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## **INLAND EMPIRE LIVES UP TO BILLING AS “HOLLYWOOD’S LARGEST BACKLOT”**

**Inland Empire, CA** - The Inland Empire Film Commission, a division of the Inland Empire Economic Partnership that markets the region to filming companies, has announced that 247 film projects that were produced in 2005 using Inland Empire locations.

### 2005 feature films include:

**“Mission Impossible 3”** starring Tom Cruise, Ving Rhames, Keri Russell filmed at the wind turbines in Palm Springs, California Steel in Fontana and the Ontario International Airport.

**“Herbie: Fully Loaded”** starring Lindsey Lohan and Michael Keaton, filmed on El Mirage Dry lake and the California Speedway in Fontana.

**“Darwin Awards”** starring Winona Ryder, David Arquette, Chris Penn and Julianna Margulies filmed in the High Desert region using multiple roads and the Lazy Three café.

**“I’m Reed Fish”** starring Alexis Bledel, Katey Sagal, Jim Cody Williams and Schuyler Fisk filmed in Big Bear Valley.

**“Unknown”** starring Mel Rodriguez, James Caviezel, Wilmer Calderon and Greg Kinnear filmed in Desert Center and the City of San Bernardino.

**“Vegas Baby”** starring Donald Faison and Vincent Pastore filmed at the Ontario International Airport.

**“RedEye”** starring Rachel McAdams, Brian Cox, Jayma Mays filmed at Ontario International Airport.

**“Some Sunny Day”** filmed on the historic Rt. 66.

**“Whiplash”** filmed in Running Springs.

**“Just left of the Drama,”** filmed in El Mirage.

**“Jai Chirangeeva”** filmed at Calico Ghost Town, Barstow, Big Bear City and Angeles Oaks.

**“Nightmare Man”** filmed near Big Bear in the National Forest.

**“Taylor/R.I.P.”** starring Scarlett Chorvat, Liz Torres and Joan Severance filmed in Angeles Oaks and Redlands.

**“Somebody Help Me”** starring Omarion Granderry and Alexis Fields filmed in Twin Peaks.

**“Walking Back the Cat”** was filmed in Lucerne Valley.

**“When a Stranger Calls”** starring Camilla Belle, Tessa Thompson and Tommy Flanagan filmed in Running Springs.

**“Sam’s Lake”** filmed in Crestline.

**“Bone Dry”** starring Luke Goss and Lance Henriksen filmed in the Baker area and in the Coachella Valley.

**“Phat Girlz”** starring Mon’Nique and Eric Roberts filmed in Palm Springs.

**“Reunion”** – by first time writer/director Sheila Norman, starring Carolyn Owens, Trisha Mann, and Dickie Wrightsil filmed in the City of Riverside and Palm Springs.

**“Apocolyse Oz”** filmed at the Trona Pinnacles.

**“Dakota”** filmed in the Baker area at Dumont Dunes.

**“Villians,”** a Turner Classic Movie, filmed at the Ontario International Airport.

Inland Empire television production in 2005 included:

**“Call to Greatness,” “ER,” “MTV,” “Monster Garage,” “NBC “Biggest Loser”, and “The Discovery Channel.”**

The Inland Empire hosted the filming of television commercials for **Chevron, Dodge, Ford, GMC, Honda, Chrysler, Hummer 3, Jeep, Subaru, Toyota, Volkswagon** to name a few of the car manufacturers.

In addition to the car commercials, **Bayer Aspirin, Cingular, Centrum Vitamins, Outdoor Life Magazine, Yokahama Tires, Airwalk**, are just a few of the agencies/production companies to use the region's locations.

Also, the Inland Empire has become quite popular for still photography. Magazines such as **Casual Male: Big and Tall, Glamour Magazine, Bloomingdale's, 4x4 (car of the Year), Bell Helicopter, Macys, Oakley Glasses, Nordstrom, Mitsubishi Lancer Catalog and Jenny Lee Bridal** were added to the list of still projects in the region.

"The economic impact of film production in our region is significant, which explains the reason so many other states and countries are trying to lure film companies to their areas," said Paul Hiller, President/CEO of the Inland Empire Economic Partnership. "But our IEFEC Director Sheri Davis, and Production Coordinator Dan Taylor, provide hands-on, outstanding service to film crews, which is difficult for other areas to match."

The Inland Empire Film Commission's website, [www.filminlandempire.com](http://www.filminlandempire.com), is one way information on available locations is provided to the film industry.

Inland Empire Economic Partnership is the region's only private, non-profit economic development corporation that promotes Southern California's Inland Empire with the purpose of enriching the region's economy through business attraction, expansion, retention, and creation.

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