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Grand opening of "The Maine Studios" on Tuesday, August 25

Maine's largest film production studio will host its Grand Opening on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at 9 AM with Governor John Baldacci, Mayor Jill Duson and others on hand for the ribbon cutting.

The Maine Studio will occupy the 43,000 square foot warehouse at 235 Presumpscot Street in Portland, which was generously leased out by Nappi Distributors. Frank Nappi, Jr. said, "We are pleased to be a part of this effort to bring film production to the state.

The Nappi family has been in business here for 75 years. We are a Maine company helping another Maine company to bring jobs in the film industry to Maine and keep our own talented people here." Thomas Dunham of The Dunham Group's Tom Dunham agreed adding, "This effort hopefully will serve as a catalyst for the State Legislature to pass appropriate tax incentives to further promote this important employment opportunity."

The space will open its doors to provide a collaborative environment for film, theater, music and art projects. Wasted Minds Media Group, Inc. is among the first companies to occupy the facility which plans to be one of the first environmentally friendly Film Studios on the East Coast.

Laurie Notch, President of Wasted Minds Media Group, Inc. states, "We are excited to be in the new space and know this will benefit others in the film and media industry, from television commercial shoots to feature films." Notch says the studio provides one-stop shopping for any type of media production.

The Maine Studios will provide rentable office and production space for companies of all sizes, from pre-production through post-production. It will also provide equipment storage and prop rental services. In addition, it will also be home to the Maine Film Co-Op, which will begin operations next month. For more information on the co-op, please contact John E. Seymore: jeseymore@wastedmindsmediagroup.com.

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