Roving Packs of Indie Filmmakers

Beasts of the Southern Wild, which nabbed Sundance's top 2012 prize and comes out June 27, is the product of a new trend in indie films—collectives, or groups of collaborating artists. Collectives champs explain.



Benh Zeitlin, Court 13 NOTABLEFILM: BEASTS OF THE SOUTHERN WILD

How do collectives help filmmakers who lack funding?

A lot of people make the mistake of waiting to get money before doing something. The longer you wait to take action on a movie, the harder it gets. You need momentum. The way to make films without money is with a lot of help.



Sean Durkin, Borderline Films NOTABLE FILM: MARTHA MARCY MAY MARLENE

What are the creative benefits of collectives?

When you work alone, there are points in time when you're not actively writing or making anything. But we're always in production; it's so healthy for the creative cycle.



Nash Edgerton, Blue-Tongue Films NOTABLEFILM: ANIMAL KINGDOM

How can collectives help build a brand?

There was a time when David [Michod], Spencer [Susser], and I all had short films at Sundance, and we'd each worked on the others' films. People knew we were collaborators, and it drove them to check out our other work.

THE RECOMMENDER

What are you loving this month?



ESTEFANIA LACAYO

Cofounder, Edition01

Pinterest: "I'm not clicking—
I'm pinning. I'm obsessed with Pinterest for both myself and Edition01."
Livethe process.com: "I'm excited about this health and wellness site which

about this health and wellness site, which my friend is launching. It's about balancing life for the modern, cosmopolitan person."



NIRAJ SHAH CEO, Wayfair

Parenthood:

"My wife and I have a 5-yearold daughter and a 7-year-old son, so we fit right into the age demographic of this show." First Lego League: "I'm coaching my son's junior First Lego League team. It's a way for me to actively participate in

something with

him beyond just

playing."

HOW MICKEY SPENDS HIS MONEY

Revenue for Disney's Parks and Resorts division grew to \$11.8 billion in the last fiscal year, up 10%. That's allowed the company to make some major investments this year: New additions and expansions have surpassed \$3 billion for the first time in the company's history. Here's where the dollars are going.



Anaheim, California

Cars Land, based on Cars, opens this month after three years of construction. The largest attraction, Radiator Springs Racer, cost \$200 million to build. It is part of an overall \$1.1 billion expansion.

Orlando, Florida

The first phase of a \$425 million expansion, the largest in the Magic Kingdom's 40-year history, opened this spring, including a kiddie destination dubbed "Storybook Circus."

International Waters

In March, Disney christened its fourth cruise ship. The \$900 million, 4,000-passenger, 14-deck Disney Fantasy docks at Castaway Cay, a company-owned private Bahamian island.

Hong Kong

Toy Story Land, the first of three additions to Hong Kong Disneyland (the smallest park), opened in November. It's expected that the \$468 million expansion will draw 3 million new visitors a year.

Aulani, Hawaii

In August, the company opened its first resort outside of a theme park, with an estimated cost of \$800 million. The time-share project includes an 18,000-square-foot spa and a snorkeling cove.

Conference Calendar

KEY (OUT OF 5): SEARNABILITY TSCHMOOZABILITY SCOSTABILITY

JUNE

6: InnoTown Innovation Conference

Learn from CEOs, physicists, and Barack Obama's chief blogger.

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11: Designing Interactive Systems NEWCASTLE, U.K.

Understanding how people interact with each other and digital tech is both an art and a science.

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13: RenewableUK Global Offshore Wind

Industry leaders sound off on policy and technical expertise to show that the future of renewables is wind power.

15: Ampersand Conference

BRIGHTON, U.K.

Typography nerds unite for a day of typesetting and web design.

17: Dell Women's Entrepreneur Network

Dell celebrates successful female entrepreneurs and brings them together to learn and create.

18: Bio International Convention

Exhibitors including Pfizer and Merck showcase their wares at this biotech convention.

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19: State of NOW #140Conf

What does the fast-paced world of Twitter mean for business? Twitter and Square founder Jack Dorsey is just one speaker to weigh in

24: ISTE 2012

The International Society for Technology in Education schools teachers in how to upgrade the classroom experience with tech.
