

OKLAHOMA

FILM + MUSIC OFFICE



DISCOVER YOUR NEXT FILM AND MUSIC DESTINATION





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To quote Oklahoma's own music icon Woody Guthrie, "this land is your land; this land is my land" – and we have plenty to set the scene for your next film or television production. From thriving urban cities to quaint small towns and a wide range of topographical wonder spread among 12 distinct eco-regions, there's more than meets the eye in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma is currently experiencing a cultural renaissance, and its cities are emerging as some of the nation's top places for business, economic development and quality of life.

Our local film and music industries have flourished and continue to strengthen, in part, due to Oklahoma's film incentive which offers one of the strongest and most-competitive programs in the U.S. We are proud to open our doors for all people and hold a place of consideration for film, television and music productions ranging in diversity and size.



OKLAHOMA IS THE PLACE TO BE



CHEROKEE FILM STUDIOS - OWASSO

ON THE COVER:

KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON - PAWHUSKA

PHILBROOK MUSEUM - TULSA

LAKE LAWTONKA, MOUNT SCOTT - LAWTON

SKYLINE - OKLAHOMA CITY

TOWER THEATRE - OKLAHOMA CITY

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One of the fastest growing states in the U.S., Oklahoma sets itself apart both in terms of landscapes and talent.

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Oklahoma's film and music infrastructure continues to grow with industry expansions including state and local incentives, sound stages, recording studios, educational programs and more.

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Oklahoma's diverse landscapes showcase a vast array of scenery – from the Rocky Mountain foothills to cypress swamps, salt plains, caves, sand dunes and tallgrass prairies.

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Oklahoma is home to more than 200 lakes with over one million surface acres and more miles of shoreline than the Gulf and Atlantic coasts combined.

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Extensive modern and historic architecture mixed with urban development and activity to create an environment of creative culture for film and music.

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There's nothing small about the big production value awaiting filmmakers in our rural communities where the film friendly red carpet is rolled-out showcasing locations both captured in time and trail blazing forward.

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Amid a vibrant cultural renaissance, Oklahoma boasts a rich history woven throughout world-class museums, thriving districts and more, which celebrate the legacy of its people and our collective global impact.



OKLAHOMA SETS THE STAGE

Located in the heart of the U.S., equidistant from both Los Angeles and New York, Oklahoma is one of the fastest growing states in the country. Our central location, well-trained workforce and low costs of living and doing business make the state a formidable partner for the film and television industry. And the excitement surrounding the industry in the state is hard to miss.

From July 2021 until July 2023, 90 film and television productions utilized the state's film incentive program, employing Oklahoma's scenery and crew to bring their visions to life.

Our communities are geared up and ready to support productions thanks to the Oklahoma Film Friendly Community Program.

Our colleges, universities and technical institutes continue to expand training opportunities to add to the already established workforce base.

Experience the magic of Oklahoma for yourself. Take in our breathtaking views and vast landscapes. If that doesn't win you over, our renowned hospitality, dedicated workforce and can-do approach to life and business will.

DIVERSE LOCATIONS FOR PRODUCTIONS OF ALL SIZES

**Oklahoma City ranked #13
among big cities and
Tulsa ranked #5 among small
cities/towns**

(MovieMaker, 2022)



Thriving scene for murals and public art can be found in communities of all sizes.

Our flourishing arts districts are accompanied by architectural marvels, world-class theaters, a nationally renowned zoo, music venues big and small, more than 300 museums, and more than 50 craft breweries.



Oklahoma has more drivable miles of Route 66 than any other state. Oklahoma is home to more than 400 miles of the fascinating Mother Road and with some of the most charming shops and roadside attractions along this cherished highway.





Oklahoma has the 2nd lowest cost of doing business.

(CNBC, 2022)

Oklahoma's 12 eco-regions offer some of the nation's most diverse landscapes and scenery, including Rocky Mountain foothills, cypress swamps, tallgrass prairies, hardwood forests and pine-covered mountains.

Oklahoma's music industry is thriving with shows happening every night of the week. Whether it's an outdoor amphitheatre, stadium-sized show or historic venue, Oklahoma's diverse music roots can be experienced in every corner of the state.

Oklahoma is taking center stage. Join us.



TOP: "AMERICAN NINJA WARRIOR" SET, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING - OKLAHOMA CITY

RIGHT PAGE: SET OF "TENKILLER"

PHOTO CREDIT: KARA CHOATE

LEFT PAGE: "A CITY IN BLOOM" MURAL BY ARTIST CARLOS BARBOZA - BROKEN ARROW
ROUTE 66 SIGN - EL RENO

INCENTIVES



MINARI - A24, GRAND JURY PRIZE
2020 SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL

RESERVATION DOGS - FX NETWORKS - PEABODY
AWARD WINNER 2022, INDEPENDENT SPIRIT
AWARD 2021, BEST NEW SCRIPTED SERIES,
STERLIN HARJO, TAIKA WAITITI, GARRETT BASCH

RIGHT PAGE:
KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON - APPLE
DIRECTED BY MARTIN SCORSESE, SCREENPLAY
BY ERIC ROTH AND SCORSESE

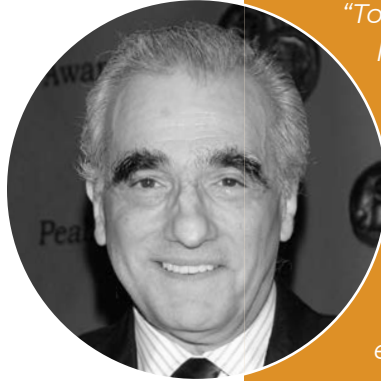
The Filmed in Oklahoma Act is one of the most competitive film incentives in the nation. Beginning at a 20% rebate, productions have the opportunity to earn a higher percentage by increasing production in the state.

Oklahoma continues to build on its strong business landscape. Between the incentive and the state's impressive locations, it's no wonder major motion pictures and television successes such as A24's Academy Award-winning film "Minari," FX's television series, and AFI TV Program of the Year "Reservation Dogs," Lionsgate's "American Underdog," Universal's "Twisters" and Apple's "Killers of the Flower Moon" have all filmed in the state.

There are additional incentives available in the state through regional, tribal and local film offices.

FIND OUT MORE:
[OKFILMMUSIC.ORG/
INCENTIVES](https://okfilmmusic.org/incentives)





"To be able to tell this story on the land where these events took place is incredibly important and critical to allowing us to portray an accurate depiction of the time and people... We're grateful to Apple, the Oklahoma Film + Music Office and The Osage Nation ... We're excited to ... bring this story to life on screen and immortalize a time in American history that should not be forgotten."

- Martin Scorsese, Director
Killers of the Flower Moon



BRINGING PRODUCTIONS TO LIFE

From filming to post-production, our stages, recording studios and service companies support productions of all sizes.

Oklahoma's picturesque backdrops set the stage for any number of genres, while our infrastructure and film sets provide the specificity necessary to bring a production to life.

As a result of increased film and music productions, multiple private and public partnerships have been formed with local businesses and organizations investing

in vital infrastructure for the film and music industry, including sound stages with advanced technology including LED walls.

Oklahoma's state-of-the-art recording studios not only service traditional audio recording, but also facilitate live scoring, voice-over and other production needs.





2022 Locations Managers Guild Award for Outstanding Film Commission ("Reservation Dogs")

Oklahoma's film and entertainment sector is burgeoning with professional crew, quality support services and talent. The Oklahoma Production Director serves as a one-stop-shop for productions looking to hire local film professionals or contract support services.

- › 2,400+ registered crew in the Oklahoma Production Directory
- › 525+ registered companies in the Oklahoma Production Directory, including critical production needs such as camera, grip and electric, catering and more
- › 730+ registered companies in the Oklahoma Music Directory, including recording, tour and post-production services and performance venues



PRAIRIE SURF STUDIOS - OKLAHOMA CITY
BOILING POINT MEDIA - OKLAHOMA CITY

OKLAHOMANS - READY, SET, ACTION

With increased production activity in Oklahoma, film education is at the forefront of the industry as we grow our state's crew base and infrastructure through continued education. Currently, the state offers numerous film training and education courses through statewide universities, colleges, technical schools, high schools, specialized film institutions and more. Also, with nearly two dozen film festivals and related industry events throughout the state, Oklahoma's film professionals are provided additional opportunities for educational engagement and networking as their work is celebrated and further championed both locally and abroad.



- › More than 20 Oklahoma universities, colleges and technical schools offer specialized industry programs and workshops
- › Public/private partnerships are expanding training opportunities and workforce development
- › One of the best movie schools — Oklahoma City Community College (MovieMaker 2022)
- › Renowned statewide film festivals including Oklahoma's Academy Award qualifying deadCenter Film Festival

LEFT PAGE: BOILING POINT MEDIA - OKLAHOMA CITY

RIGHT PAGE: "PAINTED WOMAN" WARD RANCH - GUTHRIE
PHOTO CREDIT: PRISCILLA TRAN



OKLAHOMA
Film Friendly
Community Program

Oklahoma Film Friendly Certification

Program helps filmmakers know where to find production-ready communities in the state. Each certified community has completed program requirements including designating a film liaison, establishing a film permit and identifying filming locations.

FIND OUT MORE:
OKFILMMUSIC.ORG/FILMFRIENDLY



BEYOND PRODUCTION

Oklahoma's prowess extends beyond unique sites and talented crew to music production, animation and post-production services.

Rebate uplifts available for film and TV productions utilizing Oklahoma post-production or Oklahoma music

Animation & Post-Production

Numerous Oklahoma-based production companies can provide animation, special effects and other post-production services in-state utilizing the industry's latest technologies, making Oklahoma a one-stop-shop for your production from start to finish among a competitive global market.





SCORE RECORDING AT CASTLE ROW STUDIOS - DEL CITY
PHOTO CREDIT: KEATON NYE

LISTEN UP!

Music is an integral part of the Oklahoma experience.



CHURCH STUDIO - TULSA

**Over 2,700 featured
music professionals
including talent and
businesses in the
Oklahoma Music
Directory**

From the danceable fiddle
tunes of the 1930s and silky
jazz melodies of the 1940s
to the chart-topping songs
that brought Oklahoma
to the forefront of country
music in the 21st century,

ACM@UCO was the first U.S. campus location for The Academy of Contemporary Music offering fully accredited programs for music industry careers.

Oklahoma has a rich legacy of music generating from every corner of the state. Woody Guthrie, Leon Russell, Wanda Jackson, The Flaming Lips, Garth Brooks, Reba McEntire, and Blake Shelton are but a few of the dozens of singer-songwriters, performers and bands who continue to garner international attention among the fresh crop of new talent budding right here from Oklahoma's rapidly growing music industry.

Renowned international music festivals like the

Woody Guthrie Folk Festival and Norman Music Festival and award-winning music education programs including OSU's Greenwood School of Music and the Academy of Contemporary Music at UCO among others provide ample opportunities for music professionals,

OSU's Greenwood School of Music named as a top music business school

(Billboard Magazine, 2022)

enthusiasts and students to engage within the local industry and further their personal and professional development.

All of this paired with our state-of-the-art recording studios, skilled engineers, legendary music venues

and professional music businesses are just a few of the reasons to consider how the sweet sounds of Oklahoma music can elevate your next endeavor. Filmmakers utilizing the state's film incentive program can receive an additional uplift for qualifying post-production expenses including the use of local music, studio musicians/engineers and recording facilities for scoring, live recording and related needs.

Tune into OF+MO's Spotify Accounts featuring curated genre-spanning playlists of Oklahoma's top music talent.

LISTEN HERE:





Landscapes

Picturesque backdrops and
versatile terrain



Across its 77 counties, in Oklahoma you'll have access to 12 different ecoregions with different flora, fauna, terrains, sub climates and ecosystems.

Minari



"We wanted to go someplace that was going to be able to support us and our creative vision ... and we wanted to go somewhere that was a little bit more accepting. So Oklahoma seemed like a great place, along with the incentives. ... We needed someplace that still had that lush greenery of that sort of location and then still be able to support our filmmaking endeavors."

— Christina Oh, Producer



Written and directed by Lee Isaac Chung ("Munhyurangabo", "Lucky Life"), Academy Award-winner "Minari" tells the story of a Korean father who, in pursuit of the American dream, uproots his family and moves them to a farm in rural Arkansas. The film starred Steven Yeun, ("Nope," "The Walking Dead"), Yeri Han ("Sea Fog"), Youn Yuh-Jung ("Sense 8"), Will Patton ("Halloween"), and Scott Haze ("Thank You for Your Service").



Set in Arkansas, the complete filming of "Minari" took place in Oklahoma with the City of Tulsa serving as the primary hub for the production. Additional filming took place in and around the Tulsa area, including the communities of Sand Springs, Broken Arrow and Skiatook.

Throughout filming, the production employed more than 170 Oklahoma industry members and utilized the services of numerous local businesses for production.

LEFT PAGE: SET OF MINARI
MEADOW LAKE RANCH - SAND SPRINGS

RIGHT PAGE:
LANDSCAPE - BROKEN ARROW







LITTLE SAHARA STATE PARK - WAYNOKA



SALT PLAINS STATE PARK - JET









WASHITA BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE - CHEYENNE





Bodies of Water

Lakes, rivers, ponds and streams
offer abundant shoreline



More than 200 lakes result in over one million
surface acres and more miles of shoreline than the
Gulf and Atlantic coasts combined.



Rudderless



"Thank you Oklahoma — we loved being there ... we couldn't have made it anywhere else. I mean, we got so much help, so many services in kind, people were so sweet to us. You go to New York, you say, 'Excuse me, can we put something on your front yard?' and they say, 'Get the hell out of here. I hate the damn movies. Argh.' And here it was, 'Yeah, what can I do to help?' People work hard here — the crew worked their buns off day and night. I don't know, it's just sort of that Midwest work ethic. It's quite impressive."

— William H. Macy, Director / Producer / Actor



The directorial debut for William H. Macy, *Rudderless* made a big splash in Oklahoma's film repertoire. The film, written by Oklahoma natives Jeff Robison and Casey Twenter and shot in Oklahoma City, stars Billy Crudup, Anton Yelchin, Felicity Huffman, Jamie Chung, Selena Gomez and Laurence Fishburne. The script tells the story of a grieving father (Crudup) who finds salvation after the discovery of his deceased son's demo tapes and lyrics.



The film had a successful world-premiere at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival before being released in theatres.

Regarding the film's release, Twenter says, "We wrote '*Rudderless*' with the hopes of making it in our own backyard with friends. Little did we know it would happen, and those friends would be likes of William H. Macy."

LEFT PAGE: SET OF *RUDDERLESS*
GUTHRIE AND LAKE HEFNER

RIGHT PAGE: LAKE HEFNER - OKLAHOMA CITY







LAKE TEXOMA STATE PARK - KINGSTON
PHOTO CREDIT: DURANT CHAMBER



TURNER FALLS - DAVIS



NATURAL FALLS STATE PARK - COLCORD





Cityscapes

**Historic and modern backdrops,
extensive public art and
architectural marvels**



Oklahoma's two largest metropolitan areas,
Oklahoma City and Tulsa, offer vibrant cityscapes
set against a backdrop of blue skies and
majestic sunsets.





OKLAHOMA CITY SKYLINE

Tulsa King



"The opportunity of playing a cowboy has never presented itself. The fact of a gangster coming to Oklahoma is really remote, but that's what makes it special. Oklahoma is a special place. Very unique."

— Sylvester Stallone, Actor



From creator Taylor Sheridan ("Yellowstone") with Terence Winter ("The Sopranos") at the helm as executive producer, writer and showrunner, "Tulsa King" stars Sylvester Stallone ("Rocky") in his first-ever television series lead role as New York mafia capo Dwight "The General" Manfredi, who, after serving 25 years in prison, is unceremoniously exiled by his boss to set-up operations in Tulsa, Okla.



"Tulsa King" is the largest scripted television series to be produced in Oklahoma using the state's production incentives under the "Filmed in Oklahoma Act of 2021." It filmed primarily in Oklahoma City with additional locations in Bethany and Tulsa among others. The production also utilized Prairie Surf Studios, a sound stage in Oklahoma City.

LEFT PAGE: SET OF TULSA KING
PHOTO CREDIT: BRIAN DOUGLAS - PARAMOUNT

RIGHT PAGE:
GOLDEN DRILLER STATUE - TULSA
PHOTO CREDIT: TULSA REGIONAL TOURISM



SCISSORTAIL PARK - OKLAHOMA CITY



SKYDANCE BRIDGE - OKLAHOMA CITY





OKLAHOMA CITY STREETCAR - OKLAHOMA CITY







ATLAS LIFE BUILDING - TULSA



MAYO HOTEL - TULSA
PHOTO CREDIT: TULSA REGIONAL TOURISM



BOK CENTER - TULSA





THE SKIRVIN HOTEL - OKLAHOMA CITY





Communities

Diverse communities, small town
charm, modern amenities and
historic assets

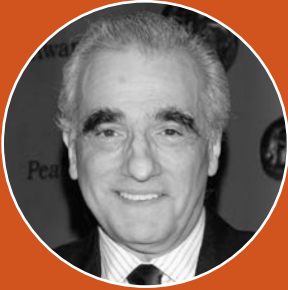


Looking for a downtown loft and busy main
street? Or, do you prefer wide open spaces in a
more rural setting? Oklahoma's unique small
towns can help set the scene.



DOWNTOWN CHICKASHA
PHOTO CREDIT: REAGAN ELKINS
INTELLEGO MEDIA

Killers of the Flower Moon



"It was about immersing ourselves in that world, and the only way to do that was to go there and be there and stay there and be with the Osages [...] We immersed ourselves in it and tried to do right by them as much as possible."

— Martin Scorsese, Director



The largest motion picture to be produced in the state's history, "Killers of the Flower Moon" depicts the true story of the serial murder of citizens of the oil-wealthy Osage Nation in 1920s Oklahoma as told in the best-selling novel by David Grann.

Directed by Academy Award winner Martin Scorsese ("Taxi Driver") and produced by Apple, "Killers of the Flower Moon" boasts an all-star cast including Academy Award winner Leonardo DiCaprio ("The Revenant"), Academy Award winner Robert De Niro ("Raging Bull"), Emmy Award nominee Jesse Plemons ("The Irishman"), and Lily Gladstone ("First Cow"), among others.

Respectfully honoring the origins of this true story, the production filmed in many of the actual communities throughout the Osage Nation and outlying areas where these historic incidents occurred including Pawhuska, Fairfax, Bartlesville and Tulsa to name a few.



LEFT PAGE: SET OF KILLERS OF THE
FLOWER MOON

RIGHT PAGE: FRONTIER HOTEL PAWHUSKA
PHOTO CREDIT: PAWHUSKA CHAMBER,
KACI JO WALKER



MAIN STREET ROSE DISTRICT - BROKEN ARROW



MAIN STREET AREA SHOPS - CLAREMORE





POPS SODA RANCH - ARCADIA



ANGEL'S DINER - MCALESTER



THE SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE - GUTHRIE
PHOTO CREDIT: LAYNE INSELMAN





THE LODGE AT SEQUOYAH STATE PARK - HULBERT



SKYLINER MOTEL - STROUD



BLUE WHALE OF CATOOSA - CATOOSA
PHOTO CREDIT: TULSA REGIONAL TOURISM



ARCADIA ROUND BARN - ARCADIA



OKLAHOMA STATE PENITENTIARY - MCALESTER



OKLAHOMA STATE PENITENTIARY - MCALESTER







Culture & History

Cultural experiences representing
the past and present



Oklahoma's story is woven throughout its communities. It lives in its people, rests in the halls of museums and is found along Main Streets, at historic sites and across open fields.



Reservation Dogs



"Shooting in Oklahoma is a dream. It's my backyard around the people I love. And, you can't beat our locations."

— Sterlin Harjo, Co-Creator



Co-created by Oklahoma's own Sterlin Harjo ("Mekko", "Barking Water") and Academy Award winner Taika Waititi ("Jojo Rabbit", Thor: Ragnarok"), "Reservation Dogs" is a coming-of-age comedy series that tells the story of four Indigenous teenagers who commit crimes to fund their efforts to leave their home in rural Oklahoma. Boasting Indigenous talents both on-screen and behind-the-camera, the series stars Devery Jacobs ("American Gods"), D'Pharaoh Woon-A-Tai ("Creeped Out"), and Paulina Alexis ("Ghostbusters: Afterlife"), among others.



The series was primarily filmed in Okmulgee, Okla., with additional filming taking place in multiple Oklahoma communities, including Tulsa, Sand Springs, Beggs, Inola and Terlton.

LEFT PAGE: SET OF RESERVATION DOGS

RIGHT PAGE: DRIPPING SPRINGS LAKE AND RECREATIONAL AREA
- OKMULGEE



FIRST AMERICANS MUSEUM - OKLAHOMA CITY



CHEROKEE NATION CULTURAL VILLAGE DILIGWA - PARK HILL





KIAMICHI OWA-CHITO FESTIVAL OF THE FOREST - BEAVERS BEND





LAZY E ARENA - GUTHRIE
PHOTO CREDIT: LAYNE INSELMAN













"HISTORY IN THE MAKING" MURAL BY SKIP HILL IN GREENWOOD DISTRICT - TULSA
PHOTO CREDIT: TYLER LANE PHOTOGRAPHY



CAIN'S BALLROOM - TULSA



CIRCLE CINEMA - TULSA





TOWER THEATRE - OKLAHOMA CITY





OKLAHOMA FILM + MUSIC OFFICE

Oklahoma is ready to be the operational hub and backdrop for productions across all genres. Please explore our many sites and locations as well as film friendly resources and communities.

We look forward to welcoming you to our great state and working with you and your team.





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