

### ANNUAL STATS

In 2008, Glasgow Film Office received 266 location enquiries, which resulted in **181 productions being shot in the city**. Of these, a record number of 26 high impact projects came to the city across drama and comedy to commercials and light entertainment.

Although there has been a recognised downturn in filming activity across the UK, GFO recorded **£17,761,000 worth of local spend** in to the Glasgow economy. This is a massive 59% increase from 2007 and our highest recorded spend since 2004.

### LOCATIONS

In the past six months Glasgow Film Office has concentrated efforts on our online location database. We have added a whopping **1000 new images and added over 80 exciting new locations**.

On average, **1800 people visit the Glasgow Film Office website every quarter, with 635 signed up and using our online location database**, highlighting the interest and demand for shooting in the city.

#### Calling location owners!

GFO is always on the look out for new locations, if you know anyone who has an unusual, luxurious or grand home – or has links to that type of property – we would love to hear from them. Please do pass on our contact details and hopefully one day, their property could appear on television or the silver screen!

### PRODUCTION ROUND UP

In 2008, we saw a range of projects from feature films such as Valhalla Rising, an action-adventure Viking movie starring Mads Mikkelsen, to home grown projects such as 'Donkey's' the second film in Sigma and Zentropa's feature film concept 'Advance Party'. This coupled with unprecedented levels of network TV production from the BBC, particularly through flagship children's television projects and sitcoms led to a bumper year for film making.

Last year, Glasgow facilitated many different styles of projects from period drama's such as the BBC's flagship Christmas production; 'The 39 Steps' to historical pieces such as 'God on Trial' and more contemporary projects such as 'Fiona's Story' all of which had transmission dates in 2008.

We also hosted well known light entertainment pieces from 'Britain's Got Talent', to 'Come Dine with Me' and 'Bargain Hunt' – all bringing well known Glasgow landmarks to the small screen.

You may also have caught some of the following sitcoms; Dear Green Place, How Not to Live Your Life, Life of Riley and The Old Guys. All of these shot in the studio and on location in Glasgow.

#### Film City Glasgow

2009 sees the opening of Film City Glasgow, a customised centre for film activity based in the refurbished Govan Town Hall. The final stage of the project was completed last month and includes, Scotland's first Premiere Dolby Sound Studio, state of the art post production facilities, production build space, workshop and offices. One of the finest of it's kind in the UK; it hopes to appeal to an even greater number of film makers which promises brighter things for 2009!

#### Coming soon

Keep an eye out for Zig Zag Love, PA's and Hope Springs all showing on the BBC in the next few months!