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Fun Fact about the Syracuse area ...did you know...

.... that the Syracuse area has a very long association with the movie industry. *In 1894 Lipe Machine on the city's West side, patented the Mutoscope , a hand-crank machine that allowed the user to rapidly flip through a succession of still photos in order to create the perception of motion. In 1895, Lipe Machine began manufacturing the Biograph Machine, one of the first motion picture capture and projection devices, which led to the establishment of the American Mutoscope and Biograph Company. Syracuse native, John M. Wall invented the first camera that combined film and sound simultaneously in 1925. On April 17, 1924, movie industry icon, Metro Goldwyn Mayer (MGM) was formed as a subsidiary of New York City based Loew's Corporation, with Syracuse native Lee Shubert as a founding board member/major shareholder, Syracuse native J. Robert Rubin as corporate director/lead counsel/partner in profit distribution/main business strategist and later Syracuse Native Maurice "Red" Silverstein, worked his way up the ranks of MGM to Head of Independent Production and in 1963 became President of MGM International. Syracuse's love for film continues through Sunday, October 18, 2015 with the [Syracuse International Film Festival](#) (SyrFilmFest). Featuring seven different locations this year, SyrFilmFest will, again offer various genres of movies to choose from. Visit their [website](#) for a full schedule of events.

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