

TESTIMONIALS:

Infrastructure Impacting Oklahoma Film Industry



“For the last several years, the need for sound stages has been a recognized area of development for Oklahoma’s film and television industry to be able to attract longer term business, like a TV series or film slates, which require more infrastructure. Now, Oklahoma is poised to meet this need in an unprecedented way. From state and city leadership to our local film industry members working alongside our office, many innovative minds have come together to work hard and seize the opportunity to build a more sustainable future for more Oklahomans.”

– **Tava Maloy Sofsky** | Director of Oklahoma Film + Music Office



“Tulsa’s economy is greatly impacted by the film industry. In 2017, we worked with 11 productions, and we celebrated as we watched that number surge to 32 in 2019. Even through the pandemic, we welcomed 25 productions in 2020. Film equals jobs for our local film crew. The impact is felt throughout our hotels, restaurants, and the hiring of our local vendors. “

– **Abby Kurin** | Executive Director of the Tulsa Office of Film, Music, Arts & Culture



“With its diverse ecosystems, Oklahoma is a welcoming location for film and television productions. But they come and go. With the added and much needed infrastructure, including five soundstages, Prairie Surf Studios will continue to build on a new vertical that will help create an enormous workforce to grow and support this exciting industry in Oklahoma.”

– **Rachel Cannon + Matt Payne** | Co-CEO’s Prairie Surf Studios



“Cherokee Nation is deeply committed to developing the film and recording industries in Oklahoma. The opportunities for continued growth are substantial. We know it can be a powerful economic tool for creating quality jobs and supporting small family businesses within the communities of the Cherokee Nation reservation. Creating the necessary infrastructure and programs will help this industry flourish and reach its full potential.”

– **Chuck Hoskin Jr.** | Cherokee Nation Principal Chief



“Oklahoma’s growing crew base and excellent cost of living created the opportunity for us to relocate our staff and head office to the state, as well as invest in a large film studio campus. We are proud to be a piece of the larger picture that is creating a real economic impact in Oklahoma!”

– **Richard + Amy Janes + Melodie Garneau** | Founders of Green Pastures Studio



“No state is better positioned to support a successful film industry than Oklahoma. With a workforce eager to learn careers in filmmaking, a wide range of terrains and locations, and an incentive program focused on growing the industry locally, we’re confident this state will become a major hub for film production.”

– **Cassidy Lunnan** | Co-Founder of Red Clay Studios