



**LUMBERYARD CENTER FOR FILM AND PERFORMING ARTS AND STOCKADE WORKS  
ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP FOR TRAINING WORKSHOP**

***LUMBERYARD and Stockade Works to present a three-day workshop to prepare Hudson Valley residents for local job opportunities in the film and television production industry.***

**CATSKILL, NY AND KINGSTON, NY (November 14, 2019) – LUMBERYARD Center for Film and Performing Arts and Stockade Works** today announced that they are partnering to present a Grip & Electric workshop in Catskill, NY for Hudson Valley residents interested in pursuing local job opportunities in the film and television production industry.

The three-day workshop (November 15-17, 2019) will focus on grip and electric production work, providing participants with hands-on training from industry professionals in that field. With a curriculum designed by Stockade Works, the three-day workshop will take place at LUMBERYARD’S purpose-built sound stage in Catskill, NY – the first Qualified Production Facility (“QPF”) in Greene County. LUMBERYARD and Stockade Works are both non-profit organizations with a shared mission of promoting the film and television industry in the Hudson Valley while providing local residents from diverse backgrounds with training and employment opportunities.

LUMBERYARD’s state-of-the-art sound stage offers a 12,000 square foot facility for film and production companies. The sound stage opened just last year in 2018 and has already booked several productions – including HBO’s upcoming mini-series *The Plot Against America* and a full-length feature film produced by Hudson Valley-based REMcycle Productions – a testament to the economic benefits that the Film Production Tax Credit can bring to small towns like Catskill across New York State.

“We’re excited to collaborate with Stockade Works, an organization that recognizes the potential for film and TV to promote growth here in the Hudson Valley and is working alongside us to make that a reality,” said Adrienne Willis, Artistic and Executive Director of LUMBERYARD. “This program is so rewarding because it allows us to channel our efforts to create job opportunities for Hudson Valley residents while opening our sound stage to the local community.”

“We’re thrilled to present this workshop, which will provide local residents with a concrete pathway to securing work in the region’s growing film and TV industry,” said Beth Davenport, Director of Programs & Initiatives and co-founder of Stockade Works. “LUMBERYARD’s sound stage is a true asset for the local economy and provides the perfect environment for our Grip & Electric workshop. We look forward to being part of their success story and finding ways to pool our resources to empower the Hudson Valley community.”

LUMBERYARD’s primary line of work is as a non-profit center that provides technical rehearsals for performing artists to test and perfect their work. LUMBERYARD hosts performances and work-in-

progress showings that provide Hudson Valley audiences with an opportunity to see these works before they premiere in New York City. Through its summer presenting seasons and soundstage and private event rentals, LUMBERYARD has cemented itself as an important part of the community's fabric and a key pillar driving economic activity to the region. This year's summer season brought thousands of visitors into Catskill, many of whom came from out of state. These patrons – and the hundreds of artists as well as film and television crews – shop at local businesses, eat at local restaurants, and stay at local hotels and rented homes.

Following LUMBERYARD's mission to work hand in hand with communities and support under-resourced artists, producers, and local residents, 100 percent of the net proceeds from this and all other sound stage rentals are invested back into the local Catskill community through educational and youth employment programs.

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### **About LUMBERYARD Center for Film and Performing Arts**

LUMBERYARD is a non-profit performing arts and film campus located in the heart of Catskill, New York. With a state-of-the-art facility, LUMBERYARD offers a center for performing artists to test and perfect their work, and gives Hudson Valley audiences the opportunity to see performances before they premiere in New York City.

In addition to serving as a technical rehearsal site for performing artists, LUMBERYARD rents its 12,000 square foot space to film and television production companies. 100 percent of the net proceeds from these rentals are invested back into the Catskill community through programs such as: LUMBERYARD Young Performers, which provides free dance education for students living in low-income communities in and around Catskill, Fresh Start, an intervention program for incarcerated teens, and Junior Crew, which provides local high school students summer jobs and workforce development training – from resume building to learning how to network.

Set on the waterfront and just blocks from Main Street, LUMBERYARD is also a venue for weddings and large events, making the space an important part of the community's fabric and an economic driver for the region.

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### **About Stockade Works**

Stockade Works, founded in 2016 by Mary Stuart Masterson, is a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering the potential of film and tech in the Hudson Valley. Its vision is an inclusive and sustainable media ecosystem that supports quality jobs and economic development in diverse communities. Access and inclusion are at the core of its mission: Stockade Works believe that every individual

should have access to quality, well-paying jobs with avenues for growth and seeks to serve all people looking for employment and careers in the Hudson Valley, with a focus on those members of the community who have been locked out of employment and training opportunities: lower-income residents, minorities, women, veterans and displaced workers. Through its trainings, boot camps, workshops, and mentorship, Stockade Works seeks to create an environment where all members of the local community can thrive. Stockade Works serves the entire Hudson Valley region including Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Ulster, and Sullivan counties.

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