# Colorado filmmaker wins Academy Award

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Oscar winner Daniel Junge poses with his Academy Award.

Denver filmmaker Daniel Junge won an Academy Award Sunday night in the category of Documentary Short for his film "Saving Face," about a Pakistani plastic surgeon helping women attacked by acid.

This is the second consecutive year Junge was nominated for an Oscar but it's his first win. He was nominated last year for the documentary "The Last Campaign of Governor Booth Gardner."

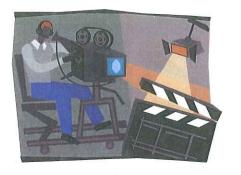
Junge co-directed the film with Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy. "Saving Face" is a co-production of Junge Film, Milkhause, both of which are based in Denver, and HBO Documentary Films.

Junge spoke to Westword before heading off to Hollywood about his film and the Colorado film industry.

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Colorado has the infrastructure, talent, and educated workforce to produce hundreds of movies, television shows and video games. <u>The problem?</u> Other states are offering better incentives that take Colorado out of the competitive marketplace. <u>The solution?</u> HB 1286.

HB 1286 will increase Colorado's current film incentive (which includes movies, television and video games) from 10% to 20%. It will also create a loan guarantee program where Colorado will charge an upfront facility fee, paid by the production company, in exchange for the guarantee. A bank will lend the money, not the State.

## **Job Creation**

- In 2010, the average film production and post-production salary in Colorado is \$57,998<sup>1</sup>. These are careers, not just jobs.
- On average, a movie with a budget of \$10M will create 120 jobs.

# Immediate Economic Impact – New Revenue

On average, a movie with a budget of \$10M will reap \$11.2M in economic benefits to the State and \$5.7M in wages to Colorado residents. These are new dollars that Colorado will realize immediately upon passage of this legislation.

Other States Film and TV Incentive Programs							
New Mexico	: 25%						
Utah:	25%						
Kansas:	30%						
Wyoming:	15%						
Oklahoma:	25%, up to 37%						
Missouri:	35%						
Louisiana:	30%, up to 35%						
Florida:	20%, up to 30%						
Georgia:	30%						
Michigan:	42%						

### **Student Retention**

There are roughly 1,100 full time students enrolled in the 4-year film and TV programs in Colorado. Colorado's tuition support for these students is over \$2M annually and \$8M over the course of a 4 year degree. Without film and TV jobs in Colorado, these students leave, and Colorado is footing the bill for the workforces of other states.

## **Environmentally Friendly**

These are clean jobs with little to no waste or byproducts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Colorado Film Incentives: Economic and Fiscal Impact Analysis of Actual Film Budget Scenario on Colorado. University of Colorado-Boulder, Leeds School of Business, October 2011.





# These organizations, companies and individuals support HB 1286



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### **COLORADO FILM FACTS**

- 1. There have been 380 movies shot at least partially in Colorado in the last 114 years. Here is a representative sample of those movies:
  - a. (The Original) True Grit Ridgway 1969
  - b. Catch & Release Boulder 2006
  - c. Mr. and Mrs. Smith Glenwood Canyon 2005
  - d. Thelma & Louise Bedrock 1991
  - e. White Fang 2 Aspen 1994
  - f. Indiana Jones & The Last Crusade Antonito 1989
  - g. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation Summit County 1989
  - h. Dumb & Dumber Breckenridge 1994
  - i. Cat Ballou Carbondale 1965
  - j. The Fan Denver 1996
  - k. Wyatt Earp Antonito 1994
  - I. Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid Durango 1969
  - m. Cliffhanger Jefferson County 1993
  - n. The Glenn Miller Story Denver 1953
  - o. Die Hard 2 Mead 1990
  - p. How the West Was Won Ignacio 1962
- 2. As seen in the movie "The Shining" with Jack Nicholson, 115,000 people visit the Stanley Hotel every year just to take the ghost tour.
- 3. When the movie "127 Hours" was released internationally, the Utah tourism office saw immediate bookings to Moab from families visiting the United States from all across Europe.
- 4. In the first 100 years of filmmaking, there were 350 movies made in Colorado that were distributed nationwide.
- 5. In the last 4 years, not a single movie has been filmed in Colorado.

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