

THE LIST

LARGEST PRODUCTION COMPANIES

Ranked by number of employees in the greater San Fernando Valley

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the first year production companies have been featured by the Business Journal in The List. Due to the broadness of the industry, the companies were narrowed down to those only involved in the creation and distribution of content

and were ranked by number of greater Valley employees. The List is top-heavy with the largest entertainment conglomerates and then leaps to the smaller staffed independent groups.

— By Josh Dausch

THE PACESETTER

Officially formed in 2004 with the merger of General Electric's NBC and Vivendi's Universal Entertainment, NBC Universal dominates every facet of multimedia entertainment. Along with its numerous production

companies, the company also owns several television networks, cable channels, film studios and branded theme parks which net worldwide revenue of \$157 billion in 2009.

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1	Universal Studios, Inc. 100 Universal City Plaza Universal City, 91608	15,000 30,000	production and distribution of mainstream movies	operates as part of NBC Universal; broadcast network with more than 200 affiliate stations, library includes over 4,000 feature films	1912 nbcuni.com	Ron Meyer President (818) 777-1000
2	Warner Bros. Entertainment 4000 Warner Boulevard Burbank, 91522	7,300 38,000	entertainment company specializing in creation, production, distribution, licensing and marketing of content	grossed over 4.01 billion in 2009 in worldwide box office receipts, produced 40+ television series for the 2009-2010 season	1904 warnerbros.com	Barry Meyer CEO (818) 954-6000
3	The Walt Disney Company 500 S. Buena Vista Street Burbank, 91522	6,000 144,000	animated features and live action motion pictures	owns and operates Walt Disney Pictures, Touchstone Pictures, Hollywood Pictures, Miramax Films, ABC Television Group and ESPN	1923 corporate.disney.go.com	Robert Iger President (818) 560-1000
4	Dreamworks Animation SKG, Inc. ¹ 1000 Flower St. Glendale, 92101	1,471 1,994	computer animated family friendly features	"How to Train Your Dragon", "Shrek Forever After", "Monsters vs. Aliens" and "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa"	1994 dreamworksanimation.com	Jeffery Katzenberg CEO (818) 695-5000
5	Dreamworks Pictures ² 100 Universal City Plaza, Building 10 Universal City, 91608	1,200 ³ WND	diversified television and movie production company	future 2010 releases include "Cowboys & Aliens" and "Dinner for Schmucks"	1994 dreamworksstudios.com	Jeffery Small President (818) 733-7000
6	Film Roman ⁴ 2950 N. Hollywood Way Burbank, 91505	259 259	development and distribution of animated, live action, web and digital programs	"The Simpsons", "King of the Hill" and "The X-Men"	1984 filmroman.com	Scott Greenberg President (818) 748-4000
7	Pie Town Productions 5433 Laurel Canyon Blvd. North Hollywood, 91607	160 160	tv production company that develops and produces original non-scripted programming	A&E, CMT, Discovery Health, Food Network, HGTV, Lifetime, Logo, Paramount, TLC, The Weather Channel, We and Vh1	1995 pietown.tv	Tara Sandler CEO (818) 255-9300
8	Bunim Murray Productions ⁵ 6007 Sepulveda Blvd Van Nuys, 91411	150 150	production firm specializing in reality tv	recent productions include "Bad Girls Club" (Oxygen) and "Keeping Up With The Kardashians" (E! Entertainment Television)	1991 bunim-murray.com	Gil Goldschein President (818) 756-5100
9	LMNO Productions 15821 Ventura Blvd. #320 Encino, 91436	150 150	tv production and post production company to broadcast and cable networks.	"I Get That A Lot" (CBS) and "The Little Couple" (TLC)	1989 lmnotv.com	Eric Schotz President (818) 380-8000
10	Mike Young Productions Inc. 20335 Ventura Blvd. Suite 225 Woodland Hills, 91364	60 60	independent animation studio	partner with France's MoonScoop Group, owns Taffy Entertainment, won 3 Daytime Emmy Awards in 2008 for original animated programming	1991 mikeyoungproductions.com	Bill Schultz Exec. Producer (818) 999-0062
11	GRB Entertainment 13400 Riverside Drive Sherman Oaks, 91423	47 47	television producer that focuses on unscripted and fact-based programming	"Growing Up Gotti" and "Intervention" (A&E), "Full Force of Nature" (TWC), "The Secret Life of a Soccer Mom" and "Super Swank" (Travel Channel)	1987 grbtv.com	Gary Benz CEO (818) 728-7600
12	Flight 33 Productions 14945 Ventura Blvd # 300 Sherman Oaks, 91403	40 40	independent television producers of non-fiction programming	"Life After People" and "The Universe" (History Channel) and "Prehistoric" (Discovery Channel, premiering in 2010)	2006 flight33.tv	Louis Tarantino Owner (818) 990-2190
13	Original Productions 308 W. Verdugo Ave. Burbank, 91502	25 25	tv production company specializing in non-fiction show for broadcast networks	productions include "Deadliest Catch", "Ice Road Truckers" and "Ax Men"	1999 origprod.com	Philip Segal President (818) 295-6923
14	SD Entertainment 21045 Califa St. #101 Woodland Hills, 91367	25 25	produces computer animated tv programs and movies	projects in 2D, 3D, 4D and stereoscopic 3D such as "My Little Pony", "Candyland", "Care Bears", "Tonka Truck", "Angelina Ballerina" and "Bob the Builder"	1999 sdentertainment.com	Paul Sabella Co-Founder (818) 587-4880
15	Screen Door Entertainment 5709 Fairview Place Agoura Hills, 91301	20 50	producing, shooting and editing of tv series, web content and corporate videos	A&E, Style Network, Walt Disney Company and Scripps Networks	2001 sdetv.com	Joel Rizor President (818) 781-5600
16	Cinema Libre Studio 8328 De Soto Ave. Canoga Park, 91304	20 20	production, distribution, post-production	"South of the Border" by Oliver Stone, "FUEL" by Josh Tickell, "The End of Poverty" by Philippe Diaz, "Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism" and "The Beautiful Truth"	2004 cinemalibrestudio.com	Philippe Diaz Owner (818) 349-8822
17	495 Productions 4222 W Burbank Blvd Burbank, 91505	20 20	reality tv production company	"Tool Academy" (Vh1), "Jersey Shore" (MTV), "More to Love" (FOX), "Design Star" (HGTV) and "Nashville Star" (USA)	2007 495productions.com	SallyAnn Salsano President (818) 840-2750
18	Infomercial Solutions, Inc. 30748 Davey Jones Drive Agoura Hills, 91301	15 15	writes, directs, produces infomercials and direct response commercials	Life Alert, Jenny Craig, Debt Relief, Razor Scooters, TriVeda	1990 infomercialsolutions.com	David Schwartz President (818) 879-1140
19	Imagecraft Productions 84 E Santa Anita Ave Burbank, 91502	15 15	production equipment rental and support	ABC, NBC, CBS, MTV, VH-1, Oxygen, TV Guide Channel	1984 imagecraft.tv	Jason Been President (818) 728-8383
20	FJ Productions 14900 Ventura Blvd # 350 Sherman Oaks, 91403	12 12	full service film and tv production company	"The Hollywood News Report", "Prince of Wine", "Red Carpet Reporter", "EcoTek" and "Shop the World"	2002 fjproductions.com	Fabio Golombek Exec. Producer (818) 788-0153

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21	Chiodo Bros. Production, Inc. 110 West Providencia Ave Burbank, 91502	12 12	production company specializing in stop-motion animation, live puppetry, make-up effects and animatronic props	"Elf" (2003), "Team America: World Police" (2004) and "The Pee Wee Herman Show" (2010)	1982 chiodobros.com	Stephen Chiodo President (818) 842-5656
22	44 Blue Productions 4040 Vineland Ave, Suite 105 Studio City, 91604	10 10	supplier of reality, documentary, lifestyle and action-adventure programming for U.S. broadcast and cable outlets	"Pirate Hunters" (Spike), "The True Story of Black Hawk Down" (History Channel), "Lockup" (MSNBC), "Split Ends" (Style) and "Family Court with Judge Penny" (national syndication)	1984 44blue.com	R. Drachkovitch President (818) 760-4442
23	Solar Studios 1601 S. Central Ave Glendale, 91204	10 10	full service sound stage	Sony, Kay Jewelers, "Dancing with the Stars", Style Network, Discovery Travel and Living, Disney, DRTV	1999 solarstudios.com	Peter Cohn CEO (818) 240-1893
24	Make It Happen Productions 13557 Ventura Blvd, 2nd Floor Sherman Oaks, 91423	10 10	full service production company	completed projects for television networks, ad agencies, record companies and movie studios including New Line Cinema, Twentieth Century Fox, Warner Bros. and Universal Pictures	1994 mihp.tv	Billy Frank Exec. Producer (818) 981-2327
25	The Video Agency Inc. 3950 Vantage Ave. Studio City, 91604	8 22	production and distribution of promotional media and news content for feature films, tv, and corporate clients	promotions for "2012" (Sony), CBS and System Pavers	1987 tvaproductions.com	Jeffery Goddard CEO (818) 505-8300
26	Hammerhead Productions 11400 Sunshine Terrace Studio City, 91604	7 7	computer graphics and feature film visual effects	2009: "Up In The Air", "The Book of Eli", "It's Complicated", "Couple's Retreat", "Funny People", "Year One"	1995 hammerhead.com	Jamie Dixon President (818) 762-8643
27	Empire Film Group 32107 Lindero Canyon Rd, Suite 117 Westlake Village, 91361	6 16	independent film finance, production and distribution company	"Hound Dog", "War Eagle, Arkansas", "Blonde & Blonder III", "2 Dudes and a Dream", "Chelsea on the Rocks",	1993 empirefilmgroup.com	Dean Bornstein CEO (818) 865-1700
28	Idea Factory 7453 Woodley Ave. Van Nuys, 91403	4 4	tv production	"Half Pint Brawlers" (Spike TV)	2003 tftv.com	Darryl Silver Exec. Producer (818) 804-3730
29	Summerland Entertainment 11530 Newcastle Ave. Granada Hills, 91344	4 4	Film, Television production, and post production	currently working exclusively with Angelic Pictures in San Diego.	2001 summerlandentertainment.com	Bruce Pobjoy President WND
30	Hollywood Wizard 9018 Balboa Blvd. Northridge, 91325	3 4	motion picture production and distribution	feature film "Ballistica"	2002 hollywoodwizard.com	Tony Kandah President (818) 734-7261

WND: would not disclose To be eligible for the list, companies had to provide production services for film, video and dvd productions and have locations in the greater San Fernando Valley. Information was obtained by the companies themselves and Business Journal research.

¹ separated from Dreamworks Pictures in 2004

² owned by Paramount Pictures from 2006 to 2008, now partnered with Reliance Ent.

³ estimate from Dun & Bradstreet

⁴ part of Starz Media

⁵ acquired by Paris-based Banijay Entertainment in 2010

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