

Podtalk: Rujanee Mahakanjana Reworks Nebula Creatives Into a Film Incubator

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CHICAGO – The Windy City is on the move, as new creative energy in the film development arena has emerged to expand the network of possibilities. Nebula Creatives L3C has been the project of filmmaker Rujanee Mahakanjana for several years, and she recently announced an expansion that will create a film incubator, which includes a film/video production space in the Pilsen neighborhood and partnerships with organizations represented by David Barthwell (Wakadacon) and Jenaeth Markaj (One Hope United, who also leads the partnership efforts of Nebula Creatives).

Nebula Creatives L3C will be the first independent film studio and entertainment space for Chicago's film community. The group supports state and city initiatives to boost the film economy for independent film productions. They seek to help local and marginalized filmmakers to produce and monetize their creative work, which will include connecting Chicago's indie film community to external markets, diverse partnerships and collaboration.

Two events associated with Nebula, pending of course with the current pandemic situation, will be the "People to Watch" networking event, [click here](#) [19] and the Shortcut 100 + One Hope United Film Screening Series, [click here](#) [20].



David Barthwell, Rujanee Mahakanjana and Jenaeth Markaj of the Nebula Creatives Film Incubator
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So far, Nebula Creatives partners include the City of Chicago, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE), the Chicago Film Office, the Chicago Screenwriters Network, Garnier Public Relations, "The Girl and I" STEM lab, as well as Nebula's annual Shortcut 100

International Film Festival.

In Part One of a Podtalk with Patrick McDonald of HollywoodChicago.com, Rujanee Mahakanjana talks about the philosophies and goals of the new Nebula Creatives L3C partnerships.

In Part Two, new Nebula partners and collaborators David Barthwell and Jenaeth Markaj talk about their connection to the project.

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