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## CITY NEWS



### TWO NEW EPISODES OF ART ZONE WITH NANCY GUPPY

Last Friday, Art Zone with Nancy Guppy premiered a 2-hour concert featuring the Barrett Martin Group, with special guest Jeff Angell, filmed at the Nectar Lounge. This week includes singer/songwriter Lisa Koch, Big Wheel Stunt Show, and sculptor Humaira Abid's show *Searching for Home*. Catch these episodes now on the Seattle Channel.

*[Watch Both Episodes on The Seattle Channel](#)*

## INDUSTRY

### SEATTLE'S SANDY CIOFFI FOCUSES ON HUMANITY AND REAL LIFE THROUGH VR

Seattle filmmaker Sandy Cioffi recently participated in TEDxSeattle and expressed her vision for Seattle to be the "Silicon Rainforest", a city trailblazing the development of VR for human good. Cioffi is currently creating real community stories through VR to share the experiences created by the rapid growth of our city. Seattle is on the tech front, diverse and rich in natural beauty, contributing to what Cioffi believes is a remarkable location to lead VR development in bringing people together.



*[Read More at GeekWire](#)*

### SEATTLE VR/AR STARTUP RAISES \$14 MILLION IN INVESTMENTS

Pixvana, a Seattle startup, recently announced a \$14 million Series A investment from contributors Vulcan Capitol, Raine Ventures, Microsoft Ventures, Cisco Investments, and Hearst Ventures. The company was able to raise funds by pitching companies through a VR experience. Pixvana has developed a cloud-based end-to-end platform called SPIN Studio that helps virtual reality media makers edit, process, and deliver video at 8K resolution.



*[Read More at GeekWire](#)*

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## ALTERNATIVE TIPS FOR FILM GEAR RENTAL

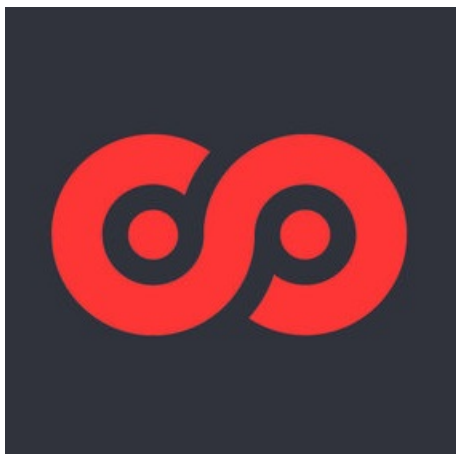
Finding affordable gear to use often requires extensive time and effort for filmmakers, but there are other options outside of deals from local rental houses. Community/nonprofit film centers, equipment-sharing apps, and online marketplaces are alternative sources for gear rental. The article highlights Seattle's NW Film Forum and peer-to-peer lending site ShareGrid as examples of these resources.



*[Read More at Movie Maker](#)*

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## OPPORTUNITIES



### SHAREGRID IS HIRING: GEAR AND PRODUCTION GURU

ShareGrid is currently seeking a full-time Gear & Production Services Coordinator. Candidates should love film production, know gear, and enjoy customer service.

*[Apply at ShareGrid](#)*

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### SEATTLE PARKS AND RECREATION IS HIRING: EVENT SERVICES REP

Seattle Parks and Recreation is seeking an Events Services Representative to take a lead role in the Event Scheduling Office. Candidates should be self-starters with strong leadership skills and at least three years of professional experience in event scheduling.



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## MEDIA DIGEST

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### SEATTLE MUSICIANS WIN LATIN GRAMMY, HIGHLIGHTING THE SEATTLE-BRAZIL MUSIC CONNECTION

Seattle music legends Barrett Martin and Jack Endino received a Latin Grammy for their work with Brazilian artist Nando Reis. The album includes Seattle contributors Mike McCready (Pearl Jam), Peter Buck (R.E.M.), and Seattle composer Andrew Joslyn and highlights the strong music connection with Seattle and Brazil. Martin and Endino have worked on numerous Brazilian albums; South America has become one of the strongest markets for U.S. rock, particularly for Seattle bands.



*[Read More at The Seattle Times](#)*

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### SEATTLE SYMPHONY CEO SIMON WOODS IS NOW THE CEO OF THE L.A. PHILHARMONIC

Seattle Symphony CEO Simon Woods, who has overseen Washington state's largest arts organization since 2011, has taken a job at the LA Philharmonic. Woods has been with the Seattle Symphony since 2011 and developed the symphony's record label, which has been awarded multiple Grammy Awards.



*[Read More at The Stranger](#)*

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