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## **IAIA • Disney • ABC Summer Television and Film Workshop Offers Exceptional Learning Opportunity for American Indians Interested in Film**

Santa Fe, NM – If you are: a) Native American b) passionate about film and c) wondering how to get a leg-up in Hollywood, the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) in Santa Fe, New Mexico, wants you! IAIA, in collaboration with the Disney • ABC Television group, is now accepting applications for the 2009 Summer Television and Film Workshop happening June 14 – July 24. Now in its sixth year, the workshop promises to be one of the most demanding and most rewarding yet! The deadline for applications is March 27, 2009.

The summer workshop is structured to assist both experienced and novice Native American screenwriters, filmmakers, directors and actors alike. The six-week intensive is divided into two separate tracks, a writer's workshop and a production workshop, providing cross-collaboration between both. Writers will create short scripts for the production students in addition to developing and writing "spec" scripts. Production students will focus on production techniques including camera, sound, lighting and all aspects of post-production. Acclaimed executives, producers, screenwriters, directors and actors (both Native and non-Native) visit from the film and television industry to share their expertise in individual and group settings, as well! All students who complete the six-week program receive academic credit upon completion.

Shawna L. Begay, New Media Arts faculty at IAIA and program director says, "It's been exciting to see students go on to work in the industry or bring skills back to their own communities to teach others after completing the workshop. It has really provided a way for many to jump-start their careers in film production and get noticed."

For more information please call Shawna L. Begay at 505.424.5716 or email [sbegay@iaia.edu](mailto:sbegay@iaia.edu). To find out more about the program, and to apply, please visit [www.iaia.edu/newmedia](http://www.iaia.edu/newmedia) .

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