

Today's Obituaries

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Kylee DiLuigi shows off some of the artistic talent of her Chincoteague Island painting ponies by their barn outside of Downingtown. Chincoteague Minnow and Chesapeake Boomerang are scheduled to perform their choreographed tricks and paintings July 22 through 26 at the Chincoteague Pony Center.

Painting Ponies to perform at Chincoteague Island, Va.

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DOWNINGTOWN — Two painting ponies from the area will share their tricks and talents at Chincoteague Island, Va., when they travel down for the annual Pony Penning.

Kylee DiLuigi, owner of Chincoteague Minnow and Chesapeake Boomerang, plans to show her ponies' choreographed tricks from July 22 through 26 at the Chincoteague Pony Center in Virginia.

Each evening, Minnow and Boomer will perform in the Pony Centre's famous Pony Show alongside acts such as the Chincoteague Pony Drill Team, the only mounted drill team in the world atop all Chincoteague Ponies.

Minnow and Boomer bring their own unique talents to the ring. Minnow, the original equine artist, will paint a masterpiece in front of a live audience while one of his finished works is auctioned off among the crowd.

A portion of the auction proceeds will go to an animal rescue group of DiLuigi's choice. Locally, they support rescue groups such as the Mainline Mammal Rescue and the Chester County SPCA.

"Lately we've been donating to the Chincoteague Pony Rescue in Maryland," said DiLuigi. "We like to help out fellow Chincoteague ponies when we can."

This will be Minnow's sixth consecutive trip down to his birthplace to perform. However, this will be a Chincoteague debut for the other



Kylee DiLuigi, owner of Boomer, alias Chesapeake Boomerang, shows off a book to the Chincoteague pony.

half of the duo, 10-year-old Boomer will be performing for the first time on the island.

"Boomer has learned lots of new tricks for his upcoming performance," said DiLuigi.

Included in the act, Boomer will showcase tricks like sitting on a beanbag chair and signing autographs. Boomer, like Minnow, is a master painter as well.

Each year, DiLuigi is invited by the Chincoteague Pony Center to bring her tricksters to perform during the week of the annual Pony Penning. The Pony Penning will be held the morning of July 24, however, festivities such as the Pony Show will be held each day throughout the week.

The Pony Penning is also known

as the Pony Swim, during which the wild ponies of Assateague are herded across the Assateague Channel to the Veteran's Memorial Park on Chincoteague Island.

Minnow, now 20-years-old, was born wild on Assateague Island and would make the swim across the channel in his early years. Minnow did not meet his current owner until he was 10-years-old and only discovered his artistic talent in January 2007.

Boomer is connected to the Chincoteague tradition as he was born in North Carolina, a gelding of two island-bred Chincoteague ponies. The mother of Chesapeake Boomerang is the daughter of well-known Assateague Island Stallion, Surfer Dude.

'Peace-by-Piece' using Indiegogo for show funding

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COATESVILLE — MAJA Pictures is using an online campaign to raise money to make the fictional police drama mini-series "Peace-by-Piece."

The production company is using the Indiegogo website, an international crowd-funding platform where money for independent film projects is raised, to raise the funding to continue its project.

Funding for the pilot and second episodes has been secured. Each episode has a run time of 53 minutes. MAJA Pictures staff said they decided to produce the remaining six episodes themselves by using the Indiegogo platform.

Ozzie Feliciano, director of the mini-series, also wrote the fictional screenplay. He has a background in law enforcement and is a former decorated Philadelphia police officer.



Staff photo by Tom Kelly IV

A crew for the mini series "Peace-by-Piece" works in Tredyffrin on June 1. The show, described as a gritty police drama, is directed by Ozzie Feliciano, a former Philadelphia police officer.

The series is being aired by Amazon Studio, Feliciano said, and he is pursuing air time with other networks including Showtime, HBO and Netflix.

"For the past two years, I've been pouring my life into the "Peace-by-Piece" police mini-series that is scheduled to start filming this summer in Coatesville," Feliciano said.

Feliciano requested to film the series in the Coatesville area for an authentic display as the setting is present day Coatesville. Filming of the pilot is set to begin in mid-August.

The campaign has a goal to raise \$40,000 for funding by Aug. 8 at midnight to film two of the episodes. Each episode will cost about \$20,000 to produce. The campaign will consist of several phases.

Feliciano said a video to promote the campaign was created as a spin-off of A&E's reality crime show "The First 48." The video is called "Peace by Piece IndieGoGo Last Three Minutes." The campaign and a video made by the mini-series crew can be viewed at www.indiegogo.com/projects/peace-by-piece-police-miniseries. The video was also developed to show viewers the nature of the plot for the mini-series. Feliciano plays the character in the video to explain the plot.

The fictional plot revolves around a Coatesville's police detective, Annemarie Kersey. She is the direct descendant of the city's racist founder. Her father has a role as an influential figure in the history of Coatesville's politics. He imposes his own radical community views in order to advance his own agenda.

Kersey investigates after the city's beloved black state representative and his wife are found dead in a remote field, Feliciano said.

"But as she investigates the crime and unearths a property dispute between the victims and one of the city's most prominent churches, she discovers a possible criminal enterprise running through that church, at which its foundation might be responsible for money laundering, violence and murder," Feliciano said.

More information about the fictional story and cast can be found on www.majapictures.com.