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## Atlanta Film Fest to start with Georgia-made world premiere

By [Bob Longino](#) | Tuesday, February 26, 2008, 08:15 AM  
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

The 2008 Atlanta Film Festival will open on April 10 with the world premiere of the made-in-Georgia "The Lena Baker Story," starring Tichina Arnold and Peter Coyote.

The drama, set in the 1940s and filmed in Colquitt, recounts the real-life story of an African-American housekeeper who was forced into sexual favors and, after a murder, became the only woman ever to be executed in Georgia's electric chair. She was posthumously pardoned in 2005.

The film is the first feature to be made at the 22,000-square-foot Jokara-Micheaux Film, Television and Music Production Studio in southwest Georgia.

"Lena Baker" is written, directed and produced by [Ralph Wilcox](#) and is based on Lena Bond Phillips' 1998 book.

A veteran television actor, Wilcox appeared in "SeaQuest DSV," "Matlock" and dozens of other series and TV movies. Arnold is best known for playing Rochelle Rock on "Everybody Hates Chris" and Pam on "Martin."

The Atlanta Film Festival, presented by Image Film and Video Center, will run April 10-19 and include screenings of more than 150 full-length features, documentaries and film shorts.

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