



“Welcome to the Birthplace of Television”

It was here in Schenectady that the first-ever dramatic program, “The Queen’s Messenger, was broadcast (1928) from General Electric (W2XB/WGY/WRGB), and it was here that the first regular schedule of TV programming and news broadcasts happened. We are also proud to say Schenectady is home of the longest continually operating station in the world (WRGB).

Known as the Electric City, Schenectady offers a wide variety of shooting possibilities in a compact, production friendly environment. From mansions to mean streets, we have your scene. Plenty of movie features, short films and series have been filmed in Schenectady County, and for good reason.

There are countless opportunities for locations of all types and styles from our Historic Stockade District, with homes dating back to the 1600s, our classic ornate Proctors Theatre, which holds the distinction of being the site for the first public demonstration of television on the big screen (1930), to an array of parks, waterways, farms, schools, churches, urban neighborhoods, industrial and municipal buildings. Did we mention we have a Casino? Yes, that too!

All of this is within a short distance from a vibrant downtown filled with arts and hospitality.

Combine a generous 35% New York State Film Tax Credit, Armory Studios NY with 90,000 square feet of approved production space, below the line support services, an abundance of resources, and a modest cost of living – and your film will cost less, and look better, than if it was shot anywhere else.

HBO, Amazon Prime, Showtime, Discovery, Travel Channel, Indies - productions of all shapes and sizes - are finding that their search for the right location just got easier.

The Schenectady Film Commission is here to assist from start to finish. We are the “action” in the City of Lights, Camera, and Action!

Best,

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DONNA PENNELL
Schenectady Film Commissioner