



INDEPENDENT STUDIO BRANCHES INTO ORIGINAL TELEVISION SERIES

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - NOV. 30, 2012 - NYC: Independent producer **Astoria Films** (Umberto D., Shoplifter) has announced a new slate of original scripted television series. After more than 15 years of working behind the scenes on major motion pictures around NYC as a production service, it will begin shooting pilots in the new year for their next two projects - **ON THE JOB** and **SWINGLES**. The first is a hybrid of scripted reality and satire of shows like Law & Order and NYPD Blue and will feature some new faces alongside veteran NY actors.

Swingles is an animated comedy featuring the extraordinary illustrations of artist Diana Ponce, as it follows the careers and romances of 20, 30 and a few shriveled 70 - somethings in NYC as they go about their fabulous lives, "*all screwing around and swimming in mojitos*". Both shows were created by **Roy Carlo** and expect network commitments for the 2013 season. Carlo states "*they are both completely original in concept and potentially huge breakout hits.*"

Astoria Films has collaborated with RPM Media for many years on their long-running series **COMPULSIVE TRAVELER** for CBS Television and The Travel Channel. The new shows are being produced under their new **Basement Studios** shingle. They will be followed by a new game show **BIG VEGA\$ GAMBLE** that will offer contestants the chance to win the largest jackpot in television history. Veteran television producer **Joe Shapiro** expects to begin pre-production in the spring at a major LV casino. Another six additional projects round out their current TV slate.

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