and have it submitted to various festivals.

## September 2008: "Greed, Gluttony, and Warehouse Shopping"

Guerilla Theatre and HighFall films present the **world premiere** of the short film, "Greed, Gluttony, and Warehouse Shopping" on Oct 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Written and directed by a friend of mine, Angela Kennedy, I could not be more proud and excited for her to see its debut. We shot this film in June with the help of a great cast and crew, and producer Ernie Blackburn, who so generously donated his time and money to help young filmmaker's dreams come true. This film turned out to be hilarious. I have a copy if anyone is interested in seeing it. It will also be entered into multiple festivals. Keep your eyes out for this great film starring many local Wilmington actors including Angela Kennedy, Kameron King, Liz Pierce, Alex Adams, Dan Donavon, Richard Davis, Steve Caverno and myself!

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## September 2008: IMPA Police Training Video

After a casting call of the masses, I found out that I landed a role in the IMPA police training video industrial in association with HighFall productions. These videos are realistic scenarios performed by actors that will then be used in a final test for students training to become police officers. I played a waitress in a restaurant scene. This was a short one-day shoot, and I was glad to be a part of something different and something that will also aid in the training of our law enforcement. Unfortunately these will not be seen by the public, but will be viewed by numerous students!

## September 2008: One Tree Hill – Episode 609

I was called in to participate in the celebrated sixth season of One Tree Hill. In the ninth episode of season six I was featured as a trophy wife in a scene with Hillarie Burton. It was great to work on yet another season, with new characters and a new guest director. Look for me on Episode 9 in the restaurant/bar!

## August 2008: The world premiere of “Zombie Cheerleader Camp”

The independent feature film, “Zombie Cheerleader Camp” was unveiled on August 23<sup>rd</sup> in Chapel Hill, North Carolina at the Varsity Theatre. I brought a group of friends from Wilmington to Cary, N.C. to stay with my family for the event. As we arrived at the Varsity Theatre there were promotional posters to sign and pictures to be taken. After a year of anticipation, I was finally going to have my first glimpse of a film we worked on last summer. It was a great satisfaction to see the cast and crew's hard work come together in the finished product. We completed a film, with great production value and lots of laughs, one we can all be proud of. “Zombie Cheerleader Camp” is on DVD and currently seeking distribution, please contact me if you or anyone you may know is interested.

[Check out the latest poster for the film.](#)

## August 2008: “Port City”, feature film, now in post-production!

Shooting of feature film, “Port City”, has wrapped and the film is currently out in Los Angeles in the editing room. My scenes with Jodie Sweetin and Matthew Laurence were extremely delightful; there is so much to learn from such seasoned actors who are so easy to work with. The talented cast and crew, including “A Walk to Remember” actor and UNC-W alum, Matt Lutz, were amazingly fun to host here in our Hollywood east, Wilmington, NC. I'll keep everyone posted in 2009 when the film is completed!

Check out the following article about the film published in Star News:

<http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20080811/ARTICLES/808110329>.

Check out a copy of an article from [Reel Carolina](#).

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## July 2008: Lucy's Sexy Trivia, at The Brown Coat Pub and Theatre

If you've been keeping up with my theatrical ventures, I'm sure The Brown Coat Pub and Theatre will ring a bell. The Brown Coat is a theatrical venue and pub hosting weekly performances, famous comedians, and Lucy Spain every *Thursday night* at 10:30 with pub style trivia! Trivia has been going strong since May and we plan to keep it that way! Come out to 111 Grace St. in downtown Wilmington to mingle with your friends in the industry, enjoy drink specials, and sharpen your skills! Best of all, its FREE and there's great prizes to win! Please visit The Brown Coat Pub and Theatre's website for more information! [www.guerillatheatre.com](http://www.guerillatheatre.com)

## June 2008: WiFi Festival - Wilmington Inside the Film Industry

Sheila Brothers and Wynter Davis, two women who I am proud to call friends, planned, organized, and held the first annual WiFi film festival on the weekend of June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. WiFi brought in a group of guest speakers from across the country, Los Angeles, New York and more. Some of the featured speakers included: Greg Prange, Executive Producer of One Tree Hill; Ken Rotcop, WGA award-winning writer and former creative head of Embassy Pictures, Hanna-Barbara, Cannon Films, and Trans-World Productions; Kurt Patino, Co-Owner of LINK Talent Group; Nick Osbourne, Underground Films (Executive / Producer / Partner), and many more! I volunteered my time for the event and was lucky to be Melody Shaw's (Assistant South Region Director for Screen Actors Guild) assistant. The festival started out on Friday night with a red carpet gala held at the Cameron Arts Museum. I worked outside bartending in the 50's (Hollywood's golden age) beer garden. It just so happened that SAG (Screen Actors Guild) decided to celebrate their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the WiFi festival as well. The cake was amazing! The gala also included a tribute to legendary Wilmington actor, Pat Hingle. Saturday the conference was held at the Hilton hotel, downtown Wilmington. I thoroughly enjoyed the speakers and learned a tremendous amount of information about the industry from the pros. Saturday evening (running on 6 hours of sleep all weekend) we wrapped up the event and bid our new friends farewell at the Afterglow party held at TreBenzio's. It was so fun to party VIP with all of the people that made this amazing event come together. This just goes to show the power Wilmington has in the industry to pull off such a remarkable event!

## June 2008: "Port City" – Feature Film

"Port City" is a micro-budget HD feature film to be shot in Wilmington, NC. Andrew Brown directs and it has an amazing cast headed up by John Wesley Shipp ("Dawson's Creek"), Matt Lutz ("A Walk to Remember"), Natalie Canerday ("Sling Blade", "October Sky") and Jodie Sweetin (Stephanie from "Full House"). It also features a slew of local talent including myself! I am looking forward to playing Patty, a flirty office temp who comes across as gullible until you come to realize that she knows exactly what she's doing. My scene is with Jodie Sweetin so I am very excited about working with a "Full House" vet. My close friend and college, Micah Shane Ballinger will be playing one of the principal characters, Jason. "Port City" is shooting July 28 – September 2, 2008. I will keep everyone updated on its release!

## June 2008: Acting For The Camera – Class taught by Peter Jurasik

I have recently begun taking an Acting For The Camera class taught by fellow actor, Peter Jurasik, ("Babylon 5", "3<sup>rd</sup> Rock From The Sun"). The class is composed of 12 students and takes place for 3 hours every Tuesday in July. I have received amazing feedback from former students of Peter's and am very

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thrilled to be enrolled as these classes fill up very fast. So far the class has been great. In the first session we spent time watching seasoned actors who have mastered their on camera technique in reference to use of frame and points of focus (Jim Carrey, "A Series of Unfortunate Events", Woody Harrelson and Tommy Lee Jones, "No Country For Old Men"). We also spent time in front of the camera, which Peter said would be our main focus as the class progresses. I am looking forward to our work in the weeks to come!

## May 2008: Acting Workshop – Cindy Hogan and Rita Manette

When I heard that Cindy Hogan, L.A. based actor/acting coach, and Rita Manette, actor and president of Martini Shot Casting in Jacksonville, FL were teaming up to hold a weekend long acting workshop in Wilmington, N.C., I immediately jumped at the chance to participate. The class consisted of five people so it was extremely intensive. The first day we focused on developing skills to improve our craft. We worked on some wonderful exercises and I felt myself grasping new tools to help internalize my acting more than ever. Day two consisted of audition techniques and touched a bit on the business side of the craft. We also had a chance to audition for Rita Manette. Her and Cindy's audition/call-back feedback was priceless information! This was a marvelous, informative, and beneficial class for actors constantly striving to improve what they do. I would highly recommend working with these ladies if the opportunity is ever available to you. They spoke of returning to Wilmington so keep an eye and ear out!

## May 2008: One Take Film Festival – 2008

On the weekend of May 23 – 25, The Patrick Crawford Foundation held the final One Take Film Festival at Thalian Hall in Wilmington. The One Take Film Festival gives teams 24 hours to create a 3 – 8 minute film with no editing allowed. The reason this is the last One Take Film Festival is because editing technology is so advanced and readily available to the public now, the no edit style regulations are out dated. The Patrick Crawford Foundation will still host The Final Cut Film Festival each fall. This year I participate on two teams to create two films, Blitzkrieg Media and 5 Regular Guys. These films had interconnecting plot lines and were shown back to back at the festival. The first film, "Girls Night Out" was directed by William Redd and featured Karla Pollard and me. The second film, "Call of Duty" was directed by Michael Jenkins. We shot both films downtown to include two of the required locations, the anchor monument and a fire hydrant. I enjoyed working with two talented crews and the finished products were very successful. My favorite thing about these film festivals is creating new friendships with innovative people in the business. I feel that I got to collaborate with immense talent, and together we produced two projects to be very proud.

## April 2008: "The Bleeding" – Feature Film

Yet another Horror film to add to my list, it is quickly becoming one of my favorite and most frequented genres. "The Bleeding" set up shop in Wilmington in March and is currently shooting. I played the role of a waitress in a diner scene. This was actually set in local favorite bar, Hell's Kitchen, former home of hit TV show, Dawson's Creek. It was a great experience to see many former friends from "Bolden", "The Marc Pease Experience", and "Privateer" working as part of the crew. With Michael Madsen (Kill Bill and Reservoir Dogs) in my scene, I felt extremely honored to watch him work. Charlie Picerni directed and Frank Capra III produced. Rapper DMX is also set to appear in "The Bleeding". Keep your eyes and ears open for this upcoming vampire flick that is sure to chill you to the bone!

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## April 2008: "Yesterdays" – Student Film

As a college Alumni in the Performing Arts field, I feel that it is very important to participate in student films. I do this not only for my own benefit, but to lend a hand to these aspiring film makers. Students are unable to pay anyone involved in their projects so it is nice to work with a group of people who are in it for the love of their medium, film. I was cast as sarcastic Bailey Rae in Cape Fear Community College student, Katie Grimes' film, "Yesterdays". We had a beautiful funeral shoot out at Greenfield Lake in Wilmington, NC. I truly enjoyed my experience and felt much appreciated for my work. I recommend participating in student films if you are willing to share your time, passion and experience.

## April 2008: One Tree Hill – Season 5

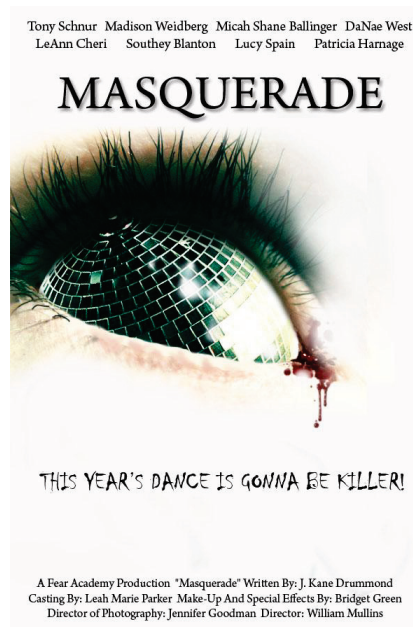
With the writers strike finally over, One Tree Hill is up and at it with the rest of Season 5. Wilmington was happy to see their most famed show at work again. I joined the cast for a few featured roles thus far in the fifth season. I played a Police Woman in episode 513 and will appear as T.V. Crew in episode 516. Be sure to tune into the CW Monday nights at 9pm to catch more episodes of Wilmington's favorite teen drama, well now adult drama! I must say season 5 brought it's A game and by far is the best season yet. The new episodes and characters will blow you away.

## April 2008: Expert Village – Reel Media

It is good to have friends in the business as I once again found out when former Port City P.D. colleges created their new company, Reel Media. Reel Media produces "How To" videos that can be viewed on the website [www.expertvillage.com](http://www.expertvillage.com). I conducted two, five segment series on Cheerleading. Please check out as many clips as you would like on the fore-mentioned website. There is a total of about 6 hours!

## April 2008: "Masquerade"

We are beginning to film "Masquerade". *Stay tuned...*



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## February 2008: *Trojan Women 2.0* - Play at The Brown Coat Pub & Theatre

I am extremely enthusiastic about being a part of Guerilla Theatre's upcoming show, *Trojan Women 2.0*. This story is a version of Euripides original *Trojan Women*, but approached in a very artistic and abstract way. *Trojan Women 2.0* is written by Charles Mee. It is such an amazing script and Charles Mee actually gives the directors freedom to change and mold his work into something fresh every time it is performed. It even includes some music and singing that is sure to surprise the audience! The story means so much to me right now, being in a country that is currently in the state of war. It is very deep and powerful that an account about a war thousands of years ago can ring true and be interpreted to what many people are going through today. I am playing Helen of Troy, "the face that launched 1,000 ships", very big shoes to fill! Richard Davis, the head of Guerilla Theatre, is directing, and I'm so excited to be working under his direction. So come out to the brand new "Brown Coat Pub & Theatre" on 111 Grace St. Downtown Wilmington to enjoy the show. Dates are, March 20-23 and March 27-30.

***\*Contact me for tickets!***

[Check out the review from \*Encore\* on March 26, 2008!](#)

[Check out the review from the \*Star News\* on March 27, 2008!](#)

## February 2008: *Masquerade* - Film

I was just cast as Sara in the upcoming film "*Masquerade*" written by J. Kane Drummond. The film is going to be shot during March in Wilmington, North Carolina. It will be directed by William Mullins of Oriana East Productions. My character, Sara, is a survivor of a terrible massacre that happened at her high-school. She is a girl who marches to the beat of her own drum, and you'll have to watch to see if she makes her way through telling the terrible story of what she's seen. I am very eager to be working with Oriana East Productions, as they have produced some great work in the past. I am also ecstatic to be working with some friends and former colleagues, Madison Weidberg, from *Drive Time*, Micah Shane from *Zombie Cheerleader Camp*, and good friends DaNae West and Katrina Munday. Check out "*Masquerade*" as one of my top friends at [www.myspace.com/lucyspain](http://www.myspace.com/lucyspain).

## February 2008: *Drive Time* with Bruce Cavanaugh

We are at it again this month with a valentine themed edition of *Drive Time*, and we've added in some great new segments this month! It was very obvious this shoot that the cold weather was rearing its head. Thankfully Island Passage provided us with a warm wardrobe. I had an amazing time being a spokesmodel for this episode. It feels great to be so confident selling so many vehicles. After my extensive research on so many cars I feel that I could pick up a second job selling them on the lot! We had some great help with some P.A.'s from UNC-W that ensured the shoot ran smoothly. Tune in to local Wilmington television stations to catch *Drive Time* with Bruce Cavanaugh.

## January 2008: *Not Another Murder Mystery*

I hope to see you at one of my upcoming performances as Marilyn Scoop in [Not Another Murder Mystery](#) later this month.

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