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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-K**

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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the year ended December 31, 2011

or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission file number 001-16131

**WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT, INC.**

*(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)*

Delaware

*(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)*

04-2693383

*(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)*

1241 East Main Street

Stamford, CT 06902

(203) 352-8600

*(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code,  
of Registrant's principal executive offices)*

**SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OF THE ACT**

Class A Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share

*(Title of each class)*

New York Stock Exchange

*(Name of each exchange on which registered)*

**SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(g) OF THE ACT**

None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of Securities Act. Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes ☐ No ☒

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Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. ☒

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

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| (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) |                       |                           |                                  |

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

Aggregate market value of the common stock held by non-affiliates of the Registrant at June 30, 2011 using our closing price on June 30, 2011 was \$261,862,033.

As of February 29, 2012, the number of shares outstanding of the Registrant's Class A common stock, par value \$.01 per share, was 28,626,143 and the number of shares outstanding of the Registrant's Class B common stock, par value \$.01 per share, was 45,850,830 shares. Portions of the Registrant's definitive proxy statement for the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K.

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### **PART I**

#### ***Item 1. Business***

WWE is an integrated media and entertainment company. We have been involved in the sports entertainment business for more than 30 years, and have developed WWE into one of the most popular brands in global entertainment today. We develop unique and creative content centered around our talent and present it at our live and televised events. At the heart of our success are the athletic and entertainment skills and appeal of our WWE Superstars and our consistently innovative and multi-faceted storylines across our brands. Anchored by these brands, we are able to leverage our content and talent across virtually all media outlets. Our live and televised events, consumer products, digital media and feature film outlets provide significant cross-promotion and marketing opportunities that reinforce our brands while effectively reaching our fans.

We continually evaluate additional opportunities to monetize new and existing content, including the potential creation of a WWE network. In support of this initiative, during 2011, the Company increased staffing levels and expanded our content production capabilities. We believe that executing this strategy has the power to transform our business.

WWE refers to World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. and its subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise requires. References to we, us, our and the Company refer to WWE and its subsidiaries. The initials WWE and our stylized and highly distinctive scratch logo are two of our trademarks. This report also contains other WWE trademarks and trade names as well as those of other companies. All trademarks and trade names appearing in this report are the property of their respective holders.

**Our operations are centered around the following four business segments:**

#### **Live and Televised Entertainment**

- Revenues consist principally of ticket sales to live events, sales of merchandise at these live events, television rights fees, sales of television advertising and sponsorships, and fees for viewing our pay-per-view and video on demand programming.

#### **Consumer Products**

- Revenues consist principally of direct sales of WWE produced home videos and magazine publishing and royalties or license fees related to various WWE themed products such as video games, toys and books.

#### **Digital Media**

- Revenues consist principally of advertising sales on our websites, sale of merchandise on our website through our WWEShop internet storefront and sales of various broadband and mobile content.

#### **WWE Studios**

- Revenues consist of receipts from the distribution of filmed entertainment.

#### **Live and Televised Entertainment**

**(represents 70%, 69% and 70% of our net revenues in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively)**

#### ***Live Events***

Our four brands, Monday Night RAW, Friday Night SmackDown, WWE Superstars and WWE NXT, allow us to perform in numerous domestic markets and take advantage of the strong international demand for our events. Live events and television programming are our principal creative content and production activities. Our creative team develops compelling and complex characters and weaves them into

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dynamic storylines that combine physical and emotional elements. Storylines are usually played out in the ring and unfold on our weekly television shows, and culminate in our monthly pay-per-view events.

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In 2011, we produced 241 live events throughout North America, entertaining approximately 1,500,000 fans at an average ticket price of \$42.11. We hold many of our live events at major arenas across the country. In addition to providing the content for our television and pay-per-view programming, these events provide us with a real-time assessment of the popularity of our storylines and characters.

In 2011, we produced 80 live events internationally, reaching approximately 500,000 fans at an average ticket price of \$68.74. These events were spread over several international tours throughout Europe, Latin America and Australia.

Live events net revenues were \$104.7 million, \$104.6 million and \$108.8 million, representing 22%, 22% and 23% of total net revenues in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

### *Venue Merchandise*

Our venue merchandise business consists of the design, sourcing, marketing and distribution of numerous WWE-branded products, such as T-shirts, caps and many other novelty items, all of which feature our Superstars, Divas and/or logos. These items are offered for sale at our live events.

Venue merchandise net revenues were \$18.3 million, \$18.4 million and \$19.8 million, representing 4% of total net revenues in each of 2011, 2010 and 2009.

### *Pay-Per-View Programming*

WWE has been the world's pre-eminent provider of pay-per-view programming over the past 28 years. In 2011, WWE televised 13 live pay-per-view events which ranked among the highest selling live event programs in the industry. WWE's annual crown jewel *WrestleMania*, has historically achieved more than one million buys per event worldwide. On April 3, 2011, WWE celebrated the 27th Anniversary of *WrestleMania* in Atlanta, GA before a sold-out crowd with millions watching at home. *WrestleMania XXVII* achieved approximately 1,100,000 buys and generated \$24.2 million in pay-per-view revenue.

WWE produced 13 domestic pay-per-view programs in both 2011 and 2010. The suggested domestic retail price for all pay-per-view events in 2011 was \$44.95, with the exception of *WrestleMania* which had a suggested domestic retail price of \$54.95. Consistent with industry practices, we share the revenues with cable systems and satellite providers such as DirecTV, and pay service fees to iNDEMAND and TVN. Average revenue per buy was \$19.94 in 2011 and \$18.32 in 2010.

Our international pay-per-view partners include SKY in the United Kingdom, SKY Deutschland in Germany, SKY Perfect TV! in Japan, SKY Italia in Italy and Main Event in Australia, among many others.

Pay-per-view net revenues were \$78.3 million, \$70.2 million and \$80.0 million, representing 16%, 15% and 17% of total net revenues in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

### *Television Rights Fees*

Relying on our in-house production capabilities at our technologically advanced, high definition, production facility, we produce six hours of original weekly programming, 52 weeks per year. This programming is distributed domestically, internationally and via WWE.com. Our domestic programs are: Monday Night Raw on USA Network and replayed on mun2 and Universal HD; and Friday Night SmackDown on Syfy and replayed on mun2. WWE NXT and WWE Superstars are available on WWE.com and distributed to more than 60 countries internationally. WWE's TV programs reach approximately 12 million viewers in the United States during the average week. USA Network and the Syfy Channel are owned by NBC Universal.

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Monday Night RAW is a two-hour primetime program that is broadcast live on USA Network. It is among the most watched regularly scheduled programs on primetime cable television and anchors USA, helping make it a top-rated network. As part of the agreement with USA Network's parent company, NBC Universal, Monday Night Raw also airs in replays on mun2 and Universal HD.

The two-hour Friday Night SmackDown airs on Syfy in primetime on Fridays. Friday Night SmackDown is on average Syfy's most-watched program each week. Friday Night SmackDown has become the second longest running weekly episodic program in primetime TV history, only behind Monday Night Raw. As part of the agreement with USA Network's parent company, NBC Universal, Friday Night SmackDown also airs in replays on mun2.

WWE NXT and WWE Superstars transitioned to WWE.com domestically in October 2010 and April 2011, respectively.

Each year, more than 7,500 hours of WWE's television programming can be seen in more than 145 countries and 30 languages around the world. Our broadcast partners include: BSkyB in the UK; Ten Sports in India, and J SPORTS in Japan, among many others.

Television rights fee net revenues were \$131.5 million, \$127.0 million and \$111.9 million, representing 27%, 27% and 24% of total net revenues in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

### *WWE Classics On Demand*

WWE Classics On Demand is a Subscription Video On Demand (SVOD) service that offers highly-rated and best-selling classic television shows, pay-per-view events, specials and original programming for a monthly subscription fee. Most of this material is drawn from WWE's 100,000 hour video library and includes other leading wrestling brands. WWE owns and controls the content from the vast libraries of such promotions as WCW, ECW and AWA. WWE Classics on Demand subscribers have access to approximately 50 hours of content each month.

WWE Classics On Demand is currently distributed with 18 of the top 20 cable operators in the United States, making WWE Classics on Demand available to approximately 80 percent of video-on-demand enabled subscribers. Major North American distributors currently include: Comcast Communications, Cox Communications, Charter Communications, Cablevision, Mediacom, and Verizon Communications, among others.

WWE Classics On Demand net revenues were \$4.6 million in 2011, \$4.6 million in 2010 and \$5.4 million in 2009, representing 1% of total net revenues in each period.

### *Television Advertising*

We provide sponsorships in the US domestic market and Canada to meet the needs of our advertisers. Through these sponsorships, we offer advertisers a full range of our promotional vehicles, including internet and print advertising, arena signage, on-air announcements and pay-per-view sponsorship. Starting in January 2011, we no longer sell advertising on our Canadian television programs.

Television advertising and sponsorship net revenues were \$1.1 million, \$5.9 million and \$7.7 million, in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

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### **Consumer Products**

**(represents 20%, 20% and 21% of our net revenues in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively)**

#### *Licensing*

We have established a worldwide licensing program using our marks and logos, copyrighted works and characters on a large variety of retail products, including toys, video games, apparel and books. Currently, we have relationships with more than 200 licensees worldwide that provide products for sale at major retailers. To maintain the distinctive style and quality of our intellectual property and brand, we retain creative approval over the design, packaging, advertising and promotional materials associated with these products.

Videogames and toys are the largest components of our licensing program. We are under a multi-year video game license with THQ Inc. and a comprehensive, multi-year licensing agreement with Mattel, Inc. as our master toy licensee, covering all global territories.

We have publishing licensing agreements with Simon & Schuster, Dorling Kindersley, Penguin Books, Pedigree, and Titan, which allow us to publish original content in a variety of genres and formats, including fiction, histories, how-to, comics, and biographies and autobiographies. During 2011, we published twelve new books, including a novelization of *The Reunion* movie, a digital-only book on the Hall of Fame induction of Shawn Michaels, and several childrens books.

Music is an integral part of the entertainment experience surrounding WWE's live events, television programs and pay-per-views. We compose and record most of our music, including our Superstar entrance themes, in our recording studio. In addition to our own composed music, we license music performed by popular artists. Music links the WWE brand to all media platforms including television, film, radio, video games, live events and other emerging digital technologies.

WWE programming and WWE.com have music woven in from up-and-coming artists, thus maintaining our commitment to developing artists and providing a platform for awareness to an audience to which they might not be exposed through traditional record company marketing.

Licensing net revenues, including music, were \$54.4 million, \$51.7 million and \$44.7 million, representing 11%, 11% and 9% of total net revenues in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

#### *Home Video*

In 2011, we released 28 new home video productions and shipped approximately 3.3 million DVD and Blu-ray units, including catalog titles released in prior years. Vivendi Entertainment is our domestic home video distributor. Outside the United States, third-party licensees distribute our home video productions.

Home video net revenues were \$30.4 million, \$32.1 million and \$39.4 million, representing 6%, 7% and 8% of total net revenues in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

#### *Magazine Publishing*

The magazine division of WWE publishes *WWE Magazine*, *WWE Kids* magazine and several special magazines.

The flagship title, *WWE Magazine*, is a global men's lifestyle publication with licensed editions in the UK, Mexico, Greece and Turkey among others. Every issue is filled with features, photos, exclusive interviews and access that fans will not see on television. In the US, *WWE Magazine* reaches more than 5.1 million readers every month.

Our *WWE Kids* magazine was launched in April 2008 and published ten issues in 2011. *WWE Kids* also has licensed editions in the UK, Mexico, Greece and Turkey.



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Magazine publishing net revenues were \$7.7 million, \$11.0 million and \$13.5 million, representing 2%, 2% and 3% of total net revenues in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

## **Digital Media**

**(represents 6%, 6% and 7% of our net revenues in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively)**

### *WWE.com*

WWE utilizes the Internet to promote our brands, create a community experience among our fans, market and distribute our online and mobile products and sell online advertising. Our primary website, WWE.com, attracted an average of 12.7 million monthly unique visitors worldwide during 2011. These visitors viewed an average of more than 286 million pages and approximately 24.7 million video streams per month. WWE wallpapers, ringtones, voicetones and videos are available through our mobile partnerships.

WWE currently has location based websites spanning 13 countries worldwide where fans can experience WWE in their own language with a concentration on events and shows in their region. Some of the worldwide countries include China, France, Germany, India, Japan, Poland, Portugal, Spain and Russia. Local sales agencies are selling ad inventory on WWE.com in over 9 countries.

WWE currently streams its video content on Hulu.com, YouTube.com, TV.com, and other select video portals. The wide range of content includes full length episodes of Friday Night SmackDown , WWE NXT and WWE Superstars . WWE also offers short-form clips of Monday Night RAW , Friday Night SmackDown , WWE NXT and classic content.

WWE.com net revenues were \$12.5 million, \$14.9 million and \$16.8 million, representing 3%, 3% and 4% of total net revenues in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

### *WWEShop*

WWEShop is our e-commerce storefront. WWEShop processed over 330,000 orders during 2011 as compared to 290,000 in 2010.

WWEShop net revenues were \$15.6 million, \$14.0 million and \$16.0 million, representing 3% of total net revenues in 2011, 2010 and 2009.

## **WWE Studios**

**(represents 4%, 4% and 2% of our net revenues in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively)**

Established in 2002 and re-branded in 2008, WWE Studios creates a diversified mix of filmed entertainment for the WWE fan base, as well as broader audiences, by means of strategic production, distribution and acquisition partnerships. WWE movies frequently cast well-known actors and actresses in lead roles supported by WWE Superstars, such as John Cena and Triple H.

WWE Studios has released four feature films: *See No Evil*, *The Marine*, *The Condemned*, and *12 Rounds* and two direct-to-DVD films, *Behind Enemy Lines: Columbia* and *The Marine 2*, by utilizing third-party distribution partners ( Licensed films ). Beginning in 2010, WWE Studios started self-distributing its films, with the releases of *Legendary* and *Knucklehead*. During 2011, WWE Studios released four films under this self-distribution model; *The Chaperone*, *That's What I Am*, *Inside Out* and *The Reunion*.

WWE Studios recently co-produced *No One Lives* with Pathe Pictures, starring Luke Evans and WWE Superstar Brodus Clay, and acquired the 2011 Toronto International Film Festival cult hit *The Day* starring Shawn Ashmore and Dominic Monaghan. These film projects, as well as two previously completed film projects under our self-distribution model, will be released over the next twelve to eighteen months.

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With its strong WWE fan base and its content creation and distribution partners, WWE Studios continues to build its brand recognition and increase its reach on all platforms. WWE Studios' movies can be seen in theatres, and are available for purchase or rental through major retail and distribution channels including Walmart, Netflix and DirecTV.

WWE Studios net revenues were \$20.9 million, \$19.6 million and \$7.7 million, representing 4%, 4% and 2% of total net revenues in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

We have substantial capitalized film costs. The accounting for our film business in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles entails significant judgment used to develop estimates of expected future revenues from films. If expected revenue for one or more of our films does not materialize because audience demand does not meet expectations, our estimated revenues may not be sufficient to recoup our investment in the film. If actual revenues are lower than our estimated revenues or if costs are higher than expected, or if other conditions indicate our film assets may not be recoverable, we calculate the estimated fair value of the film. If the unamortized cost of the film is greater than the estimated fair value, we are required to record an impairment charge and write down the capitalized costs of the film to the estimated fair value. During the year ended December 31, 2011 we recorded \$23.4 million of impairment charges associated with our film business. See Note 7 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this report for further discussion.

## **International**

Revenues generated outside of North America were \$133.4 million for 2011, \$135.3 million for 2010 and \$127.1 million for 2009. Revenues generated from international sources accounted for 28% of total revenues generated in 2011, 28% in 2010 and 27% in 2009. Revenues generated in the United Kingdom, our largest international market, were \$33.2 million, \$33.9 million and \$36.5 million for 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The Company had approximately \$0.2 million in property and equipment located outside the United States as of December 31, 2011.

See Note 17 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this report for additional information by segment and by geographic area.

## **Creative Development and Production**

Headed by our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Vincent K. McMahon, our creative team develops compelling and complex characters and weaves them into dynamic storylines that combine physical and emotional elements. Storylines are usually played out in the ring and unfold on our weekly television shows, and culminate in our monthly pay-per-view events. We voluntarily designate the suitability of each of our television shows using standard industry ratings, and all of our programming carries a PG rating.

Our success is due primarily to the continuing popularity of our Superstars and Divas. We currently have approximately 140 Superstars and Divas under exclusive contracts, ranging from multi-year guaranteed contracts with established Superstars to developmental contracts with our Superstars in training. Our Superstars and Divas are highly trained and motivated independent contractors, whose compensation is tied to the revenue that they help generate. We own the rights to substantially all of our characters and exclusively license the rights we do not own through agreements with our Superstars and Divas. We continually seek to identify, recruit and develop additional talent for our business.

## **Competition**

While we believe that we have a loyal fan base, the entertainment industry is highly competitive and subject to fluctuations in popularity, which are not easy to predict. For our live, television, pay-per-view and movie audiences, we face competition from professional and college sports as well as from other forms of live, filmed and televised entertainment and other leisure activities. We compete with entertainment companies, professional and college sports leagues and other makers of branded apparel and merchandise for the sale of our branded merchandise. As we continue to expand into the highly competitive digital media market we face increased competition from websites offering paid and free web-based and wireless content. Many companies with whom we compete have greater financial resources than we do.

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### **Trademarks and Copyrights**

Intellectual property is material to all aspects of our operations, and we expend substantial cost and effort in an attempt to maintain and protect our intellectual property and to maintain compliance vis-à-vis other parties' intellectual property. We have a large portfolio of registered and unregistered trademarks and service marks worldwide and maintain a large catalog of copyrighted works, including copyrights in our television programming, music, photographs, books, magazines and apparel art. A principal focus of our efforts is to protect the intellectual property relating to our originally created characters portrayed by our performers, which encompasses images, likenesses, names and other identifying indicia of these characters. We also own a large number of internet website domain names and operate a network of developed, content-based sites, which facilitate and contribute to the exploitation of our intellectual property worldwide.

We vigorously seek to enforce our intellectual property rights by, among other things, searching the internet to ascertain unauthorized use of our intellectual property, seizing goods that feature unauthorized use of our intellectual property and seeking restraining orders and/or damages in court against individuals or entities infringing our intellectual property rights. Our failure to curtail piracy, infringement or other unauthorized use of our intellectual property rights effectively, or our infringement of others' intellectual property rights, could adversely affect our operating results.

### **Financial Information about Segments**

See Note 17 to Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, which is included elsewhere in this Form 10-K, for financial information about each of our segments.

### **Employees**

As of February 2012, we had approximately 660 employees. This headcount excludes our Superstars, who are independent contractors. Our in-house production staff is supplemented with contract personnel for our television production. We believe that our relationships with our employees are good. None of our employees are represented by a union.

### **Regulation**

#### *Live Events*

In various states in the United States and some foreign jurisdictions, athletic commissions and other applicable regulatory agencies require us to obtain licenses for promoters, medical clearances and/or other permits or licenses for performers and/or permits for events in order for us to promote and conduct our live events. If we fail to comply with the regulations of a particular jurisdiction, we may be prohibited from promoting and conducting our live events in that jurisdiction. The inability to present our live events over an extended period of time or in a number of jurisdictions could lead to a decline in the various revenue streams generated from our live events, which could adversely affect our operating results.

#### *Television Programming*

The production of television programming by independent producers is not directly regulated by the federal or state governments, but the marketplace for television programming in the United States and internationally is substantially affected by government regulations applicable to, as well as social and political influences on, television stations, television networks and cable and satellite television systems and channels. We voluntarily designate the suitability of each of our television shows using standard industry ratings, and all of our programming carries a PG rating. Changes in governmental policy and private-sector perceptions could further restrict our program content and adversely affect our levels of viewership and operating results.

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### **Available Information**

Copies of our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and any amendments to those reports, are available free of charge on our website at <http://corporate.wwe.com> as soon as reasonably practicable after such reports are filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Our reports are also available free of charge on the SEC's website, <http://www.sec.gov>. The public may read and copy any materials filed by the Company with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. None of the information on any of our websites is part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines, Code of Business Conduct and charters of our Audit, Compensation and our Governance and Nominating Committees are also available on our website. A copy of any of these documents will be mailed to any stockholder without charge upon request to us at 1241 East Main Street, Stamford, CT 06902, Attn: Investor Relations Department.

### ***Item 1A. Risk Factors***

There are inherent risks and uncertainties associated with our business that could adversely affect our operating performance and financial condition. Set forth below are descriptions of those risks and uncertainties that we currently believe to be material, but the risks and uncertainties described below are not the only risks and uncertainties that could affect our business. See the discussion under "Cautionary Statement for Purposes of the Safe Harbor Provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995" in Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**The Company has announced that it anticipates increasing content production for distribution on various platforms, including the potential creation of a WWE network, and these efforts could have a material adverse effect on our operating results.**

The increase in content production requires significant capital and operating expenses to develop sufficient infrastructure and programming. The failure to enter into distribution agreements for this content with revenues sufficient to cover costs could have a material adverse effect on our operating results.

**Our failure to maintain or renew key agreements could adversely affect our ability to distribute television and pay-per-view programming which could adversely affect our operating results.**

Our television programming is distributed by broadcast and cable networks, and our pay-per-view programming is distributed by pay-per-view providers. Because our revenues are generated, directly and indirectly, from this distribution of our programming, any failure maintain or renew arrangements with distributors, the failure of distributors to continue to provide services to us or the failure to enter into new distribution opportunities could adversely affect our operating results. We regularly engage in negotiations relating to substantial agreements covering the distribution of our television programming by carriers located in the United States and abroad. Over the past several years we have expanded our relationship with NBC Universal and they currently distribute a majority of our domestic television programming.

**Our failure to continue to develop creative and entertaining programs and events would likely lead to a decline in the popularity of our brand of entertainment and could adversely affect our operating results.**

The creation, marketing and distribution of our live and televised entertainment, including our pay-per-view events, as well as additional derivative programming, is at the core of our business. The production of compelling live and televised content is critical to our ability to generate revenues across our media platforms and product outlets. Our failure to continue to create popular live events and televised programming would likely lead to a decline in our television ratings and attendance at our live events, which would adversely affect our operating results.

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**Our failure to retain or continue to recruit key performers could lead to a decline in the appeal of our storylines and the popularity of our brand of entertainment, which could adversely affect our operating results.**

Our success depends, in large part, upon our ability to recruit, train and retain athletic performers who have the physical presence, acting ability and charisma to portray characters in our live events and televised programming. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to continue to identify, train and retain these performers in the future. Additionally, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to retain our current performers during the terms of their contracts or when their contracts expire. Our failure to attract and retain key performers or a serious or untimely injury to, or the death of, or unexpected or premature loss or retirement for any reason of, any of our key performers could lead to a decline in the appeal of our storylines and the popularity of our brand of entertainment, which could adversely affect our operating results.

**The unexpected loss of the services of Vincent K. McMahon could adversely affect our ability to create popular characters and creative storylines or could otherwise adversely affect our operating results.**

In addition to serving as Chairman of our Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. McMahon leads the creative team that develops the storylines and the characters for our televised programming and live events. Mr. McMahon, from time to time, has also been an important member of our cast of performers. The loss of Mr. McMahon due to unexpected retirement, disability, death or other unexpected termination for any reason could have a material adverse effect on our ability to create popular characters and creative storylines or could otherwise adversely affect our operating results.

**A decline in general economic conditions or disruption of financial markets may, among other things, reduce the discretionary income of consumers or erode advertising markets, which could adversely affect our business.**

Our operations are affected by general economic conditions, which affect consumers' disposable income. The demand for entertainment and leisure activities tends to be highly sensitive to the level of consumers' disposable income. Declines in general economic conditions could reduce the level of discretionary income that our fans and potential fans have to spend on our live and televised entertainment and consumer products, which could adversely affect our revenues. Volatility and disruption of financial markets could limit our clients', licensees' and distributors' ability to obtain adequate financing to maintain operations and result in a decrease in sales volume that could have a negative impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Our television partners derive revenues from the sale of advertising. We also sell advertising directly on our website and in our magazines and, depending upon the distribution methods used to monetize additional content; we may have additional advertising to sell. Softness in the advertising markets, due to a weak economic environment or otherwise, could adversely affect our revenues or the financial viability of our distributors.

**Our accounts receivable represent a significant portion of our current assets and relate principally to a limited number of distributors and licensees, increasing our exposure to bad debts and could potentially have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.**

A substantial portion of our accounts receivable are from distributors of our pay-per-view, television, home video and magazine products and licensees who produce consumer products containing our intellectual trademarks. The concentration of our accounts receivable across a limited number of distributors subjects us to individual credit risk with respect to such parties. Additionally, adverse changes in general economic conditions and/or contraction in global credit markets could precipitate liquidity problems among our debtors, including our key distributors and/or licensees. This could increase our exposure to losses from bad debts and have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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**A decline in the popularity of our brand of sports entertainment, including as a result of changes in the social and political climate, could adversely affect our business.**

Our operations are affected by consumer tastes and entertainment trends, which are unpredictable and subject to change and may be affected by changes in the social and political climate. Our programming is created to evoke a passionate response from our fans. Changes in our fans tastes or a material change in the perceptions of our business partners, including our distributors and licensees, whether as a result of the social and political climate or otherwise, could adversely affect our operating results.

**Changes in the regulatory atmosphere and related private sector initiatives could adversely affect our business.**

While the production of television programming by independent producers is not directly regulated by the federal or state governments in the United States, the marketplace for television programming in the United States is affected significantly by government regulations applicable to, as well as social and political influences on, television stations, television networks and cable and satellite television systems and channels. We voluntarily designate the suitability of each of our television shows using standard industry ratings, and all of our programming currently has a PG rating. Domestic and foreign governmental and private-sector initiatives relating to the content of media programming are announced from time to time. Any failure by us to meet these governmental policies and private-sector expectations could restrict our program content and adversely affect our levels of viewership and operating results.

**The markets in which we operate are highly competitive, rapidly changing and increasingly fragmented, and we may not be able to compete effectively, especially against competitors with greater financial resources or marketplace presence, which could adversely affect our operating results.**

For our live, television and pay-per-view audiences, we face competition from professional and college sports, as well as from other forms of live and televised entertainment and other leisure activities in a rapidly changing and increasingly fragmented marketplace. The manner in which audio/video content is distributed and viewed is constantly changing. While we attempt to distribute our content across all platforms, our failure to continue to do so effectively (including, for example only, our emphasizing a distribution platform that in time lessens in importance or becomes obsolete or our loss of, or other inability to procure, carriage on an important platform) could adversely affect our operating results. For the sale of our consumer products, we compete with entertainment companies, professional and college sports leagues and other makers of branded apparel and merchandise. Many of the companies with whom we compete have greater financial resources than we do.

Our failure to compete effectively could result in a significant loss of viewers, venues, distribution channels or performers and fewer entertainment and advertising dollars spent on our form of sports entertainment, any of which could adversely affect our operating results.

**We face uncertainties associated with international markets, which could adversely affect our operating results and impair our business strategy.**

Our production of live events overseas subjects us to the risks involved in foreign travel and local regulations, including regulations requiring us to obtain visas for our performers. In addition, these live events and the licensing of our television and consumer products in international markets expose us to some degree of currency risk. International operations may be subject to political instability inherent in varying degrees in those markets. These risks could adversely affect our operating results and impair our ability to pursue our business strategy as it relates to international markets.

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**We may be prohibited from promoting and conducting our live events if we do not comply with applicable regulations, which could lead to a decline in the various revenue streams generated from our live events, which could adversely affect our operating results.**

In the United States and some foreign jurisdictions, athletic commissions and other applicable regulatory agencies require us to obtain licenses for promoters, medical clearances and/or other permits or licenses for performers and/or permits for events in order for us to promote and conduct our live events. In the event that we fail to comply with the regulations of a particular jurisdiction, we may be prohibited from promoting and conducting our live events in that jurisdiction. The inability to present our live events over an extended period of time or in a number of jurisdictions could lead to a decline in the various revenue streams generated from our live events, which could adversely affect our operating results.

**Because we depend upon our intellectual property rights, our inability to protect those rights, or our infringement of others intellectual property rights, could adversely affect our business.**

Our inability to protect our large portfolio of trademarks, service marks, copyrighted material and characters, trade names and other intellectual property rights from piracy, counterfeiting or other unauthorized use could negatively affect our business. Intellectual property is material to all aspects of our operations, and we expend substantial cost and effort in an attempt to maintain and protect our intellectual property and to maintain compliance vis-à-vis other parties' intellectual property. We have a large portfolio of registered and unregistered trademarks and service marks worldwide and maintain a large catalog of copyrighted works, including copyrights to our television programming, music, photographs, books, magazines and apparel art. A principal focus of our efforts is to protect the intellectual property relating to our originally created characters portrayed by our performers, which encompasses images, likenesses, names and other identifying indicia of these characters. We also own a large number of Internet website domain names and operate a network of developed, content-based sites, which facilitate and contribute to the exploitation of our intellectual property worldwide.

Our failure to curtail piracy, infringement or other unauthorized use of our intellectual property rights effectively, or our infringement of others' intellectual property rights, could adversely affect our operating results.

**We could incur substantial liabilities if pending litigation is resolved unfavorably.**

We are currently a party to civil litigation, which, if concluded adversely to our interests, could adversely affect our operating results. In the ordinary course of business we become subject to various complaints and litigation matters. The outcome of litigation is inherently difficult to assess and quantify, and the defense against such claims or actions can be costly. Any adverse judgment significantly in excess of our insurance coverage could adversely affect our financial condition or results of operations.

**We could incur substantial liability in the event of accidents or injuries occurring during our physically demanding events.**

We hold numerous live events each year. This schedule exposes our performers and our employees who are involved in the production of those events to the risk of travel and performance-related accidents, the consequences of which may not be fully covered by insurance. The physical nature of our events exposes our performers to the risk of serious injury or death. Although our performers, as independent contractors, are responsible for maintaining their own health, disability and life insurance, we self-insure medical costs for our performers for injuries that they incur while performing. We also self-insure a substantial portion of any other liability that we could incur relating to such injuries. Liability to us resulting from any death or serious injury sustained by one of our performers while performing, to the extent not covered by our insurance, could adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results.

**Our live events entail other risks inherent in public live events, which could lead to disruptions to our business as well as liability to other parties, any of which could adversely affect our financial condition or results of operations.**

We hold numerous live events each year, both domestically and internationally. Certain risks are inherent in large events of this type as well as the travel to and from them. Although we believe we take appropriate safety and financial precautions in connection with our events, possible difficulties could occur including air and land travel interruption or accidents, the spread of illness, injuries resulting from building problems or other equipment malfunction, violence, local labor strikes and other "force majeure" type events. These issues could result in cancelled events and other disruptions to our business as well as liability to other parties, any of which could adversely affect our financial condition or results in operation.



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**We continue to face certain risks relating to our feature film business, which could result in higher production costs and asset impairment charges, which could adversely affect our financial condition or our results of operations.**

We have substantial capitalized film costs. The accounting for our film business in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles entails significant judgment used to develop estimates of expected future revenues from films. If expected revenue for one or more of our films does not materialize because audience demand does not meet expectations, our estimated revenues may not be sufficient to recoup our investment in the film. If actual revenues are lower than our estimated revenues or if costs are higher than expected, we may be required to record an impairment charge and write down the capitalized costs of the film. We recorded impairment charges of \$23.4 million during 2011 related to our film production assets. See Note 7 to Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this Form 10-K for further discussion. No assurance can be given that we will not record additional impairment charges in future periods. In addition capitalized film costs are reflected net of certain production tax incentives granted by various governmental authorities. Our ability to realize these credits may be limited by changes in the legislation governing the incentives and/or the economic environment. The inability to realize these credits would have the effect of increasing our overall production costs.

**We could face a variety of risks if we expand into new and complementary businesses.**

We have entered into new or complementary businesses in the past and may do so again in the future, including the potential creation of a WWE Network. Risks of expansion may include, among other risks: potential diversion of management's attention and other resources, including available cash, from our existing businesses; unanticipated liabilities or contingencies; reduced earnings due to increased amortization, impairment charges and other costs; competition from other companies with more experience in such businesses; and possible additional regulatory requirements and compliance costs.

**We face various risks relating to our computer systems and online operations, which could have a negative impact on our financial condition or our results of operations.**

The Company faces the risk of a security breach or disruption, whether through external cyber intrusion or from persons with access to systems inside our organization. Although the Company makes significant efforts to maintain the security of its computer systems, and it has implemented various measures to manage the risk of a security breach or disruption, there can be no assurance that these security efforts and measures will be effective or that attempted security breaches or disruptions would not be successful or damaging or that the Company would be promptly aware of them. The Company receives certain personal information through web services which information is subject to the Company's privacy policies. This personal information includes credit card information in certain instances, most notably WWEShop, the Company's internet retail operations. The Company expends significant effort to ensure compliance with its privacy policy and to ensure that its strategic partners safeguard credit card information. The Company requires that its vendors remain compliant with applicable PCI Data Security Standards. However, a significant security breach or other disruption involving the Company's computer systems could: disrupt the proper functioning of these systems and therefore its operations; result in the unauthorized access to, and destruction, loss, theft, misappropriation or release of proprietary, confidential, sensitive or otherwise valuable information; require significant management attention and resources to remedy the damages that could result; subject the Company to litigation; or damage its reputation, any or all of which could have a negative impact on its financial condition or results of operations.

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**Through his beneficial ownership of a substantial majority of our Class B common stock, Mr. McMahon can exercise control over our affairs, and his interests may conflict with the holders of our Class A common stock.**

We have Class A common stock and Class B common stock. The holders of Class A common stock generally have rights identical to holders of Class B common stock, except that holders of Class A common stock are entitled to one vote per share, and holders of Class B common stock are entitled to ten votes per share. Holders of both classes of common stock generally will vote together as a single class on all matters presented to stockholders for their vote or approval, except as otherwise required by applicable Delaware law.

A substantial majority of the issued and outstanding shares of Class B common stock is owned beneficially by Vincent K. McMahon. Mr. McMahon controls approximately 81% of the voting power of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock. Through his beneficial ownership of a substantial majority of our Class B common stock, Mr. McMahon effectively can exercise control over our affairs, and his interest could conflict with the holders of our Class A common stock. In addition, the voting power of Mr. McMahon through his ownership of our Class B common stock could discourage others from initiating potential mergers, takeovers or other change of control transactions. As a result, the market price of our Class A common stock could decline.

**To the extent the Company's dividend distributions represent a return of capital for tax purposes; shareholders will recognize an increased capital gain upon a subsequent sale of the Company's Common Stock.**

The Company's aggregate dividend distributions paid in 2011 were in excess of its current and accumulated earnings and profits for that year calculated under applicable Internal Revenue Code ( IRC ) provisions. Under the IRC, distributions in excess of both the Company's current earnings and profits and the Company's accumulated earnings and profits constitute a return of capital and reduce the stockholder's adjusted tax basis in its Common Stock. If a stockholder's adjusted basis in its Common Stock is reduced to zero, these excess distributions thereafter constitute a capital gain to the stockholder.

**Our dividend is significant and is affected by a number of factors.**

Our Board of Directors regularly evaluates the Company's Common Stock dividend policy and determines the dividend rate each quarter. The level of dividends will continue to be influenced by many factors, including, among other things, our liquidity and historical and projected cash flow, our strategic plan (including alternative uses of capital), our financial results and condition, contractual and legal restrictions on the payment of dividends (including under our revolving credit facility), general economic and competitive conditions and such other factors as our Board of Directors may consider relevant from time to time. We cannot assure our stockholders that dividends will be paid in the future, or that, if paid, dividends will be at the same amount or with the same frequency as in the past. Any reduction in our dividend payments could have a negative effect on our stock price.

**A substantial number of shares are eligible for sale by Mr. McMahon and members of his family or trusts established for their benefit, and the sale of those shares could lower our stock price.**

All of the issued and outstanding shares of Class B common stock are held by Vincent McMahon and other members of the McMahon family and trusts set up for these family members. Sales of substantial amounts of these shares, or the perception that such sales could occur, may lower the prevailing market price of our Class A common stock. If any sales or transfers of Class B common stock were to occur to persons outside of the McMahon family, the shares would automatically convert into Class A common stock.

**Our Class A common stock has a relatively small public float.**

Historically, as a result of our relatively small public float, our Class A common stock has been less liquid than the common stock of companies with broader public ownership, and the trading prices for our Class A common stock have been more volatile than generally may be the case for more widely-held common stock. Among other things, trading of a relatively small volume of our Class A common stock may have a greater impact on the trading price of our Class A common stock than would be the case if our public float were larger.

**Table of Content*****Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments***

None.

***Item 2. Properties***

We have executive offices, television and music recording studios, post-production operations and warehouses at locations in or near Stamford, Connecticut. We also have sales offices in New York and Los Angeles, and have regional international offices in London, Tokyo, Shanghai and Mumbai. We own two of the buildings in which our executive and administrative offices, our television and music recording studios and our production operations are located. We lease space for our sales offices, WWE Studios office and other facilities.

In order to allow for future growth, during 2011, we began expanding our content production facilities. We leased additional space in Norwalk and Stamford, Connecticut and commenced construction on owned facilities to accommodate the expansion.

Our principal properties consist of the following:

| <b>Facility</b>                             | <b>Location</b> | <b>Square Feet</b> | <b>Owned/Leased</b> | <b>Expiration Date of Lease</b> |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Corporate offices                           | Stamford, CT    | 114,300            | Owned               |                                 |
| Warehouse space                             | Norwalk, CT     | 66,000             | Leased              | November 2016                   |
| Corporate offices and production facilities | Stamford, CT    | 37,000             | Leased              | Various through January 2015    |
| Production facility                         | Stamford, CT    | 39,000             | Owned               |                                 |
| Studio space                                | Stamford, CT    | 8,000              | Leased              | Various through November 2015   |
| WWE Studios office                          | Los Angeles, CA | 11,000             | Leased              | April 2020                      |
| Sales offices                               | Various         | 11,000             | Leased              | Various through October 2015    |
| Warehouse space                             | Stamford, CT    | 5,600              | Leased              | May, 2012                       |

All of the facilities listed above are utilized in our Live and Televised Entertainment, Consumer Products and Digital Media segments, with the exception of the WWE Studios office in Los Angeles, which focuses on our WWE Studios segment.

***Item 3. Legal Proceedings******World Wide Fund for Nature***

In April 2000, the World Wide Fund for Nature and its American affiliate, the World Wildlife Fund (collectively, the Fund) instituted legal proceedings against us in the English High Court seeking injunctive relief and unspecified damages for alleged breaches of a 1994 agreement between the Fund and us regarding the use of the initials *wwf*. In August 2001, a High Court judge granted the Fund's motion for summary judgment, holding that we breached the agreement by using the initials *wwf* in connection with certain of our website addresses and our former scratch logo. The English Court of Appeal subsequently upheld that ruling. As a result we are subject to an injunction barring us, either directly or indirectly, from most uses of the initials *wwf*.

As part of its original complaint, the Fund included a damages claim. On October 29, 2004, the Fund filed a claim for, among other things, substantial monetary claims in an amount calculated as a royalty based on certain percentages of our profits over the period January 1997 through November 2002. The English courts have denied the Fund's claim for profit-based damages. We strongly believe that the Fund has not suffered any loss or damage, and would vigorously defend against any other type of damage claim if the Fund attempted, after so many years, to amend its complaint to assert one. Based upon the decisions of the English courts, we do not believe this matter will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

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***IPO Class Action***

In December 2001, a purported class action complaint was filed against us and certain of our officers in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York alleging violations of federal securities laws relating to our initial public offering in 1999. According to the claims, the underwriters, who were also named as defendants, allegedly engaged in manipulative practices by, among other things, pre-selling allotments of shares of our stock in return for undisclosed, excessive commissions from the purchasers and/or entering into after-market tie-in arrangements to artificially inflate the Company's stock price. The complaint further alleges that we knew or should have known of such unlawful practices. In or around March 2009, the parties agreed to a global settlement of the litigation in its entirety. On April 2, 2009, the plaintiffs filed a motion for preliminary approval of settlement, which was granted by the court by order dated June 10, 2009. On October 6, 2009, the court granted final approval of the settlement agreement, to which the Company is a party, and various objectors filed notices to appeal this decision. The appeals were resolved during 2011, and the settlement is complete, with no liability on the part of the Company.

***Other Matters***

We are not currently a party to any other material legal proceedings. However, we are involved in several other suits and claims in the ordinary course of business, the outcome of which is not expected to have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity. We may from time to time become a party to other legal proceedings.

***Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures***

Not Applicable

**PART II**

***Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities***

Our Class A common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol WWE.

The following table sets forth the high and the low sale prices for the shares of Class A common stock as reported by the New York Stock Exchange and the dividends paid on shares of Class A and Class B common stock for the periods indicated.

**Table of Content****Fiscal Year 2011**

|                                       | Quarter Ended |          |              |             | Full Year |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
|                                       | March 31      | June 30  | September 30 | December 31 |           |
| Class A common stock price per share: |               |          |              |             |           |
| High                                  | \$ 14.39      | \$ 12.93 | \$ 10.33     | \$ 10.80    | \$ 14.39  |
| Low                                   | \$ 11.50      | \$ 8.88  | \$ 8.67      | \$ 8.70     | \$ 8.67   |
| Class A dividends paid per share      | \$ 0.36       | \$ 0.12  | \$ 0.12      | \$ 0.12     | \$ 0.72   |
| Class B dividends paid per share      | \$ 0.24       | \$ 0.12  | \$ 0.12      | \$ 0.12     | \$ 0.60   |

**Fiscal Year 2010**

|                                       | Quarter Ended |          |              |             | Full Year |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
|                                       | March 31      | June 30  | September 30 | December 31 |           |
| Class A common stock price per share: |               |          |              |             |           |
| High                                  | \$ 18.11      | \$ 18.95 | \$ 16.59     | \$ 14.90    | \$ 18.95  |
| Low                                   | \$ 15.47      | \$ 12.86 | \$ 13.50     | \$ 13.24    | \$ 12.86  |
| Class A dividends paid per share      | \$ 0.36       | \$ 0.36  | \$ 0.36      | \$ 0.36     | \$ 1.44   |
| Class B dividends paid per share      | \$ 0.24       | \$ 0.24  | \$ 0.24      | \$ 0.24     | \$ 0.96   |

There were 9,606 holders of record of Class A common stock and six holders of record of Class B common stock on February 23, 2012. Vincent K. McMahon, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer, controls approximately 81% of the voting power of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock. Our Class B common stock is fully convertible into Class A common stock, on a one for one basis, at any time at the option of the holder. The two classes are entitled to equal per share dividends and distributions and vote together as a class with each share of Class B entitled to ten votes and each share of Class A entitled to one vote, except when separate class voting is required by applicable law. If, at any time, any shares of Class B common stock are beneficially owned by any person other than Vincent McMahon, Linda McMahon, any descendant of either of them, any entity which is wholly owned and is controlled by any combination of such persons or any trust, all the beneficiaries of which are any combination of such persons, each of those shares will automatically convert into shares of Class A common stock. Through the beneficial ownership of a substantial majority of our Class B common stock, Mr. McMahon can effectively exercise control over our affairs.

From February 2008 until April 2011, the Board of Directors authorized quarterly cash dividends of \$0.36 per share on all Class A common shares. The quarterly dividend on all Class A and Class B shares held by members of the McMahon family and their respective trusts remained at \$0.24 per share for a period of three years due to a waiver received from the McMahon family. This waiver expired after the declaration of the March 2011 dividend. Subsequent to the first quarter of 2011 dividend payment, the Company has paid quarterly dividends of \$0.12 per share on all Class A and Class B shares.

Our Board of Directors regularly evaluates the Company's Common Stock dividend policy and determines the dividend rate each quarter. The level of dividends will continue to be influenced by many factors, including, among other things, our liquidity and historical and projected cash flow, our strategic plan (including alternative uses of capital), our financial results and condition, contractual and legal restrictions on the payment of dividends (including under our revolving credit facility), general economic and competitive conditions and such other factors as our Board of Directors may consider relevant from time to time. We cannot assure our stockholders that dividends will be paid in the future, or that, if paid, dividends will be at the same amount or with the same frequency as in the past. Any reduction in our dividend payments could have a negative effect on our stock price.

In 2011, the Company entered into a \$200 million revolving credit facility. The revolving credit facility restricts our ability to pay dividends if a default or event of default has occurred and is continuing thereunder, if our consolidated leverage ratio (as calculated under the revolving credit facility) exceeds 2.5:1.0 or if our consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio (as calculated under the revolving credit facility) exceeds 1.25:1.0. As of December 31, 2011, we are in compliance with the provisions of the revolving credit facility and are not restricted from paying dividends to our stockholders.



**Table of Content*****Cumulative Total Return Chart***

Set forth below is a line graph comparing, for the period commencing January 1, 2007 and ended December 31, 2011, the cumulative total return on our Class A common stock compared to the cumulative total return of the Russell 2000 Index and S&P Movies and Entertainment Index, a published industry index. The graph assumes the investment of \$100 at the close of trading as of January 1, 2007 in our Class A common stock, the Russell 2000 Index and the S&P Movies and Entertainment Index and the reinvestment of all dividends.

| <i>Index</i>                        | <i>Period Ended</i> |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                     | <i>1/01/07</i>      | <i>12/31/07</i> | <i>12/31/08</i> | <i>12/31/09</i> | <i>12/31/10</i> | <i>12/31/11</i> |
| World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. | 100.00              | 96.39           | 79.76           | 123.16          | 125.42          | 87.71           |
| Russell 2000                        | 100.00              | 98.43           | 65.18           | 82.89           | 105.14          | 100.75          |
| S&P Movies & Entertainment          | 100.00              | 90.47           | 52.59           | 77.64           | 90.64           | 100.92          |

**Table of Content*****Item 6. Selected Financial Data***

The following selected consolidated financial data has been derived from our consolidated financial statements. You should read the selected financial data in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes and the information set forth under Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained elsewhere in this report.

**Financial Highlights: (in millions)**

|                                  | <b>For the year<br/>ended December 31,</b> |             |                 |                 |                 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                  | <b>2011 (1)</b>                            | <b>2010</b> | <b>2009 (2)</b> | <b>2008 (3)</b> | <b>2007 (3)</b> |
| Net revenues                     | \$ 483.9                                   | \$ 477.7    | \$ 475.2        | \$ 526.5        | \$ 485.7        |
| Operating income                 | \$ 37.0                                    | \$ 82.3     | \$ 77.1         | \$ 70.3         | \$ 68.4         |
| Net income                       | \$ 24.8                                    | \$ 53.5     | \$ 50.3         | \$ 45.4         | \$ 52.1         |
| Earnings per share, basic        | \$ 0.33                                    | \$ 0.72     | \$ 0.68         | \$ 0.62         | \$ 0.73         |
| Earnings per share, diluted      | \$ 0.33                                    | \$ 0.71     | \$ 0.68         | \$ 0.62         | \$ 0.72         |
| Dividends paid per Class A share | \$ 0.72                                    | \$ 1.44     | \$ 1.44         | \$ 1.44         | \$ 0.96         |
| Dividends paid per Class B share | \$ 0.60                                    | \$ 0.96     | \$ 0.96         | \$ 0.96         | \$ 0.96         |

|                                                   | <b>As of December 31,</b> |             |             |             |             |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                                   | <b>2011</b>               | <b>2010</b> | <b>2009</b> | <b>2008</b> | <b>2007</b> |
| Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments | \$ 155.8                  | \$ 166.9    | \$ 208.2    | \$ 177.3    | \$ 266.4    |
| Total assets                                      | \$ 378.6                  | \$ 415.7    | \$ 440.6    | \$ 429.4    | \$ 470.1    |
| Total debt                                        | \$ 1.6                    | \$ 2.8      | \$ 3.9      | \$ 4.9      | \$ 5.8      |
| Total stockholders' equity                        | \$ 295.1                  | \$ 316.7    | \$ 337.0    | \$ 360.0    | \$ 383.4    |

- (1) Operating income includes impairment charges on our feature films of \$23.4 million (\$15.7 million, net of tax). See Note 7 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.
- (2) Operating income includes a charge of \$7.4 million (\$4.7 million, net of tax) relating to an allowance recorded against a receivable due from a previous distribution partner.
- (3) Operating income includes film impairment charges of \$1.9 million (\$1.2 million, net of tax) in 2008 relating to *See No Evil* and \$15.7 million (\$10.7 million, net of tax) in 2007 relating to *The Condemned*.

***Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations***

You should read the following discussion in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this report.

**Background**

The following analysis outlines all material activities contained within each of our four segments.

**Live and Televised Entertainment**

- Revenues consist principally of ticket sales to live events, sales of merchandise at these live events, television rights fees, sponsorships, and fees for viewing our pay-per-view and video-on-demand programming.

**Consumer Products**

- Revenues consist principally of direct sales of WWE produced home videos and magazine publishing and royalties or license fees related to various WWE themed products such as video games, toys and books.

**Table of Content****Digital Media**

- Revenues consist principally of advertising sales on our websites, sale of merchandise on our website through our WWEShop internet storefront and sales of various broadband and mobile content.

**WWE Studios**

- Revenues consist of receipts from the distribution of filmed entertainment.

**Results of Operations**

**Year Ended December 31, 2011 compared to Year Ended December 31, 2010 (dollars in millions)**

**Summary**

| <b>Net Revenues</b>                                 | <b>2011</b>    | <b>2010</b>    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Live and Televised Entertainment                    | \$ 340.0       | \$ 331.8       |
| Consumer Products                                   | 94.9           | 97.4           |
| Digital Media                                       | 28.1           | 28.9           |
| WWE Studios                                         | 20.9           | 19.6           |
| <b>Total</b>                                        | <b>483.9</b>   | <b>477.7</b>   |
| <b>Profit Contribution</b>                          |                |                |
| Live and Televised Entertainment                    | 130.7          | 134.4          |
| Consumer Products                                   | 56.1           | 55.7           |
| Digital Media                                       | 9.5            | 12.9           |
| WWE Studios                                         | (27.6)         | 0.4            |
| <b>Total</b>                                        | <b>168.7</b>   | <b>203.4</b>   |
| <b>Profit contribution margin</b>                   | <b>35%</b>     | <b>43%</b>     |
| <b>Selling, general and administrative expenses</b> | <b>116.7</b>   | <b>109.4</b>   |
| <b>Depreciation and amortization</b>                | <b>15.0</b>    | <b>11.7</b>    |
| <b>Operating income</b>                             | <b>37.0</b>    | <b>82.3</b>    |
| <b>Investment income, net</b>                       | <b>2.1</b>     | <b>2.0</b>     |
| <b>Interest expense</b>                             | <b>(0.6)</b>   | <b>(0.3)</b>   |
| <b>Other expense, net</b>                           | <b>(1.6)</b>   | <b>(2.0)</b>   |
| <b>Income before income taxes</b>                   | <b>36.9</b>    | <b>82.0</b>    |
| <b>Provision for income taxes</b>                   | <b>12.1</b>    | <b>28.5</b>    |
| <b>Net income</b>                                   | <b>\$ 24.8</b> | <b>\$ 53.5</b> |

Our Live and Televised Entertainment segment revenues increased primarily due to the increased revenues in our pay-per-view and television rights businesses of 12% and 4%, respectively. Our Consumer Products segment experienced a 5% increase in licensing revenue, reflecting an increase in sales of both toys and video games as compared to the prior year. Our WWE Studios segment reflected a \$1.3 million increase in revenue primarily due to the release of four self-distributed films in 2011 compared to two self-distributed films in 2010.

Profit contribution was negatively impacted by a \$23.4 million impairment charge recorded in 2011 relating to our WWE Studios business.

In 2011, we expanded efforts to create new programs in anticipation of increased distribution opportunities. As a result, we have incurred expenses associated with our emerging content and distribution efforts, including increased staffing to create new programs and legal and consulting fees of approximately \$4 million. During 2012, we expect to incur additional operating expenses in the range of \$15 million to \$20 million in support of these efforts.



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## Live and Televised Entertainment

The following chart provides performance results and key drivers for our Live and Televised Entertainment segment:

| Revenues- Live and Televised Entertainment (dollars in millions except where noted) | 2011      | 2010      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Live events                                                                         | \$ 104.7  | \$ 104.6  |
| North America                                                                       | \$ 64.9   | \$ 64.7   |
| International                                                                       | \$ 39.8   | \$ 39.9   |
| Number of North American events                                                     | 241       | 253       |
| Total live event attendance                                                         | 1,976,500 | 2,155,700 |
| Average North American attendance                                                   | 6,000     | 6,300     |
| Average North American ticket price (dollars)                                       | \$ 42.11  | \$ 39.46  |
| Number of international events                                                      | 80        | 74        |
| Average international attendance                                                    | 6,700     | 7,800     |
| Average international ticket price (dollars)                                        | \$ 68.74  | \$ 66.47  |
| Venue merchandise                                                                   | \$ 18.3   | \$ 18.4   |
| Domestic per capita spending (dollars)                                              | \$ 10.39  | \$ 9.80   |
| Pay-per-view                                                                        | \$ 78.3   | \$ 70.2   |
| Number of pay-per-view events                                                       | 13        | 13        |
| Number of buys of pay-per-views                                                     | 3,842,100 | 3,631,100 |
| Average revenue per buy (dollars)                                                   | \$ 19.94  | \$ 18.32  |
| Domestic retail price, excluding <i>WrestleMania</i> (dollars)                      | \$ 44.95  | \$ 44.95  |
| Domestic retail price <i>WrestleMania</i> (dollars)                                 | \$ 54.95  | \$ 54.95  |
| Television rights fees                                                              | \$ 131.5  | \$ 127.0  |
| Domestic                                                                            | \$ 80.3   | \$ 81.6   |
| International                                                                       | \$ 51.2   | \$ 45.4   |
| Other                                                                               | \$ 7.2    | \$ 11.6   |
| Total                                                                               | \$ 340.0  | \$ 331.8  |
| Ratings:                                                                            |           |           |
| Average weekly household ratings for <i>RAW</i>                                     | 3.6       | 3.5       |
| Average weekly household ratings for <i>Friday Night SmackDown</i>                  | 1.9       | 1.8       |
| Average weekly household rating for <i>WWE Superstars</i>                           | N/A       | 1.1       |
| Average weekly household rating for <i>WWE NXT</i>                                  | N/A       | 1.0       |
| Profit Contribution-Live and Televised Entertainment (dollars in millions)          | 2011      | 2010      |
| Live events                                                                         | \$ 28.7   | \$ 27.4   |
| Venue merchandise                                                                   | 8.1       | 8.0       |
| Pay per view                                                                        | 40.7      | 39.8      |
| Television rights                                                                   | 55.9      | 57.3      |
| Other                                                                               | (2.7)     | 1.9       |
| Total                                                                               | \$ 130.7  | \$ 134.4  |
| Profit contribution margin                                                          | 38%       | 41%       |

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Live events revenues were essentially unchanged as compared to the prior year. In our North America live events business, we experienced an increase in sponsorship revenues of \$1.2 million, which was offset by a decrease in revenues of \$0.8 million due to 12 fewer events. Cost of revenue for live events decreased by \$1.2 million, reflecting decreases in talent-related expenses of \$1.5 million due to the twelve fewer North American events. The live events profit contribution margin increased to 27% from 26% in the prior year.

Venue merchandise revenues were essentially unchanged as compared to the prior year, as the impact of 8% lower domestic attendance in the current year was offset by a 6% increase in per capita merchandise spending by our fans at domestic events. The venue merchandise profit contribution margin increased to 44% from 43% in the prior year.

Pay-per-view revenues increased by \$8.1 million in the current year as compared to the prior year, reflecting a 6% increase in total buys in addition to a 6% increase in average revenues per buy. The increase in the total number of buys was primarily driven by the performance of our annual *WrestleMania* event. In the current year, we recorded \$24.2 million in revenue from approximately 1.1 million buys for *WrestleMania XXVII* as compared to \$19.0 million from approximately 0.9 million buys for *WrestleMania XXVI* in the prior year. The increase in revenues per buy was driven by the higher percentage of domestic buys, which generate a higher price per buy, as compared to the prior year. Cost of revenues for pay-per-view increased by \$7.2 million, primarily due to increases in production costs, talent expense and advertising expenses related to initiatives designed to increase revenue. The pay-per-view profit contribution margin decreased to 52% in the current period from 57% in the prior year.

Television rights fees increased by \$4.5 million in the current year as compared to the prior year, primarily due to increases in international markets, partially offset by a decrease in overall domestic revenues. Internationally, our television rights fees increased by \$5.8 million, primarily due to a new agreement with a Canadian television distributor, and renewals and contractual increases with other international television distributors. Domestically, television rights fees decreased by \$1.3 million, due primarily to the absence of rights fees for our *NXT* and *WWE Superstars* programs, which moved to WWE.com in October 2010 and April 2011, respectively. During the year, we made a strategic decision to withhold several hours of these programs so we could distribute the content on existing and future platforms. This decrease was partially offset by increased sponsorship revenues and contractual rights fee increases charged to our domestic television distributors for our *RAW* and *Friday Night SmackDown* programs. Television rights cost of revenues increased by \$5.9 million primarily due to increased television sponsorship costs of \$2.7 million and increased production costs of \$3.2 million due to increased staffing and three additional televised events in the current year as compared to the prior year. The television rights fee profit contribution margin decreased to 43% from 45% in the prior year period.

**Consumer Products**

The following chart provides performance results and key drivers for our Consumer Products segment (dollars in millions):

| <b>Revenues-Consumer Products</b>            |  | <b>2011</b>    | <b>2010</b>    |
|----------------------------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| Licensing                                    |  | \$ 54.4        | \$ 51.7        |
| Magazine publishing                          |  | \$ 7.7         | \$ 11.0        |
| Net units sold                               |  | 2,344,800      | 3,068,000      |
| Home video                                   |  | \$ 30.4        | \$ 32.1        |
| Gross units shipped                          |  | 3,300,000      | 3,559,100      |
| Other                                        |  | \$ 2.4         | \$ 2.6         |
| <b>Total</b>                                 |  | <b>\$ 94.9</b> | <b>\$ 97.4</b> |
| <b>Profit Contribution-Consumer Products</b> |  | <b>2011</b>    | <b>2010</b>    |
| Licensing                                    |  | \$ 40.3        | \$ 38.4        |
| Magazine publishing                          |  | \$ 0.2         | \$ 0.7         |
| Home video                                   |  | \$ 15.1        | \$ 16.0        |
| Other                                        |  | \$ 0.5         | \$ 0.6         |
| <b>Total</b>                                 |  | <b>\$ 56.1</b> | <b>\$ 55.7</b> |
| Profit contribution margin                   |  | 59%            | 57%            |

Licensing revenues increased by \$2.7 million in the current year as compared to the prior year, driven by the improved performance of our toy and video game categories. Our toy category licensing revenues increased by \$1.1 million driven by Mattel's increased product offerings. Our

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video game category licensing revenues increased by \$8.0 million, driven by the release of our *WWE All Stars* video game, for which we did not have a corresponding release in the prior year. In addition, during the current year we increased the royalty rate we receive from our video game licensee. Offsetting these increases was a \$4.2 million decline in our novelties and collectibles categories, driven by softness in the international market and the absence of a successful product launch by a licensee that drove collectibles licensing revenues in the prior year. Licensing cost of revenues increased by \$0.8 million as compared to the prior year. The licensing profit contribution margin was 74% in both the current and prior year.

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Magazine publishing revenues decreased \$3.3 million in the current year as compared to the prior year, driven by weaker newsstand demand as a result of an overall decline in the magazine publishing industry. Net units sold decreased by 24%, while sell-through rates improved slightly. We published 12 issues of *WWE Magazine* in the current year as compared to 13 issues in the prior year, 10 issues of *WWE Kids* magazine in both the current and prior years and 6 special issues in both the current and prior years. Magazine publishing cost of revenues decreased by \$2.8 million, primarily as a result of a 25% decrease in production. Publishing profit contribution decreased to a profit of \$0.2 million in the current year from a profit of \$0.7 million in the prior year.

Home video revenues decreased \$1.7 million in the current year as compared to the prior year, driven by a 7% decrease in units shipped. This decrease was offset by favorable sell-through rates experienced during the current year as compared to the prior year. We released 28 titles in the current period as compared to 29 in the prior year. Home video cost of revenues decreased by \$0.8 million due to decreased duplication costs. Home video profit contribution margin was 50% in both the current and prior years.

*Digital Media*

The following chart provides performance results for our Digital Media segment (dollars in millions, except average revenues per order):

| <b>Revenues-Digital Media</b>                |  | <b>2011</b>    | <b>2010</b>    |
|----------------------------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| WWE.com                                      |  | \$ 12.5        | \$ 14.9        |
| WWEShop                                      |  | 15.6           | 14.0           |
| <b>Total</b>                                 |  | <b>\$ 28.1</b> | <b>\$ 28.9</b> |
| Average WWEShop revenues per order (dollars) |  | \$ 47.16       | \$ 47.13       |
| <b>Profit Contribution-Digital Media</b>     |  | <b>2011</b>    | <b>2010</b>    |
| WWE.com                                      |  | \$ 6.5         | \$ 9.7         |
| WWEShop                                      |  | 3.0            | 3.2            |
| <b>Total</b>                                 |  | <b>\$ 9.5</b>  | <b>\$ 12.9</b> |
| Profit contribution margin                   |  | 34%            | 45%            |

WWE.com revenues decreased \$2.4 million in the current year as compared to the prior year, primarily due to a decrease in online advertising of \$2.9 million. WWE.com cost of revenues increased by \$0.8 million in the current year, driven by increased expenses related to streaming and sponsorships, in addition to \$0.3 million less benefit from production tax incentives as compared to the prior year. WWE.com profit contribution margin decreased to 52% in the current period from 65% in the prior year.

WWEShop revenues increased \$1.6 million in the current year as compared to the prior year, driven by a 13% increase in the number of orders processed. WWEShop cost of revenues increased by \$1.8 million in the current year, primarily due to increased material costs of \$0.7 million and increased shipping charges of \$0.6 million, both driven by the increased revenue and number of orders. WWEShop profit contribution margin decreased to 19% in the current year from 23% in the prior year, primarily due to increased discounts and promotional offers.

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The following table provides detailed information on our WWE Studios segment (in millions):

| Title                      | Release Date | Feature Film Production Assets-net as of Dec. 31, |         |                          |           | For the Year Ended December 31, |         |               |        |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|---------|---------------|--------|
|                            |              | Production Costs*                                 | 2011    | Inception to-date Profit |           | Revenue                         |         | Profit (Loss) |        |
|                            |              |                                                   |         | 2011                     | 2010      | 2011                            | 2010    |               |        |
| Self - Distributed films   |              |                                                   |         |                          |           |                                 |         |               |        |
| The Reunion                | Oct 2011     | \$ 6.9                                            | \$ 1.9  | \$ 2.4                   | \$ (4.2)  | \$ 2.4                          | \$ N/A  | \$ (4.2)      | \$ N/A |
| Inside Out                 | Sept 2011    | 5.1                                               | 1.3     | 2.1                      | (3.2)     | 2.1                             | N/A     | (3.2)         | N/A    |
| That's What I Am           | April 2011   | 4.7                                               | 0.5     | 0.9                      | (4.9)     | 0.9                             | N/A     | (4.9)         | N/A    |
| The Chaperone              | Mar 2011     | 5.8                                               | 0.9     | 4.0                      | (3.9)     | 4.0                             | N/A     | (3.9)         | N/A    |
| Knucklehead                | Oct 2010     | 6.4                                               | 0.8     | 4.2                      | (4.0)     | 0.7                             | 3.5     | (2.9)         | (1.1)  |
| Legendary                  | Sept 2010    | 5.3                                               | 1.7     | 6.3                      | (1.9)     | 1.0                             | 5.3     | (0.3)         | (1.6)  |
|                            |              | 34.2                                              | 7.1     | 19.9                     | (22.1)    | 11.1                            | 8.8     | (19.4)        | (2.7)  |
| Licensed films             |              |                                                   |         |                          |           |                                 |         |               |        |
| Marine 2                   | Dec 2009     | 2.3                                               | 0.8     | 2.2                      | 0.7       | 1.1                             | 1.2     | 0.3           | 0.5    |
| 12 Rounds                  | Mar 2009     | 19.7                                              | 7.8     | 9.0                      | (2.9)     | 5.6                             | 3.5     | (2.8)         | -      |
| BELC 3                     | Jan 2009     | 2.5                                               | 0.3     | 2.3                      | 0.1       | 0.6                             | 1.2     | -             | -      |
| The Condemned              | May 2007     | 17.5                                              | -       | 10.8                     | (6.6)     | 0.5                             | 1.6     | 0.4           | 1.4    |
| The Marine                 | Oct 2006     | 20.2                                              | 0.1     | 37.2                     | 14.6      | 1.8                             | 2.9     | 1.3           | 1.5    |
| See No Evil                | May 2006     | 10.4                                              | 0.5     | 7.0                      | (2.9)     | 0.2                             | 0.4     | (1.2)         | -      |
|                            |              | 72.6                                              | 9.5     | 68.5                     | 3.0       | 9.8                             | 10.8    | (2.0)         | 3.4    |
| Completed but not released |              | 11.4                                              | 6.0     | -                        | (5.4)     | -                               | -       | (5.4)         | -      |
| In production              |              | -                                                 | -       | -                        | -         | -                               | -       | -             | -      |
| In development             |              | N/A                                               | 1.0     | -                        | (3.1)     | -                               | -       | (0.8)         | (0.3)  |
| Total                      |              | \$ 118.2                                          | \$ 23.6 | \$ 88.4                  | \$ (27.6) | \$ 20.9                         | \$ 19.6 | \$ (27.6)     | \$ 0.4 |

\* Production costs are presented net of the associated benefit of production incentives.

Revenue recognition for our feature films varies depending on the method of distribution and the extent of control the Company exercises over the distribution and related expenses. We exercise significant control over our self-distributed films and as a result, we record distribution revenue and related expenses on a gross basis in our financial statements. Third-party distribution partners control the distribution and marketing of our licensed films, as a result, we recognize revenue on a net basis after the third-party distributor recoups distribution fees and expenses and results have been reported to us. This typically occurs in periods subsequent to the initial release of the film.

WWE Studios revenues increased \$1.3 million in the current year compared to the prior year driven by four newly released self-distributed films. In the current year, revenues from these newly released films and two self-distributed films released in the prior year increased \$2.3 million, while revenues for our six licensed films decreased \$1.0 million.

At December 31, 2011, the Company had \$23.6 million (net of accumulated amortization and impairment charges) of feature film production assets capitalized on our balance sheet. We review and revise estimates of ultimate revenue and participation costs at each reporting period to reflect the most current information available. If estimates for a film's ultimate revenue are revised and indicate a significant decline in a film's profitability or if events or circumstances change that indicate we should assess whether the fair value of a film is less than its unamortized film costs, we calculate the film's estimated fair value using a discounted cash flows model. After updating estimates of ultimate revenue and participation costs for current and pending releases to reflect lower than expected home video revenues and higher participation costs for certain releases, we noted significant declines in the expected profitability of certain films for which we prepared a discounted cash flow analysis to

determine the fair value of the feature film production asset. This resulted in us recording impairment charges of \$23.4 million during the year. These impairment charges represent the excess of the recorded net carrying value over the estimated fair value.

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The following is a listing of feature film impairments recorded during the year ended December 31, 2011. There were no impairment charges recorded during 2010 (in millions).

|                           | Year Ended<br>December 31,<br>2011 |      |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------|
| Self-Distributed Films    |                                    |      |
| <i>The Reunion</i>        | \$                                 | 3.5  |
| <i>Inside Out</i>         |                                    | 2.5  |
| <i>That's What I Am</i>   |                                    | 3.3  |
| <i>The Chaperone</i>      |                                    | 2.2  |
| <i>Knucklehead</i>        |                                    | 2.5  |
| <i>Bending the Rules*</i> |                                    | 3.2  |
| <i>Barricade*</i>         |                                    | 2.2  |
|                           |                                    | 19.4 |
| Licensed Films            |                                    |      |
| <i>12 Rounds</i>          |                                    | 2.8  |
| <i>See No Evil</i>        |                                    | 1.2  |
|                           |                                    | 4.0  |
| Total                     | \$                                 | 23.4 |

\* Completed but not yet released

WWE Studios total cost of revenues increased \$29.3 million primarily due to the above \$23.4 million of impairment charges, an increase in amortization of production assets of \$2.6 million and an increase in distribution related expenses for the self-distributed films of \$2.4 million. In the current year, cost of revenues for our self-distributed films included \$13.9 million of impairment charges. In addition to the impairment charges recorded for our released self-distributed films, we also incurred impairment charges of \$5.4 million related to two self-distributed films that were completed but not yet released as of December 31, 2011. Cost of revenues for our licensed films increased \$4.4 million in 2011 compared to the prior year due primarily to the impairment charges recorded associated with two of our films of \$4.0 million.

*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses*

The following chart reflects the amounts of certain significant overhead items (dollars in millions):

| Selling, General & Administrative Expenses | 2011     | 2010     |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Staff related                              | \$ 58.0  | \$ 52.4  |
| Legal, accounting and other professional   | 15.9     | 11.3     |
| Travel and entertainment expenses          | 4.9      | 4.2      |
| Advertising, marketing and promotion       | 5.3      | 6.5      |
| Corporate insurance                        | 3.5      | 3.5      |
| Stock compensation                         | 2.9      | 7.6      |
| Bad debt                                   | (0.7)    | 0.8      |
| All other                                  | 26.9     | 23.1     |
| Total SG&A                                 | \$ 116.7 | \$ 109.4 |
| SG&A as a percentage of net revenues       | 24%      | 23%      |

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The \$5.6 million increase in staff related expenses in the current year as compared to the prior year reflects a \$3.8 million increase in salary expenses due primarily to increased headcount, a \$3.0 million increase in severance expenses and a \$2.4 million increase in benefits costs as a result of higher medical costs, partially offset by a \$3.6 million decrease in accrued management incentive compensation. The increased headcount is primarily due to the hiring of staff to assist in creating new programming to support our emerging content and distribution efforts. Stock compensation expense decreased \$4.7 million as compared to the prior year. The decreases in management incentive compensation and stock compensation expense were due to the Company not achieving certain performance targets for 2011. The increase in legal, accounting and other professional fees in the current year was due primarily to increased legal and consulting fees costs associated with the expansion of our content and distribution platforms. Overall, selling, general and administrative expenses included approximately \$4 million as a result of expenses associated with our emerging content and distribution efforts.

|                               | 2011    | 2010    |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Depreciation and amortization | \$ 15.0 | \$ 11.7 |

The increase depreciation expense from the prior year reflects the absence in the current year of a \$1.7 million benefit from the recognition of an infrastructure tax credit received in the prior year period, in addition to higher property and equipment balances in the current year. The credit received in the prior year period related to assets placed in service in previous years, and the adjustment to depreciation expense reflects the amount of previously recognized expense associated with the reduction of the related asset cost.

|                   | 2011   | 2010   |
|-------------------|--------|--------|
| Investment income | \$ 2.1 | \$ 2.0 |

|                  | 2011   | 2010   |
|------------------|--------|--------|
| Interest expense | \$ 0.6 | \$ 0.3 |

|                    | 2011   | 2010   |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| Other expense, net | \$ 1.6 | \$ 2.0 |

Other expense, net includes realized foreign exchange gains and losses, the revaluation of warrants held in a publicly-traded former licensee and certain non-income related taxes. In the current year, we recorded realized foreign exchange losses of \$0.4 million as compared to losses of \$1.3 million in the prior year. During 2010, we recognized mark-to-market adjustments of a gain of \$0.6 million relating to the revaluation of the warrants held in a publicly-traded former licensee. These warrants were exercised in 2011.

| Provision for Income Taxes | 2011    | 2010    |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Provision                  | \$ 12.1 | \$ 28.5 |
| Effective tax rate         | 33%     | 35%     |

The current year effective tax rate was positively impacted by a higher proportion of qualified production activities in the current year, which resulted in a higher rate of IRC Section 199 deductions relative to non-qualifying activities. The current and prior year were positively impacted by a \$0.6 million and \$1.3 million benefit, respectively, from recognition of previously unrecognized tax benefits, primarily as a result of the statute of limitations expiring in jurisdictions in which the Company had taken uncertain tax positions.

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Year Ended December 31, 2010 compared to Year Ended December 31, 2009 (dollars in millions)

**Summary**

| <b>Net Revenues</b>                                 | <b>2010</b>    | <b>2009</b>    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Live and Televised Entertainment                    | \$ 331.8       | \$ 335.0       |
| Consumer Products                                   | 97.4           | 99.7           |
| Digital Media                                       | 28.9           | 32.8           |
| WWE Studios                                         | 19.6           | 7.7            |
| <b>Total</b>                                        | <b>477.7</b>   | <b>475.2</b>   |
| <b>Profit Contribution</b>                          |                |                |
| Live and Televised Entertainment                    | 134.4          | 143.0          |
| Consumer Products                                   | 55.7           | 58.2           |
| Digital Media                                       | 12.9           | 14.3           |
| WWE Studios                                         | 0.4            | 3.8            |
| <b>Total</b>                                        | <b>203.4</b>   | <b>219.3</b>   |
| <b>Profit contribution margin</b>                   | <b>43%</b>     | <b>46%</b>     |
| <b>Selling, general and administrative expenses</b> | <b>109.4</b>   | <b>127.8</b>   |
| Depreciation and amortization                       | 11.7           | 14.4           |
| <b>Operating income</b>                             | <b>82.3</b>    | <b>77.1</b>    |
| Investment income, net                              | 2.0            | 3.1            |
| Interest expense                                    | (0.3)          | (0.3)          |
| Other expense, net                                  | (2.0)          | (0.5)          |
| <b>Income before income taxes</b>                   | <b>82.0</b>    | <b>79.4</b>    |
| Provision for income taxes                          | 28.5           | 29.1           |
| <b>Net income</b>                                   | <b>\$ 53.5</b> | <b>\$ 50.3</b> |

The comparability of our results for 2010 as compared to 2009 is impacted by our WWE Studios' business change to a self-distribution model starting in the third quarter of 2010. Under this model, we recognize revenues and expenses for our films on a gross basis upon release. During 2010, we released two films under this self-distribution model, *Legendary* and *Knucklehead*. We previously released six films that were distributed by third-party distribution partners whereby we participated in revenues upon their recoupment of distribution expenses and fees. As a result, the revenue and related expenses were recorded on a net basis after the distributor's recoupment, which typically occurred in periods subsequent to the film's initial release. In 2010, we recorded \$8.8 million in revenue and \$11.5 million in cost of revenue related to our self-distributed films. Included in the cost of revenue is \$5.3 million of amortization of production costs and \$6.2 million of distribution-related expenses.

During 2010, film and television production incentives from various governmental programs were received, relating to qualified production activities and an infrastructure project. As a result, operating income was positively impacted by \$7.9 million in 2010 as compared to \$8.3 million in 2009. The production incentives were recorded as an offset to the related production activity; accordingly, we reduced cost of revenues by \$4.0 million and \$5.0 million in 2010 and 2009, respectively, and selling, general and administrative expenses by \$2.2 million and \$3.3 million in 2010 and 2009, respectively. The infrastructure incentive was recorded as a reduction to the related asset, however, as the credit related to assets placed in service in prior years, a \$1.7 million benefit was recorded in 2010 as a reduction to depreciation for previously recognized expense associated with the reduction of the related asset cost.

Our Live and Televised Entertainment segment was impacted by declines in our live events and pay-per-view businesses, offset by higher television rights fees in both domestic and international markets. Our Consumer Products segment experienced strong growth in our licensing business primarily driven by our new master toy licensee, Mattel, offset by declines in our home video business. Digital Media revenues declined from the prior year, primarily as a result of declines in wireless and advertising revenues.

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Our 2010 results were adversely impacted by the continued weakness in the overall economic environment. We believe that certain key metrics, including live event attendance and pay-per-view buys, were impacted by transitions within our talent roster.

Revenues derived from international sources represented 28% and 27% of total net revenues in 2010 and 2009, respectively.

### Live and Televised Entertainment

The following chart provides performance results and key drivers for our Live and Televised Entertainment segment:

| Revenues- Live and Televised Entertainment (dollars in millions except where noted) | 2010      | 2009      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Live events                                                                         | \$ 104.6  | \$ 108.8  |
| North America                                                                       | \$ 64.7   | \$ 67.8   |
| International                                                                       | \$ 39.9   | \$ 41.0   |
| Number of North American events                                                     | 253       | 268       |
| Total live event attendance                                                         | 2,155,700 | 2,383,800 |
| Average North American attendance                                                   | 6,300     | 6,500     |
| Average North American ticket price (dollars)                                       | \$ 39.46  | \$ 37.64  |
| Number of international events                                                      | 74        | 74        |
| Average international attendance                                                    | 7,800     | 8,500     |
| Average international ticket price (dollars)                                        | \$ 66.47  | \$ 66.08  |
| Venue merchandise                                                                   | \$ 18.4   | \$ 19.8   |
| Domestic per capita spending (dollars)                                              | \$ 9.80   | \$ 9.58   |
| Pay-per-view                                                                        | \$ 70.2   | \$ 80.0   |
| Number of pay-per-view events                                                       | 13        | 14        |
| Number of buys of pay-per-views                                                     | 3,631,100 | 4,490,200 |
| Average revenue per buy (dollars)                                                   | \$ 18.32  | \$ 17.26  |
| Domestic retail price, excluding <i>WrestleMania</i> (dollars)                      | \$ 44.95  | \$ 39.95  |
| Domestic retail price <i>WrestleMania</i> (dollars)                                 | \$ 54.95  | \$ 54.95  |
| Television rights fees                                                              | \$ 127.0  | \$ 111.9  |
| Domestic                                                                            | \$ 81.6   | \$ 72.8   |
| International                                                                       | \$ 45.4   | \$ 39.1   |
| Television advertising                                                              | \$ 5.9    | \$ 7.7    |
| WWE Classics on Demand                                                              | \$ 4.6    | \$ 5.4    |
| Other                                                                               | \$ 1.1    | \$ 1.4    |
| Total                                                                               | \$ 331.8  | \$ 335.0  |
| Ratings:                                                                            |           |           |
| Average weekly household ratings for <i>RAW</i>                                     | 3.5       | 3.7       |
| Average weekly household ratings for <i>Friday Night SmackDown</i>                  | 1.8       | 2.0       |
| Average weekly household ratings for <i>WWE Superstars</i>                          | 1.1       | 1.3       |
| Average weekly household rating for <i>WWE NXT</i>                                  | 1.0       | N/A       |
| Average weekly household rating for <i>ECW</i>                                      | N/A       | 1.2       |
| Profit Contribution-Live and Televised Entertainment (dollars in millions)          | 2010      | 2009      |
| Live events                                                                         | \$ 27.4   | \$ 34.2   |
| Venue merchandise                                                                   | 8.0       | 8.7       |
| Pay per view                                                                        | 39.8      | 47.5      |
| Television rights                                                                   | 57.3      | 46.2      |
| Television advertising                                                              | 4.4       | 6.8       |
| WWE Classics on Demand                                                              | 3.2       | 4.6       |
| Other                                                                               | (5.7)     | (5.0)     |
| Total                                                                               | \$ 134.4  | \$ 143.0  |

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|----------------------------|----|---|----|---|
| Profit contribution margin | 41 | % | 43 | % |
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Live events revenues decreased by \$4.2 million in 2010 compared to 2009 primarily as a result of a decrease in attendance and 15 fewer North American events. Our average attendance decreased to 6,300 as compared to 6,500 in 2009, while international attendance decreased to 7,800 as compared to 8,500 in 2009. We believe this decline in attendance is primarily due to the transition within our talent roster. The decline in the number of domestic events is primarily due to touring logistics. Cost of revenues for live events was adversely impacted by approximately \$1.0 million in costs related to the Icelandic volcano, as well as \$1.0 million in higher venue related expenses, as we held ten additional events at premium venues in 2010 as compared to 2009, which have higher associated costs. The live events profit contribution margin decreased to 26% from 31% in 2009.

Venue merchandise revenues were adversely impacted by the decreased attendance in 2010 as compared to the prior year. This decline was partially offset by a 2% increase in per capita spending by our fans. Cost of revenues for venue merchandise decreased by \$0.7 million primarily due to decreased sales. The venue merchandise profit contribution margin was 43% in 2010 as compared to 44% in 2009.

Pay-per-view revenues reflect 3.6 million buys in 2010 as compared to 4.5 million buys in 2009. In 2010, our premier annual pay-per-view event, *WrestleMania XXVI*, generated 0.9 million buys as compared to 1.0 million buys for *WrestleMania XXV* in 2009. As a result of the decreased buys, pay-per-view revenues decreased by \$9.8 million in 2010 as compared to 2009. We believe this decline is due to the transition within our talent roster, the absence of several prominent members of our talent roster at certain pay-per-view events, the production of one less pay-per-view event in 2010 as compared to 2009 and weakness in the economy. This revenue decline was partially offset by an increase in the suggested domestic retail price of our non-*WrestleMania* pay-per-view events from \$39.95 to \$44.95 in January 2010. Domestic buys, which generate a higher price per buy, represents 61% of total buys in 2010 as compared to 63% in 2009. Pay-per-view cost of revenues decreased by \$2.1 million in 2010 as compared to 2009, due to the absence of one event and declines associated with decreased revenues. The pay-per-view profit contribution margin was 57% in 2010 as compared to 59% in 2009.

Television rights fees increased by \$15.1 million in 2010 as compared to 2009 and reflect increases both in domestic and international markets. Domestically, television rights fees increased by \$8.8 million primarily due to favorable renewals of previous contracts, contractual increases with our television partners, new agreements with television partners and the production of four additional special episodes during 2010 as compared to 2009. Internationally, television rights fees increased by \$6.3 million primarily due to a favorable renewal of a contract with a key television partner and contractual increases with other television partners. Television rights cost of revenues increased primarily due to increases in production costs of \$4.0 million due to six additional TV episodes produced in 2010 and increased headcount for production staff. In addition, we received \$0.7 million less in production tax credits in 2010 compared to 2009. Television rights profit contribution margin increased to 45% from 41% in 2009.

Television advertising revenues are comprised of the sale of advertising on our Canadian television programs and the sale of integrated sponsorship packages. In 2010, television advertising revenues decreased by \$1.8 million primarily due to a decline in sponsorship advertising revenue, driven by lower sponsorship sales related to pay-per-view events. Television advertising cost of revenues increased primarily due to the higher costs associated with our integrated sponsorship packages. Television advertising profit contribution margin decreased to 75% from 88% in 2009.

WWE Classics on Demand, our subscription based video-on-demand service, generated 15% lower revenues in 2010 reflecting a 15% decline in average monthly domestic subscribers. We believe these declines in subscribers are a result of weakness in the economy. WWE Classics on Demand cost of revenue increased by \$0.6 million in 2010 as compared to 2009 due to lower tax credits received as compared to 2009. WWE Classics on Demand profit contribution margin decreased to 70% from 85% in 2009.

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The following chart provides performance results and key drivers for our Consumer Products segment (dollars in millions):

| <b>Revenues- Consumer Products</b> |  | <b>2010</b>    | <b>2009</b>    |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| Licensing                          |  | \$ 51.7        | \$ 44.7        |
| Magazine publishing                |  | \$ 11.0        | \$ 13.5        |
| Net units sold                     |  | 3,068,000      | 4,026,300      |
| Home video                         |  | \$ 32.1        | \$ 39.4        |
| Gross units                        |  | 3,559,100      | 3,531,468      |
| Other                              |  | \$ 2.6         | \$ 2.1         |
| <b>Total</b>                       |  | <b>\$ 97.4</b> | <b>\$ 99.7</b> |

  

| <b>Profit Contribution-Consumer Products</b> |  | <b>2010</b>    | <b>2009</b>    |
|----------------------------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| Licensing                                    |  | \$ 38.4        | \$ 33.7        |
| Magazine publishing                          |  | \$ 0.7         | \$ 2.4         |
| Home video                                   |  | \$ 16.0        | \$ 21.7        |
| Other                                        |  | \$ 0.6         | \$ 0.4         |
| <b>Total</b>                                 |  | <b>\$ 55.7</b> | <b>\$ 58.2</b> |
| Profit contribution margin                   |  | 57%            | 58%            |

Licensing revenues increased by \$7.0 million in 2010 as compared to 2009 primarily due to a strong performance by our new master toy licensee, Mattel. Our toy category licensing revenues increased by \$9.3 million primarily driven by Mattel's increased product offerings. Our video game category licensing revenues decreased by \$3.0 million because 2009 benefited from the release of an additional video game title, *Legends of WrestleMania*, for which there was no comparable release in 2010. The licensing profit contribution margin was 74% in 2010 as compared to 75% in 2009.

Magazine publishing revenues declined \$2.5 million in 2010 as compared to 2009 due to a 24% decrease in net units sold. Our sell-through rates decreased to 31% from 36% in 2009. We published 13 issues of *WWE Magazine* and 10 issues of *WWE Kids Magazine* in both 2010 and 2009. We also published 6 special issues in both 2010 and 2009. Magazine publishing cost of revenues decreased by 7% as a result of a 10% decrease in production levels, partially offset by fixed costs. The profit contribution margin decreased to 6% from 18% in 2009.

Home video revenues decreased by \$7.3 million in 2010 due to decreased sell-through rates and a decline in our average selling price. Our home video sell-through rates decreased to 55% in 2010 as compared to 67% in 2009, partially as a result of challenges experienced with our talent transition, coupled with an overall decline in the home video industry. The decrease in average selling price was due to increased discounting and changes in the product mix. We released 29 titles in 2010 as compared to 28 in 2009. Home video cost of revenues decreased due to lower sales offset by increased distribution expenses due to changing distribution partners. The profit contribution margin decreased to 50% from 55% in 2009.

*Digital Media*

The following chart provides performance results for our Digital Media segment (dollars in millions, except average revenues per order):

| <b>Revenues- Digital Media</b>               |  | <b>2010</b>    | <b>2009</b>    |
|----------------------------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| WWE.com                                      |  | \$ 14.9        | \$ 16.8        |
| WWEShop                                      |  | 14.0           | 16.0           |
| <b>Total</b>                                 |  | <b>\$ 28.9</b> | <b>\$ 32.8</b> |
| Average WWEShop revenues per order (dollars) |  | \$ 47.13       | \$ 51.83       |



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| <b>Profit Contribution-Digital Media</b> | <b>2010</b>    | <b>2009</b>    |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| WWE.com                                  | \$ 9.7         | \$ 9.9         |
| WWEShop                                  | 3.2            | 4.4            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$ 12.9</b> | <b>\$ 14.3</b> |
| Profit contribution margin               | 45%            | 44%            |

WWE.com revenue decreased by \$1.9 million in 2010 as compared to 2009 due to declines in advertising sold on our website and wireless revenue. The declines in advertising revenue reflect the downturn in the general economic environment and continued difficulties monetizing our website. The decline in wireless revenue was driven by the expiration of a key content agreement that was not renewed. These declines were partially offset by increased revenue received from third-parties that stream our content online. WWE.com cost of revenues decreased by 25% in 2010 due to a reallocation of marketing support.

WWEShop revenue reflects a 2% decrease in the number of orders processed and a 9% decrease in average revenue per order in 2010 as compared to 2009, driven by weakness in the economy, coupled with the transitions within the talent roster. As a result, WWEShop revenues decreased by 13% in 2010 as compared to 2009. The decrease in WWEShop profit contribution margin was driven by \$0.6 million of increased postage costs as a result of offering our customers promotional shipping during the holiday season and \$0.1 million of increased advertising expenses.

**WWE Studios**

The following chart provides performance results for our WWE Studios segment (dollars in millions):

| <b>WWE Studios Revenues</b>              | <b>2010</b>    | <b>2009</b>   |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Licensed films                           | \$ 10.8        | \$ 7.7        |
| Self-distributed films                   | 8.8            | -             |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$ 19.6</b> | <b>\$ 7.7</b> |
| <b>Profit Contribution - WWE Studios</b> | <b>2010</b>    | <b>2009</b>   |
| Licensed films                           | \$ 3.1         | \$ 3.8        |
| Self-distributed films                   | (2.7)          | -             |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$ 0.4</b>  | <b>\$ 3.8</b> |
| Profit contribution margin               | 2%             | 49%           |

WWE Studios released four feature films utilizing third-party distribution partners (Licensed Films): *See No Evil*, *The Marine*, *The Condemned*, and *12 Rounds* and two direct-to-DVD films, *Behind Enemy Lines: Columbia* and *The Marine 2*. For these licensed films, we participate in revenues and expenses generated from the distribution of the films through all media on a net basis after the print and advertising and distribution costs incurred by our distribution partners have been recouped and the results are reported to us, typically in periods subsequent to the initial release. We recorded \$10.8 million of revenue relating to these licensed films in 2010 as compared to \$7.7 million in 2009. The increase in revenue for our licensed films is primarily driven by \$3.5 million in revenue from our film, *12 Rounds*. The licensed films cost of revenues reflects the amortization of production costs for these films.

WWE Studios changed to a self-distribution model starting in the third quarter of 2010. Under this model, we recognize revenues and expenses for our films on a gross basis upon release. During 2010, we released two feature films under this model, *Legendary* and *Knucklehead*. In 2010, we recorded \$8.8 million in revenue and \$11.5 million in cost of revenue related to these self-distributed films. We record distribution related expenses when incurred and amortize feature film production costs in the same proportion that a film's revenue for the period relates to our ultimate revenue projections for such film. Included in the cost of revenue is \$5.3 million of amortization of production costs and \$6.2 million of distribution related expenses.

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## Expenses

The following chart reflects the amounts of certain significant overhead items (dollars in millions):

| Selling, General & Administrative Expenses | 2010     | 2009     |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Staff related                              | \$ 52.4  | \$ 62.1  |
| Legal, accounting and other professional   | 11.3     | 14.8     |
| Stock compensation                         | 7.6      | 7.4      |
| Advertising and promotion                  | 6.5      | 5.4      |
| Travel and entertainment expenses          | 4.2      | 4.2      |
| Corporate insurance                        | 3.5      | 3.1      |
| Bad debt                                   | 0.8      | 8.6      |
| All other                                  | 23.1     | 22.2     |
| Total SG&A                                 | \$ 109.4 | \$ 127.8 |
| SG&A as a percentage of net revenues       | 23%      | 27%      |

The decrease of \$9.7 million in staff related expenses in 2010 as compared to 2009 is attributable to a \$4.7 million decrease in accrued management incentive compensation and a \$1.4 million decrease in employee benefit related costs, primarily as a result of changes to our healthcare administrator, decreased medical claims paid and decreased negotiated rates. In addition, \$2.2 million in severance related costs related to a restructuring was recorded in 2009. Legal, accounting and professional fees in 2010 benefited from a decrease in legal case activity. Our bad debt expense in the prior year included a \$7.4 million charge related to a former distribution partner.

|                               | 2010    | 2009    |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Depreciation and amortization | \$ 11.7 | \$ 14.4 |

The decrease in depreciation and amortization expense reflects a \$1.7 million benefit from the recognition of an infrastructure tax credit received in 2010. This credit was used to reduce the carrying value of assets as of their in service date and consequently the adjustment to depreciation expense reflects the revised amount incurred to date. This credit was received in 2010 but related to assets placed in service in prior years.

|                   | 2010   | 2009   |
|-------------------|--------|--------|
| Investment income | \$ 2.0 | \$ 3.1 |

The decline in investment income in 2010 reflects lower realized gains from investment sales, as higher interest rates in the current year offset lower investment balances.

|                  | 2010   | 2009   |
|------------------|--------|--------|
| Interest expense | \$ 0.3 | \$ 0.3 |

|                    | 2010   | 2009   |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| Other expense, net | \$ 2.0 | \$ 0.5 |

Other expense, net includes realized foreign exchange gains and losses, the revaluation of warrants held in certain licensees and certain non-income related taxes. In 2010, we recorded realized foreign exchange losses of \$1.3 million as compared to gains of \$1.5 million in 2009. This was partially offset by the fluctuation relating to the revaluation of warrants. In 2010 we recorded income of \$0.6 million relating to the revaluation of warrants as compared to a loss of \$1.0 million in 2009.

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| Provision for Income Taxes | 2010    | 2009    |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Provision                  | \$ 28.5 | \$ 29.1 |
| Effective tax rate         | 35%     | 37%     |

The 2010 effective tax rate was positively impacted by a \$1.3 million increase in the IRC Section 199 deduction on qualified production activity income. The increased deduction in the current year was primarily due to the higher allowable deduction percentage as a result of the completion of the IRS phase-in period relating to the Section 199 deduction. The 2010 period also reflects a \$1.3 million benefit from recognition of previously unrecognized tax benefits, primarily as a result of the statute of limitations expiring in jurisdictions in which the Company had taken uncertain tax positions. These benefits to our effective tax rate were partially offset by increased unrecognized tax benefits for uncertain tax positions.

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### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

During the current year, we entered into a three year senior unsecured revolving credit facility with a syndicated group of banks, with JPMorgan Chase acting as administrative agent. The revolving credit facility provides for a \$200.0 million line of credit that expires in September 2014, unless extended. As of December 31, 2011, we had no amounts outstanding under this credit facility. Under the terms of the revolving credit facility, we are subject to certain financial covenants and restrictions, including limitations with respect to our indebtedness, liens, mergers and acquisitions, dispositions of assets, investments, capital expenditures, and transactions with affiliates. In addition, the revolving credit facility restricts our ability to pay dividends if a default or event of default has occurred and is continuing thereunder. As of December 31, 2011, we are in compliance with the provisions of the revolving credit facility and are not restricted from paying dividends to our stockholders.

We have entered into the revolving credit facility during the current year because we believe that there is generally a favorable climate for borrowers for loans of this type in the capital markets. While we do not have specific plans to borrow under this credit facility in the near term, we have announced initiatives for which we may borrow going forward including, the expansion and update of our production facilities in order to support our emerging content and distribution strategy. In addition to the senior unsecured revolving credit facility, the Company continually evaluates financing options that are cost effective and that will add to the Company's financial flexibility. To this end, as the Company explores additional content distribution and production strategies, the Company may seek additional sources of financing. We also regularly assess potential strategic acquisitions.

We had cash and short-term investments of \$155.8 million as of December 31, 2011, while our debt balance totaled \$1.6 million.

Over the past three years, our cash flows from operating activities were \$219.4 million, our net capital expenditures were \$41.7 million and our aggregate dividends paid were \$213.7 million. We believe that cash provided from operations, existing cash and investment balances and funds available from our new revolving credit facility will be sufficient to meet our operating requirements, including feature film production requirements, projected capital expenditures, and additional operational costs associated with our increased content production and distribution initiatives over the next 12 months.

Cash flows from operating activities were \$63.2 million, \$39.8 million and \$116.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The primary driver of the increased cash flows from operating activities was a decrease in the amount spent on production of feature films in the current year. During the current year we spent \$37.4 million less than the prior year relating to the production of films. In the current year we spent \$8.5 million on feature film production activities compared to \$41.6 million in the prior year. We anticipate spending between \$15.0 million and \$25.0 million on feature film production activities during the year ending December 31, 2012. In the current year we received \$7.3 million in incentives relating to film production, as compared to \$3.0 million in the prior year. We anticipate receiving approximately \$1.8 million in incentives relating to feature films investments over the next twelve months.

Also adding to the increase in cash flows from operating activities was the receipt of a federal tax refund of \$9.0 million in the current year due to overpayment of 2010 estimated taxes. The Company anticipates receiving a similar refund in 2012 relating to an over payment of taxes in 2011 due to the Company's lower than anticipated operating performance.

Offsetting these increases was a decrease in cash receipts associated with annual advances from licensees, primarily due to timing.

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Additionally, we received television production incentives of \$6.6 million in the current year which is included in cash from operating activities; in the prior year we received payments of \$6.1 million relating to these incentives. We anticipate receiving approximately \$8.0 million to \$12.0 million in comparable television production incentives within the 12 months following December 31, 2011.

Our accounts receivable represents a significant portion of our current assets and relate principally to a limited number of customers, distributors and licensees. Changes in the financial condition or operations of our distributors, customers or licensees may result in increased delayed payments or non-payments which would adversely impact our cash flows from operating activities and/or our results of operations.

As previously discussed, the Company is increasing its efforts to produce additional content for distribution through various platforms. The Company anticipates spending between \$5.0 million and \$10.0 million to create new content and \$15.0 million and \$20.0 million in incremental operating expenses to support these initiatives over the next 12 months.

Cash flows used in investing activities were \$30.7 million, \$40.4 million and \$6.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively. In the current year we purchased \$47.9 million and had sales or maturities of \$45.1 million of short term investment securities. Capital expenditures were approximately \$28.0 million, \$12.3 million and \$5.5 million in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The increase in capital expenditures in the current period was primarily due to the expansion of our content production facilities in support of increased content production efforts.

Capital expenditures for 2012 are estimated to range between \$20.0 million and \$30.0 million, including \$15.0 million to \$20.0 million in support of the creation of new programming and increased production activities and content distribution. This amount may change based on the demand for content and distribution requirements.

Our investment policy is designed to preserve capital and minimize interest rate, credit and market risk. Our investment portfolio consists primarily of municipal bonds, including pre-refunded municipal bonds, corporate bonds and auction rate securities (ARS). All of our ARS are collateralized by student loan portfolios, substantially all of which are guaranteed by the United States Government. Our ARS are auctioned every 35 days until the auctions succeed, the issuer redeems the securities or they mature (the stated maturities of the securities are greater than 20 years). We anticipate that any securities for which auctions have failed or may fail in the future will continue to accrue interest and pay interest when due. To-date, none of the ARS in which we are invested have failed to make an interest payment when due. As of December 31, 2011, we held \$10.2 million of ARS. ARS of \$5.0 million, \$8.4 million and \$0.5 million were redeemed at par value during 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Our intent is not to sell the securities and we believe that it is not more likely than not that we will be required to sell before one of the aforementioned remedies occurs. We will continue to assess the carrying value of our ARS on each reporting date, based on the facts and circumstances surrounding our liquidity needs and developments in the ARS markets.

Cash flows used in financing activities were \$49.8 million, \$79.4 million and \$79.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The decrease in cash flows from financing activities was due primarily to a reduction in dividend payments. In 2011, we paid one quarterly cash dividend of \$0.36 on all Class A common shares, and \$0.24 on all Class B common shares, and three quarterly cash dividends of \$0.12 on all Class A and Class B common shares for an aggregate amount of \$47.8 million. In 2010 and 2009, we paid four quarterly cash dividends of \$0.36 on all Class A common shares, and \$0.24 on all Class B common shares, for an aggregate amount of \$83.6 million and \$82.3 million, respectively. In April 2011, the Board of Directors adjusted the Company's quarterly dividend to \$0.12 per share of common stock held by the Company's Class A and Class B shareholders. Under the revised dividend policy, all Class A and Class B shares receive dividends in the amount of \$0.12 per share, including members of the McMahon family. Our Board of Directors regularly evaluates the Company's dividend policy and determines the dividend rate each quarter. The level of dividends will continue to be influenced by many factors, including, among other things, our liquidity and historical and projected cash flow, our strategic plan (including alternative uses of capital), our financial results and condition, contractual and legal restrictions on the payment of dividends (including under our revolving credit facility), general economic and competitive conditions and such other factors as our Board of Directors may consider relevant from time to time. We cannot assure our stockholders that dividends will be paid in the future, or that, if paid, dividends will be at the same amount or with the same frequency as in the past.

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During the current year we entered into the previously mentioned revolving credit facility. As part of the transaction, the Company paid \$1.8 million in origination costs, which are reflected as a use of cash in our financing activities.

**Contractual Obligations**

In addition to long-term debt, we have entered into various other contracts under which we are required to make guaranteed payments, including:

- Various operating leases for office space and equipment, which are anywhere from one to ten year terms.
- Employment contract with Vincent K. McMahon, effective January 1, 2011, through December 2013, with annual renewals thereafter if not terminated by us or Mr. McMahon. Mr. McMahon's compensation under this contract is a salary of \$1.1 million per year, in addition to any applicable bonus.
- Other employment contracts, which are generally for one to three year terms.
- Service contracts with certain of our independent contractors, including our talent, which are generally for one to four year terms.

Our aggregate minimum payment obligations under these contracts as of December 31, 2011 were as follows:

|                                                     | 2012    | 2013    | 2014    | 2015   | 2016   | After<br>2016 | Total   |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------------|---------|
| Long-term debt (including interest thereon)         | \$ 1.3  | \$ 0.4  | \$ -    | \$ -   | \$ -   | \$ -          | \$ 1.7  |
| Operating leases                                    | 3.1     | 2.8     | 2.7     | 2.0    | 1.3    | 1.1           | 13.0    |
| Talent, employment agreements and other commitments | 24.6    | 11.0    | 8.5     | 2.8    | 1.7    | 6.7           | 55.3    |
| Total commitments                                   | \$ 29.0 | \$ 14.2 | \$ 11.2 | \$ 4.8 | \$ 3.0 | \$ 7.8        | \$ 70.0 |

Our consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2011 includes \$13.6 million in liabilities associated with uncertain tax positions (including interest and penalties of approximately \$2.9 million), which is not included in the table above. The company expects to pay \$4.0 million to \$5.0 million related to these uncertain tax positions in 2012. It is not possible to reasonably predict or estimate the expected cash settlement dates of the remainder of these uncertain tax positions with the respective taxing authority.

**Seasonality**

Our operating results are not materially affected by seasonal factors; however, our premier event, *WrestleMania*, occurs late in our first quarter or early in our second quarter. In addition, revenues from our licensing and direct sale of consumer products, including our catalogs, magazines and internet sites, varies from period to period depending on the volume and extent of licensing agreements and marketing and promotion programs entered into during any particular period of time, as well as the commercial success of the media exposure of our characters and brand. The timing of revenues related to our WWE Studios segment fluctuates based upon the timing of our feature film releases. The timing of these events as well as the continued introduction of new product offerings and revenue generating outlets can and will cause fluctuation in quarterly revenues and earnings.

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### **Inflation**

During 2011, 2010 and 2009, inflation has not had a material effect on our business.

### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

As of December 31, 2011, we did not have any material off-balance sheet arrangements, as defined in Item 303(a)(4) of SEC Regulation S-K.

### **Critical Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of our consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses, and the related disclosure of contingent assets and contingent liabilities. We base our estimates on our historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which, form the basis for making estimates about the carrying values of assets and liabilities. The accuracy of these estimates and the likelihood of future changes depend on a range of possible outcomes and a number of underlying variables, many of which are beyond our control. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

We believe the following judgments and estimates are critical in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

#### **• Feature Film Production Assets, Net**

Unamortized feature film production assets are evaluated for impairment each reporting period. Feature film production assets are recorded at the cost of production, including production overhead and net of production incentives. The costs for an individual film are amortized in the proportion that revenues bear to management's estimates of the ultimate revenue expected to be recognized from exploitation, exhibition or sale. We review and revise estimates of ultimate revenue and participation costs at each reporting period to reflect the most current information available. Reductions in ultimate revenue for a film and/or any increases in estimated participation costs associated with a film could indicate a significant decline in a film's profitability. When there is a significant decline in a film's profitability, we calculate the estimated fair value of a film using a discounted cash flow model. If the estimated fair value of the film is less than its unamortized costs, we record an impairment charge for the excess of the carrying value of the film over the estimated fair value. Impairment charges are recorded as an increase in amortization expense included in cost of revenues in the consolidated financial statements.

Our estimate of ultimate revenues for feature films includes revenues from all sources for ten years from the date of a film's initial release. We estimate the ultimate revenues based on industry and Company specific trends, the historical performance of similar films, the star power of the lead actors, and the genre of the film. Prior to the release of a feature film and throughout its life, we revise our estimates of revenues based on expected future results, actual results and other known factors affecting the various distribution markets. The most sensitive factor affecting our estimates of ultimate revenue for our feature films is home video sales. Home video sales fluctuate based on a variety of factors including audience demand for our titles, the volume and quality of competing home video products, marketing and promotional strategies, as well as general economic conditions.

During the year ended December, 2011, we recorded aggregate impairment charges of \$23.4 million related to several of our feature films. See Note 7 to Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion. No impairment charges were recorded during 2010 or 2009.

As of December 31, 2011, we had \$23.6 million (net of accumulated amortization and impairment charges) in capitalized film production costs, which includes 12 released films and 3 films completed but not yet released. No assurance can be given that additional unfavorable changes to revenue and cost estimates will not occur, which, in turn, may result in additional impairment charges that might materially affect our results of operations and financial condition.

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### **● Pay-Per-View Programming Revenue Recognition**

Revenues from our pay-per-view programming are recorded when the event is aired and are based upon our initial estimate of the number of buys achieved. This initial estimate is based on preliminary buy information received from our pay-per-view distributors. Final reconciliation of the pay-per-view buys occurs within one year and subsequent adjustments to the buys are recognized in the period new information is received. Historically, adjustments made to our initial estimates have not had a significant impact on our revenues, although this may not be the case in the future. Our pay-per-view accounts receivable balance was \$11.7 million and \$10.4 million at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

### **● Home Video Returns Allowance**

Revenues from the sales of home video titles are recorded at the later of the date of delivery by our distributor to wholesalers, or the date that these products are made widely available for sale by retailers, net of an allowance for estimated returns. The allowance for estimated returns is based on historical information, current industry trends and demand for our titles. A change in demand for any of our videos or a change in the home video market could impact the level of video returns. As of December 31, 2011, our home video returns allowance was \$7.1 million.

### **● Allowance for Doubtful Accounts**

Our accounts receivable represent a significant portion of our current assets and relate principally to a limited number of distributors of our pay-per-view, television, home video and magazine products and to licensees that produce consumer products containing our intellectual trademarks. Adverse changes in general economic conditions and/or contraction in global credit markets could precipitate liquidity problems among our key distributors, increasing our exposure to bad debts which could negatively impact our results of operations and financial condition. We estimate the collectability of our receivables and establish allowances for the amount of receivables that we estimate to be uncollectible. We base these allowances on our historical collection experience, the length of time our receivables are outstanding and the financial condition of individual customers. Changes in the financial condition of a single major customer, either adverse or positive, could impact the amount and timing of any additional allowances that may be required. At December 31, 2011, we had one customer balance representing approximately 11% of our gross accounts receivable balance. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, our allowance for doubtful accounts was \$2.2 million and \$12.3 million, respectively. The reduction in the allowance for doubtful accounts from the prior year was due primarily to the write-off of receivable balance from a former distribution partner. No assurance can be given that future write-offs will not occur, which might materially affect our results of operations and financial condition.

### **● Income Taxes**

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are recognized for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been reflected in the Consolidated Financial Statements. Deferred tax liabilities and assets are determined based on the differences between the book and tax bases of particular assets and liabilities and operating loss carryforwards, using tax rates in effect for the years in which the differences are expected to reverse. A valuation allowance is provided to offset deferred tax assets if, based upon the available evidence, including consideration of tax planning strategies, it is more-likely-than-not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. As of December 31, 2011, our deferred tax assets were \$24.0 million, less a valuation allowance of \$1.6 million. As of December 31, 2011, our deferred tax liabilities were \$8.1 million.

We use a two-step approach to recognizing and measuring uncertain tax positions. The first step is to evaluate tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return by assessing whether they are more likely than not sustainable, based solely on their technical merits, upon examination, and including resolution of any related appeals or litigation process. The second step is to measure the associated tax benefit of each position, as the largest amount that we believe is more likely than not realizable. Differences between the amount of tax benefits taken or expected to be taken in our income tax returns and the amount of tax benefits recognized in our financial statements represent our unrecognized income tax benefits, which we record as a liability. Our policy is to include interest and penalties related to unrecognized income tax benefits as a component of income tax expense. At December 31, 2011, our unrecognized tax benefits including interest and penalties totaled approximately \$13.6 million.

## **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

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In May 2011, the FASB issued an accounting standard update to provide a consistent definition of fair value and ensure that the fair value measurement and disclosure requirements are similar between U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards. This update changes certain fair value measurement principles and enhances the disclosure requirements, particularly for Level 3 fair value measurements. This update is effective for our fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012 and must be applied prospectively. The adoption of this accounting standard update will not have a material affect on our consolidated financial statements.

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In June 2011, the FASB issued an accounting standard update to amend existing guidance and eliminated the option to present the components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in shareholders' equity. The amendment requires that comprehensive income be presented in either a single continuous statement or in a two separate consecutive statement approach and changes the presentation of reclassification items out of other comprehensive income to net income. In December 2011, the FASB deferred certain provisions related to the reclassifications of items out of accumulated other comprehensive income and the presentation of the reclassification items. The adoption of this amendment will change the presentation of the components of comprehensive income for the Company as part of the consolidated statement of shareholders' equity. The requirement to present comprehensive income in either a single continuous statement or in a two separate consecutive statement approach is effective for our fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012, must be applied retrospectively and will alter the presentation of the Company's consolidated financial statements.

## ***Cautionary Statement for Purposes of the Safe Harbor Provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995***

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a safe harbor for certain statements that are forward-looking and are not based on historical facts. When used in this Form 10-K, the words may, will, could, anticipate, plan, continue, project, intend, estimate and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such words. These statements relate to our future plans, objectives, expectations and intentions and are not historical facts and accordingly involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results or the performance by us to be materially different from future results or performance expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. The following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements made in this Form 10-K, in press releases and in oral statements made by our authorized officers: (i) risks relating to increasing our content production for distribution on various platforms; (ii) our failure to maintain or renew key agreements could adversely affect our ability to distribute our television and pay-per-view programming; (iii) our failure to continue to develop creative and entertaining programs and events would likely lead to a decline in the popularity of our brand of entertainment; (iv) our failure to retain or continue to recruit key performers could lead to a decline in the appeal of our storylines and the popularity of our brand of entertainment; (v) the unexpected loss of the services of Vincent K. McMahon could adversely affect our ability to create popular characters and creative storylines or otherwise adversely affect our operations; (vi) decline in general economic conditions and disruption in financial markets could adversely affect our business; (vii) our accounts receivable represent a significant portion of our current assets and relate principally to a limited number of distributors and licensees, increasing our exposure to bad debts and potentially impacting our results of operations; (viii) a decline in the popularity of our brand of sports entertainment, including as a result of changes in the social and political climate, could adversely affect our business; (ix) changes in the regulatory atmosphere and related private sector initiatives could adversely affect our business; (x) the markets in which we operate are highly competitive, rapidly changing and increasingly fragmented, and we may not be able to compete effectively, especially against competitors with greater financial resources or marketplace presence; (xi) we face uncertainties associated with international markets; (xii) we may be prohibited from promoting and conducting our live events if we do not comply with applicable regulations; (xiii) because we depend upon our intellectual property rights, our inability to protect those rights, or our infringement of others' intellectual property rights, could adversely affect our business; (xiv) we could incur substantial liabilities if pending litigation is resolved unfavorably; (xv) we could incur substantial liability in the event of accidents or injuries occurring during our physically demanding events; (xvi) our live events expose us to risks relating to large public events as well as travel to and from such events; (xvii) we continue to face risks inherent in our feature film business; (xviii) we could face a variety of risks if we expand into new or complementary businesses; (xix) risks related to our computer systems and online operations; (xx) through his beneficial ownership of a substantial majority of our Class B common stock, our controlling stockholder, Vincent K. McMahon, can exercise control over our affairs, and his interests may conflict with the holders of our Class A common stock; (xxi) a substantial number of shares are eligible for sale by Mr. McMahon and members of his family or trusts established for their benefit, and the sale, or the perception of possible sales, of those shares could lower our stock price; and (xxii) risks related to the relatively small public float of our Class A common stock. In addition, our dividend is dependent on a number of factors, including, among other things, our liquidity and historical and projected cash flow, strategic plan (including alternative uses of capital), our financial results and condition, contractual and legal restrictions on the payment of dividends (including under our revolving credit facility), general economic and competitive conditions and such other factors as our Board of Directors may consider relevant. The forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Form 10-K and undue reliance should not be placed on these statements. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements.

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### ***Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk***

In the normal course of business, we are exposed to foreign currency exchange rate, interest rate and equity price risks that could impact our results of operations. Our foreign currency exchange rate risk is minimized by maintaining minimal net assets and liabilities in currencies other than our functional currency.

#### ***Investments***

Our investment portfolio consists primarily of municipal bonds, including pre-refunded municipal bonds, corporate bonds and auction rate securities. We are exposed to market risk related to our investment portfolio primarily as a result of credit quality risk and interest rate risk. Credit quality risk is defined as the risk of a credit downgrade to an individual fixed maturity security and the potential loss attributable to that downgrade. Credit quality risk is managed through our investment policy, which establishes credit quality limitations on the overall portfolio as well as diversification and percentage limits on securities of individual issuers. The result is a well-diversified portfolio of fixed maturity securities, with a weighted average credit rating of approximately AA .

Interest rate risk is defined as the potential for economic losses on fixed maturity securities due to a change in market interest rates. Our investments in municipal bonds and corporate bonds have exposure to changes in the level of market interest rates. Interest rate risk is mitigated by managing our investment portfolio's dollar weighted duration. Additionally, we have the capability of holding any security to maturity, which would allow us to realize full par value. We have evaluated the impact of an immediate 100 basis point change in interest rates on our investment portfolio. A 100 basis point increase in interest rates would result in an approximate \$1.4 million decrease in fair value, whereas a 100 basis point decrease in interest rates would result in an approximate \$1.4 million increase in fair value.

### ***Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data***

The information required by this item is set forth in the Consolidated Financial Statements filed with this report.

### ***Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosures***

None.

### ***Item 9A. Controls and Procedures***

We have performed an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Based on that evaluation, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and our Chief Financial Officer concluded that as of the end of the period covered by this Form 10-K, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective and designed to ensure that all material information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the SEC and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

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There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with management's evaluation that occurred during the fourth quarter of our fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

***Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f). Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011 based on the guidelines established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Our internal control over financial reporting includes policies and procedures that provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Based on the results of our evaluation, our management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2011. We review the results of management's assessment with our Audit Committee.

The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011 has been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which is included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Such report expresses an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of  
World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.  
Stamford, CT

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2011, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying *Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the company's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by the company's board of directors, management, and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011 of the Company and our report dated February 29, 2012 expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements and financial statement schedule.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP  
Stamford, Connecticut  
February 29, 2012

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### ***Item 9B. Other Information***

None.

## **PART III**

The information required by Part III (Items 10-14) is incorporated herein by reference to our definitive proxy statement for our 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

## **PART IV**

### ***Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules***

(a) The following documents are filed as a part of this report:

1. Consolidated Financial Statements and Schedule: See index to Consolidated Financial Statements on page F-1 of this report.

2. Exhibits:

#### **Exhibit**

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Description of Exhibit</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3.1        | Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-84327)).                                                                                  |
| 3.1A       | Amendment to Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1(a) to our Registration Statement on Form S-8, filed July 15, 2002).                                                             |
| 3.2        | Amended and Restated By-laws (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-84327)).                                                                                                       |
| 3.2A       | Amendment to Amended and Restated By-Laws (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2(a) to our Registration Statement on Form S-8, filed July 15, 2002).                                                                                  |
| 10.1*      | World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan, effective July 20, 2007 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed July 26, 2007).                                              |
| 10.2*      | Form of Agreement for Performance Stock Units to the Company's employees and officers under the Company's 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed July 26, 2007). |
| 10.3*      | Form of Agreement for Restricted Stock Units to the Company's employees and officers under the Company's 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed July 26, 2007).  |
| 10.4*      | Amended and Restated Employment Agreement with Vincent K. McMahon, effective as of January 1, 2011 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 15, 2010).                                |
| 10.5*      | World Wrestling Entertainment Employee Stock Purchase Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended                                                                        |

April 30, 2002).

10.6\*

Amended and Restated Booking Agreement with Paul Levesque, effective as of January 1, 2012 (filed herewith).

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| 10.7*     | Form of offer letters between the Company and executive officers (filed herewith).                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 10.8      | Open End Mortgage Deed, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement between TSI Realty Company and GMAC Commercial Mortgage Corp. (assigned to Citicorp Real Estate, Inc.), dated as of December 12, 1997 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-84327)). |
| 10.9      | Promissory Note issued by TSI Realty Company to GMAC Commercial Mortgage Corp. (assigned to Citicorp Real Estate, Inc.), dated as of December 12, 1997 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-84327)).                                                   |
| 10.10     | Environmental Indemnity Agreement among TSI Realty Company, Titan Sports Inc. and GMAC Commercial Mortgage Corp. (assigned to Citicorp Real Estate, Inc.), dated as of December 12, 1997 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-84327)).                 |
| 10.11     | Assignment of Leases and Rents between TSI Realty Company and GMAC Commercial Mortgage Corp. (assigned to Citicorp Real Estate, Inc.), dated as of December 12, 1997 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-84327)).                                     |
| 10.12     | Agreement between WWF-World Wide Fund for Nature and Titan Sports, Inc. dated January 20, 1994 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16 to our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-84327)).                                                                                                           |
| 10.13     | Revolving Credit Facility dated September 9, 2011, and related exhibits and schedules (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.15 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 15, 2011).                                                                                                                   |
| 21.1      | List of Subsidiaries (filed herewith).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 23.1      | Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP (filed herewith).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 31.1      | Certification by Vincent K. McMahon pursuant to Section 302 of Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 31.2      | Certification by George A. Barrios pursuant to Section 302 of Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 32.1      | Certification by Vincent K. McMahon and George A. Barrios pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 101.INS** | XBRL Instance Document                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 101.SCH** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 101.CAL** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 101.DEF** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 101.LAB** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 101.PRE** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

\* Indicates management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

\*\* Pursuant to Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, these interactive data files are deemed not filed or part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of Sections 11 and 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, are deemed not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and otherwise are not subject to liability under those sections.



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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT, INC.  
(Registrant)  
By: /s/ VINCENT K. MCMAHON  
**Vincent K. McMahon**  
*Chairman of the Board of Directors and  
Chief Executive Officer*

Dated: February 29, 2012

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| <u>Signature</u>                                          | <u>Title or Capacity</u>                                                                           | <u>Date</u>       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| /s/ VINCENT K. MCMAHON<br><b>Vincent K. McMahon</b>       | Chairman of the Board of Directors and<br>Chief Executive Officer<br>(principal executive officer) | February 29, 2012 |
| /s/ STUART U. GOLDFARB<br><b>Stuart U. Goldfarb</b>       | Director                                                                                           | February 29, 2012 |
| /s/ PATRICIA A. GOTTESMAN<br><b>Patricia A. Gottesman</b> | Director                                                                                           | February 29, 2012 |
| /s/ DAVID KENIN<br><b>David Kenin</b>                     | Director                                                                                           | February 29, 2012 |
| /s/ JOSEPH H. PERKINS<br><b>Joseph H. Perkins</b>         | Director                                                                                           | February 29, 2012 |
| /s/ FRANK A. RIDDICK III<br><b>Frank A. Riddick III</b>   | Director                                                                                           | February 29, 2012 |
| /s/ JEFFREY R. SPEED<br><b>Jeffrey R. Speed</b>           | Director                                                                                           | February 29, 2012 |
| /s/ KEVIN DUNN<br><b>Kevin Dunn</b>                       | Director                                                                                           | February 29, 2012 |
| /s/ BASIL V. DEVITO Jr.<br><b>Basil V. DeVito Jr.</b>     | Director                                                                                           | February 29, 2012 |
| /s/ GEORGE A. BARRIOS<br><b>George A. Barrios</b>         | Chief Financial Officer<br>(principal financial and accounting officer)                            | February 29, 2012 |

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Stamford, CT

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related consolidated statements of income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2011. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15. These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2011, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated February 29, 2012 expressed an unqualified opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP  
Stamford, Connecticut  
February 29, 2012

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## WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT, INC. CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS (in thousands, except per share data)

|                                                                                                                                             | For the years ended December 31, |            |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
|                                                                                                                                             | 2011                             | 2010       | 2009       |
| Net revenues                                                                                                                                | \$ 483,921                       | \$ 477,655 | \$ 475,161 |
| Cost of revenues (including amortization and impairments of feature film production assets of \$39,742, \$13,000 and \$3,916, respectively) | 315,183                          | 274,298    | 255,847    |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses                                                                                                | 116,739                          | 109,392    | 127,757    |
| Depreciation and amortization                                                                                                               | 14,980                           | 11,707     | 14,424     |
| Operating income                                                                                                                            | 37,019                           | 82,258     | 77,133     |
| Investment income, net                                                                                                                      | 2,054                            | 2,047      | 3,051      |
| Interest expense                                                                                                                            | (623)                            | (260)      | (339)      |
| Other expense, net                                                                                                                          | (1,569)                          | (2,105)    | (415)      |
| Income before income taxes                                                                                                                  | 36,881                           | 81,940     | 79,430     |
| Provision for income taxes                                                                                                                  | 12,049                           | 28,488     | 29,127     |
| Net income                                                                                                                                  | \$ 24,832                        | \$ 53,452  | \$ 50,303  |
| Earnings per share:                                                                                                                         |                                  |            |            |
| Basic                                                                                                                                       | \$ 0.33                          | \$ 0.72    | \$ 0.68    |
| Diluted                                                                                                                                     | \$ 0.33                          | \$ 0.71    | \$ 0.68    |
| Weighted average shares outstanding:                                                                                                        |                                  |            |            |
| Basic                                                                                                                                       | 74,212                           | 74,570     | 73,765     |
| Diluted                                                                                                                                     | 74,858                           | 75,306     | 74,286     |

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WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(in thousands, except per share data)

|                                                                                                                                                                                | As of December 31, |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                | 2011               | 2010              |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                                                                                                                                                  |                    |                   |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>                                                                                                                                                         |                    |                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                                                                                                                                      | \$ 52,491          | \$ 69,823         |
| Short-term investments                                                                                                                                                         | 103,270            | 97,124            |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts and returns of \$12,561 and \$22,230 respectively                                                                  | 56,741             | 52,051            |
| Inventory                                                                                                                                                                      | 1,658              | 2,087             |
| Deferred income tax assets                                                                                                                                                     | 11,122             | 17,128            |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets                                                                                                                                      | 14,461             | 20,856            |
| Total current assets                                                                                                                                                           | 239,743            | 259,069           |
| PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET                                                                                                                                                    | 96,562             | 80,995            |
| FEATURE FILM PRODUCTION ASSETS, NET                                                                                                                                            | 23,591             | 56,253            |
| INVESTMENT SECURITIES, NET                                                                                                                                                     | 10,156             | 15,037            |
| OTHER ASSETS                                                                                                                                                                   | 8,572              | 4,375             |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                                                                                                                                                            | <b>\$ 378,624</b>  | <b>\$ 415,729</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>                                                                                                                                    |                    |                   |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>                                                                                                                                                    |                    |                   |
| Current portion of long-term debt                                                                                                                                              | \$ 1,262           | \$ 1,169          |
| Accounts payable                                                                                                                                                               | 15,897             | 18,441            |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities                                                                                                                                         | 30,386             | 24,478            |
| Deferred income                                                                                                                                                                | 21,709             | 28,323            |
| Total current liabilities                                                                                                                                                      | 69,254             | 72,411            |
| LONG-TERM DEBT                                                                                                                                                                 | 359                | 1,621             |
| NON-CURRENT INCOME TAX LIABILITIES                                                                                                                                             | 5,634              | 15,068            |
| NON-CURRENT DEFERRED INCOME                                                                                                                                                    | 8,234              | 9,881             |
| <b>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES</b>                                                                                                                                           |                    |                   |
| <b>STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:</b>                                                                                                                                                   |                    |                   |
| Class A common stock: (\$.01 par value; 180,000,000 shares authorized; 28,254,874 and 27,515,984 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively) | 283                | 275               |
| Class B common stock: (\$.01 par value; 60,000,000 shares authorized; 46,163,899 and 46,482,591 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively)  | 462                | 465               |
| Additional paid-in capital                                                                                                                                                     | 338,414            | 336,592           |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income                                                                                                                                         | 3,262              | 3,144             |
| Accumulated deficit                                                                                                                                                            | (47,278)           | (23,728)          |
| Total stockholders' equity                                                                                                                                                     | 295,143            | 316,748           |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>                                                                                                                              | <b>\$ 378,624</b>  | <b>\$ 415,729</b> |

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WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND  
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
(in thousands)

|                                                                                    | Common Stock<br>Class A |               | Class B       |               | Additional<br>Paid - in | Accumulated<br>Other<br>Comprehensive | Retained<br>Earnings<br>(Accumulated |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                                                                    | Shares                  | Amount        | Shares        | Amount        | Capital                 | Income (Loss)                         | Deficit)                             | Total             |
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2008</b>                                                  | <b>25,139</b>           | <b>\$ 252</b> | <b>47,714</b> | <b>\$ 477</b> | <b>\$ 317,105</b>       | <b>\$ 1,171</b>                       | <b>\$ 40,969</b>                     | <b>\$ 359,974</b> |
| Comprehensive income:                                                              |                         |               |               |               |                         |                                       |                                      |                   |
| Net income                                                                         |                         |               |               |               |                         |                                       | 50,303                               | 50,303            |
| Translation adjustment                                                             |                         |               |               |               |                         | 987                                   |                                      | 987               |
| Unrealized holding gain, net of tax of \$541                                       |                         |               |               |               |                         | 883                                   |                                      | 883               |
| Reclassification adjustment for losses realized in net income, net of tax of \$407 |                         |               |               |               |                         | (664 )                                |                                      | (664 )            |
| Total comprehensive income                                                         |                         |               |               |               |                         |                                       |                                      | 51,509            |
| Stock issuances (repurchases), net                                                 | 361                     | 3             |               |               | (1,176 )                |                                       |                                      | (1,173 )          |
| Exercise of stock options                                                          | 180                     | 2             |               |               | 2,338                   |                                       |                                      | 2,340             |
| Tax effect from stock-based payment arrangements                                   |                         |               |               |               | (690 )                  |                                       |                                      | (690 )            |
| Dividends                                                                          |                         |               |               |               | 1,101                   |                                       | (83,370)                             | (82,269 )         |
| Stock compensation costs                                                           |                         |               |               |               | 7,330                   |                                       |                                      | 7,330             |
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2009</b>                                                  | <b>25,680</b>           | <b>\$ 257</b> | <b>47,714</b> | <b>\$ 477</b> | <b>\$ 326,008</b>       | <b>\$ 2,377</b>                       | <b>\$ 7,902</b>                      | <b>\$ 337,021</b> |
| Comprehensive income:                                                              |                         |               |               |               |                         |                                       |                                      |                   |
| Net income                                                                         |                         |               |               |               |                         |                                       | 53,452                               | 53,452            |
| Translation adjustment                                                             |                         |               |               |               |                         | 192                                   |                                      | 192               |
| Unrealized holding gain, net of tax of \$372                                       |                         |               |               |               |                         | 608                                   |                                      | 608               |
| Reclassification adjustment for gains realized in net income, net of tax of \$20   |                         |               |               |               |                         | (33 )                                 |                                      | (33 )             |
| Total comprehensive income                                                         |                         |               |               |               |                         |                                       |                                      | 54,219            |
| Stock issuances (repurchases), net                                                 | 484                     | 5             |               |               | (2,500 )                |                                       |                                      | (2,495 )          |
| Sale of Class B common stock by shareholder (See Note 14)                          | 1,231                   | 12            | (1,231 )      | (12 )         |                         |                                       |                                      |                   |
| Exercise of stock options                                                          | 121                     | 1             |               |               | 1,562                   |                                       |                                      | 1,563             |
| Excess benefits from stock-based payment arrangements                              |                         |               |               |               | 2,504                   |                                       |                                      | 2,504             |
| Dividends                                                                          |                         |               |               |               | 1,439                   |                                       | (85,082)                             | (83,643 )         |
| Stock compensation costs                                                           |                         |               |               |               | 7,579                   |                                       |                                      | 7,579             |
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2010</b>                                                  | <b>27,516</b>           | <b>\$ 275</b> | <b>46,483</b> | <b>\$ 465</b> | <b>\$ 336,592</b>       | <b>\$ 3,144</b>                       | <b>\$ (23,728)</b>                   | <b>\$ 316,748</b> |

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND  
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (CONTINUED)  
(in thousands)

|                                                                                        | Common Stock<br>Class A |               | Class B       |               | Additional<br>Paid - in<br>Capital | Accumulated<br>Other<br>Comprehensive<br>Income (Loss) | Retained<br>Earnings<br>(Accumulated<br>Deficit) | Total             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                                                                        | Shares                  | Amount        | Shares        | Amount        |                                    |                                                        |                                                  |                   |
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2010</b>                                                      | <b>27,516</b>           | <b>\$ 275</b> | <b>46,483</b> | <b>\$ 465</b> | <b>\$ 336,592</b>                  | <b>\$ 3,144</b>                                        | <b>\$ (23,728)</b>                               | <b>\$ 316,748</b> |
| Comprehensive income:                                                                  |                         |               |               |               |                                    |                                                        |                                                  |                   |
| Net income                                                                             |                         |               |               |               |                                    |                                                        | 24,832                                           | 24,832            |
| Translation adjustment                                                                 |                         |               |               |               |                                    | (42)                                                   |                                                  | (42)              |
| Unrealized holding gain, net of<br>tax of \$152                                        |                         |               |               |               |                                    | 248                                                    |                                                  | 248               |
| Reclassification adjustment for<br>gains realized in net income, net<br>of tax of \$54 |                         |               |               |               |                                    | (88)                                                   |                                                  | (88)              |
| Total comprehensive income                                                             |                         |               |               |               |                                    |                                                        |                                                  | 24,950            |
| Stock issuances (repurchases), net                                                     | 420                     | 5             |               |               | (889)                              |                                                        |                                                  | (884)             |
| Sale of Class B common stock by<br>shareholder (See Note 14)                           | 319                     | 3             | (319)         | (3)           |                                    |                                                        |                                                  |                   |
| Tax effect from stock-based<br>payment arrangements                                    |                         |               |               |               | (730)                              |                                                        |                                                  | (730)             |
| Dividends                                                                              |                         |               |               |               | 573                                |                                                        | (48,382)                                         | (47,809)          |
| Stock compensation costs                                                               |                         |               |               |               | 2,868                              |                                                        |                                                  | 2,868             |
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2011</b>                                                      | <b>28,255</b>           | <b>\$ 283</b> | <b>46,164</b> | <b>\$ 462</b> | <b>\$ 338,414</b>                  | <b>\$ 3,262</b>                                        | <b>\$ (47,278)</b>                               | <b>\$ 295,143</b> |

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WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(in thousands)

|                                                                                   | For the years ended December, 31 |           |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|
|                                                                                   | 2011                             | 2010      | 2009       |
| <b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>                                                      |                                  |           |            |
| Net income                                                                        | \$ 24,832                        | \$ 53,452 | \$ 50,303  |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |                                  |           |            |
| Amortization and impairments of feature film production assets                    | 39,742                           | 13,000    | 3,916      |
| Depreciation and amortization                                                     | 14,980                           | 11,707    | 14,424     |
| Realized gains on sales of investments                                            | (142)                            | (53)      | (1,022)    |
| Amortization of bond premium                                                      | 2,580                            | 1,827     | 952        |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs                                               | 205                              | -         | -          |
| Stock compensation costs                                                          | 2,868                            | 7,579     | 7,389      |
| Revaluation of warrants                                                           | -                                | (610)     | 1,050      |
| (Recovery from) provision for doubtful accounts                                   | (692)                            | 774       | 8,558      |
| Loss on disposal of property and equipment                                        | 1,376                            | -         | -          |
| (Benefit) provision for deferred income taxes                                     | (6,424)                          | (2,410)   | 672        |
| Excess tax benefits from stock-based payment arrangements                         | (122)                            | (2,758)   | (133)      |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:                                                |                                  |           |            |
| Accounts receivable                                                               | (1,915)                          | 9,908     | (11,158)   |
| Inventory                                                                         | 429                              | 95        | 2,776      |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets                                         | 4,770                            | (14,645)  | 18,864     |
| Feature film production assets                                                    | (7,097)                          | (32,535)  | (9,942)    |
| Accounts payable                                                                  | (2,544)                          | (2,841)   | 2,948      |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities                                            | (1,399)                          | (14,760)  | 12,081     |
| Deferred income                                                                   | (8,261)                          | 12,074    | 14,729     |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                                         | 63,186                           | 39,804    | 116,407    |
| <b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>                                                      |                                  |           |            |
| Purchase of property and equipment and film library assets                        | (27,956)                         | (12,314)  | (5,525)    |
| Proceeds from infrastructure incentives                                           | -                                | 4,130     | -          |
| Purchases of short-term investments                                               | (47,904)                         | (96,751)  | (54,593)   |
| Proceeds from sales or maturities of investments                                  | 45,148                           | 64,553    | 53,687     |
| Net cash used in investing activities                                             | (30,712)                         | (40,382)  | (6,431)    |
| <b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>                                                      |                                  |           |            |
| Repayment of long-term debt                                                       | (1,169)                          | (1,082)   | (1,002)    |
| Debt issuance costs                                                               | (1,843)                          | -         | -          |
| Issuance of stock, net                                                            | 893                              | 1,022     | 951        |
| Dividends paid                                                                    | (47,809)                         | (83,643)  | (82,269)   |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options                                           | -                                | 1,562     | 2,340      |
| Excess tax benefits from stock-based payment arrangements                         | 122                              | 2,758     | 133        |
| Net cash used in financing activities                                             | (49,806)                         | (79,383)  | (79,847)   |
| NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS                              | (17,332)                         | (79,961)  | 30,129     |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD                                    | 69,823                           | 149,784   | 119,655    |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD                                          | \$ 52,491                        | \$ 69,823 | \$ 149,784 |
| <b>SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>                                        |                                  |           |            |
| Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds                                        | \$ 12,058                        | \$ 31,047 | \$ 10,870  |
| Cash paid for interest                                                            | \$ 410                           | \$ 261    | \$ 341     |
| <b>NON-CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING TRANSACTIONS:</b>                             |                                  |           |            |
| Non-cash purchase of property and equipment                                       | \$ 5,302                         | \$ -      | \$ -       |

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**WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT, INC.  
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**1. Basis of Presentation and Business Description**

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of WWE. WWE refers to World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. and its subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise requires. References to we, us, our and the Company refer to WWE and its subsidiaries. We are an integrated media and entertainment company, principally engaged in the development, production and marketing of television and pay-per-view event programming and live events and the licensing and sale of consumer products featuring our brands. Our operations are organized around four principal activities:

**Live and Televised Entertainment**

- Revenues consist principally of ticket sales to live events, sales of merchandise at these live events, television rights fees, sponsorships, and fees for viewing our pay-per-view and video-on-demand programming.

**Consumer Products**

- Revenues consist principally of the direct sales of WWE produced home videos, magazines and royalties or license fees related to various WWE themed products such as video games, toys and books.

**Digital Media**

- Revenues consist principally of advertising sales on our websites, sale of merchandise on our website through our WWEShop internet storefront and sales of various broadband and mobile content.

**WWE Studios**

- Revenues consist of receipts from the distribution of filmed entertainment.

All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Use of Estimates* The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires our management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents* Cash and cash equivalents include cash on deposit in overnight deposit accounts and investments in money market accounts with original maturities of three months or less.

*Investment Securities, Net* We classify all of our investments as available-for-sale securities. Such investments consist primarily of municipal bonds, including pre-refunded municipal bonds, corporate bonds and auction rate securities, which are classified as non-current due to continued failures of the auction mechanism that otherwise would provide liquidity to these investments. All of these investments are stated at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses on such securities reflected, net of tax, as other comprehensive income (loss) in stockholders' equity. Realized gains and losses on investments are included in earnings and are derived using the specific identification method for determining the cost of securities sold.

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### WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (in thousands, except per share data)

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

*Accounts Receivable, Net* Accounts receivable relate principally to amounts due to us from pay-per-view providers and television networks for pay-per-view presentations and television programming, respectively, and balances due from the sale of home videos and magazines. We estimate the collectability of our receivables and establish allowances for the amount of accounts receivable that we estimate to be uncollectible. We base these allowances on our historical collection experience, the length of time our accounts receivable are outstanding and the financial condition of individual customers.

*Inventory* Inventory consists of merchandise sold on our website, merchandise sold at live events and DVDs, which are sold through wholesale distributors. Substantially all of our inventory is comprised of finished goods. Inventory is stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out basis) or market. The valuation of our inventories requires management to make market estimates assessing the quantities and the prices at which we believe the inventory can be sold.

*Feature Film Production Assets, Net* Feature film production assets are recorded at the cost of production, including production overhead and net of production incentives. The costs for an individual film are amortized in the proportion that revenues bear to management's estimates of the ultimate revenue expected to be recognized from exploitation, exhibition or sale. Unamortized feature film production assets are evaluated for impairment each reporting period. We review and revise estimates of ultimate revenue and participation costs at each reporting period to reflect the most current information available. Reductions in ultimate revenue for a film and/or any increases in estimated participation costs associated with a film could indicate a significant decline in a film's profitability. When there is a significant decline in a film's profitability, we calculate the estimated fair value of a film using a discounted cash flow model. If the estimated fair value of the film is less than its unamortized costs, we record an impairment charge for the excess of the carrying value of the film over the estimated fair value. Impairment charges are recorded as an increase in amortization expense included in cost of revenues in the consolidated financial statements.

Our estimate of ultimate revenues for feature films includes revenues from all sources for ten years from the date of a film's initial release. We estimate the ultimate revenues based on industry and Company specific trends, the historical performance of similar films, the star power of the lead actors, and the genre of the film. Prior to the release of a feature film and throughout its life, we revise our estimates of revenues based on expected future results, actual results and other known factors affecting the various distribution markets. The most sensitive factor affecting our estimates of ultimate revenue for our feature films is home video sales. Home video sales fluctuate based on a variety of factors, including audience demand for our titles, the volume and quality of competing home video products, marketing and promotional strategies, as well as general economic conditions.

*Property and Equipment, Net* Property and equipment are stated at historical cost net of benefits associated with tax incentives less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization are computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets or, when applicable, the life of the lease, whichever is shorter. Vehicles and equipment are depreciated based on estimated useful lives varying from three to five years. Buildings and related improvements are depreciated based on estimated useful lives varying from five to thirty-nine years. Our corporate aircraft is depreciated over ten years on a straight-line basis less an estimated residual value.

*Valuation of Long-Lived Assets* We periodically evaluate the carrying amount of long-lived assets when events and circumstances warrant such a review.

*Income Taxes* Deferred tax liabilities and assets are recognized for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been reflected in the consolidated financial statements. Deferred tax liabilities and assets are determined based on the differences between the book and tax bases of particular assets and liabilities and operating loss carry forwards, using tax rates in effect for the years in which the differences are expected to reverse. A valuation allowance is provided to offset deferred tax assets if, based upon the available evidence, including consideration of tax planning strategies, it is more-likely-than-not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

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**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

We use a two-step approach to recognizing and measuring uncertain tax positions. The first step is to evaluate tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return by assessing whether they are more likely than not sustainable, based solely on their technical merits, upon examination, and including resolution of any related appeals or litigation process. The second step is to measure the associated tax benefit of each position, as the largest amount that we believe is more likely than not realizable. Differences between the amount of tax benefits taken or expected to be taken in our income tax returns and the amount of tax benefits recognized in our financial statements represent our unrecognized income tax benefits, which we record as a liability. Our policy is to include interest and penalties related to unrecognized income tax benefits as a component of income tax expense.

*Revenue Recognition* Revenues are generally recognized when products are shipped or as services are performed. However, due to the nature of several of our business lines, there are additional steps in the revenue recognition process, as described below.

- Pay-per-view programming:

Revenues from our pay-per-view programming are recorded when the event is aired and are based upon our initial estimate of the number of buys achieved. This initial estimate is based on preliminary buy information received from our pay-per-view distributors. Final reconciliation of the pay-per-view buys generally occurs within one year and any subsequent adjustments to the buys are recognized in the period new information is received.

- Sponsorships:

Through our sponsorship packages, we offer advertisers a full range of our promotional vehicles, including internet and print advertising, on-air announcements and special appearances by our Superstars. We assign the total sponsorship revenues to the various elements contained within a sponsorship package based on objective and reliable evidence of fair value and their relative fair values.

Our relative fair values for the sponsorship elements are based upon a combination of historical prices and current advertising market conditions. Revenue from these packages is recognized as each element is delivered.

- Licensing:

Revenues from our licensed products are recognized upon receipt of reports from the individual licensees that detail the royalties generated by related product sales. If we receive licensing advances, such payments are recorded as deferred revenue and are recognized as income when earned.

- Home video:

Revenues from the sales of home video titles are recorded at the later of delivery by our distributor to retailers, or the date that these products are made widely available for sale by retailers, net of an allowance for estimated returns. The allowance for estimated returns is based on historical information and current industry trends.

- Magazine publishing:

Publishing newsstand revenues are recorded when the magazine is shipped, net of an allowance for estimated returns. We estimate the allowance for newsstand returns based upon our review of historical return rates and the expected performance of our current titles in relation to prior issue return rates.



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**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

● TV rights:

Rights fees received from distributors of our television programming, both domestically and internationally, are recorded when the program has been delivered to the distributor and is available for exhibition. Our typical distribution agreement is between one and five years in length and frequently provides for contractual increases over its term. Expenses incurred in the production of our weekly television programming are expensed when the programming is first available for exhibition.

● Films:

Revenue recognition for our feature films varies depending on the method of distribution and the extent of control the Company exercises over the distribution and related expenses. We exercise significant control over our self-distributed films and as a result, we record distribution revenue and related expenses on a gross basis in our financial statements. Third-party distribution partners control the distribution and marketing of our licensed films, as a result, we recognize revenue on a net basis after the third-party distributor recoups distribution fees and expenses and results have been reported to us. This typically occurs in periods subsequent to the initial release of the film. Revenues generated from our films through the various distribution channels, including home video, video-on-demand and television are recognized consistent with the policies described above.

*Film and Television Production Incentives* The Company has access to various governmental programs that are designed to promote film and television production within the United States and certain international jurisdictions. Tax credits earned with respect to expenditures on qualifying film, television and other production activities, including qualifying capital projects, are included as an offset to the related asset or as an offset to production expenses when we have reasonable assurance regarding the realizable amount of the tax credits.

*Advertising Expense* Advertising costs are expensed as incurred, except for costs related to the development of a major commercial or media campaign which are expensed in the period in which the commercial or campaign is first presented. For 2011, 2010 and 2009, we recorded advertising expenses of \$4,014, \$6,018 and \$5,035, respectively.

*Foreign Currency Translation* For the translation of the financial statements of our foreign subsidiaries whose functional currencies are not U.S. Dollars, assets and liabilities are translated at the year-end exchange rate, and income statement accounts are translated at monthly average exchange rates for the year. The resulting translation adjustments are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income, a component of stockholders' equity. Foreign currency transactions are recorded at the exchange rate prevailing at the transaction date, with any gains/losses recorded in other income/expense.

*Stock-Based Compensation* Equity awards granted to employees, such as stock options, restricted stock units, and performance stock units are recognized as stock compensation expense in the financial statements based on their fair value at the date of grant over the vesting period.

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**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

*Earnings Per Share (EPS)* - Basic EPS is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted average common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted average common shares outstanding during the period, plus dilutive potential common shares which is calculated using the treasury-stock method. Dilutive potential common shares are excluded from the computation of EPS in periods in which they have an anti-dilutive effect.

*Recent Accounting Pronouncements*

In September 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued an accounting standard update regarding revenue recognition for multiple deliverable arrangements. This update requires the use of the relative selling price method when allocating revenue in these types of arrangements. This method allows a vendor to use its best estimate of selling price if neither vendor specific objective evidence nor third party evidence of selling price exists when evaluating multiple deliverable arrangements. We adopted this standard update for our fiscal year beginning January 1, 2011 prospectively for revenue arrangements entered into or materially modified after the date of adoption. The adoption of this accounting standard update did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2011, the FASB issued an accounting standard update to provide a consistent definition of fair value and ensure that the fair value measurement and disclosure requirements are similar between U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards. This update changes certain fair value measurement principles and enhances the disclosure requirements, particularly for Level 3 fair value measurements. This update is effective for our fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012 and must be applied prospectively. The adoption of this accounting standard update will not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2011, the FASB issued an accounting standard update to amend existing guidance and eliminated the option to present the components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in shareholder's equity. The amendment requires that comprehensive income be presented in either a single continuous statement or in a two separate consecutive statement approach and changes the presentation of reclassification items out of other comprehensive income to net income. In December 2011, the FASB deferred certain provisions related to the reclassifications of items out of accumulated other comprehensive income and the presentation of the reclassification items. The adoption of this amendment will change the presentation of the components of comprehensive income for the Company as part of the consolidated statement of shareholder's equity. The requirement to present comprehensive income in either a single continuous statement or in a two separate consecutive statement approach is effective for our fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012, must be applied retrospectively and will alter the presentation of the Company's consolidated financial statements.

**3. Earnings Per Share**

For purposes of calculating basic and diluted earnings per-share, we used the following weighted average common shares outstanding (in thousands):

|                                                                          | 2011   | 2010   | 2009   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Basic                                                                    | 74,212 | 74,570 | 73,765 |
| Diluted                                                                  | 74,858 | 75,306 | 74,286 |
| Dilutive effect of outstanding options                                   | -      | 14     | -      |
| Dilutive effect of restricted and performance stock units                | 637    | 718    | 518    |
| Dilutive effect of employee share purchase plan                          | 9      | 4      | 3      |
| Anti-dilutive outstanding options (excluded from per-share calculations) | 72     | -      | 192    |

Net income per share of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock is computed in accordance with a two- class method of earnings allocation. Any undistributed earnings for each period are allocated to each class of common stock based on the proportionate share of the amount of cash dividends that each class is entitled to receive. As there were no undistributed earnings for years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, basic and diluted income per share was the same for both the Class A and Class B stockholders.

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**4. Investment Securities and Short-Term Investments**

Investments consisted of the following:

|                         | December 31, 2011 |             |            | December 31, 2010 |             |            |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|
|                         | Amortized         | Unrealized  | Fair       | Amortized         | Unrealized  | Fair       |
|                         | Cost              | Holding     | Value      | Cost              | Holding     | Value      |
|                         |                   | Gain (Loss) |            |                   | Gain (Loss) |            |
| Auction rate securities | \$ 11,000         | \$ (844)    | \$ 10,156  | \$ 16,000         | \$ (963 )   | \$ 15,037  |
| Municipal bonds         | 82,456            | 732         | 83,188     | 74,766            | 339         | 75,105     |
| Corporate bonds         | 20,331            | (249)       | 20,082     | 22,015            | 4           | 22,019     |
| Total                   | \$ 113,787        | \$ (361)    | \$ 113,426 | \$ 112,781        | \$ (620 )   | \$ 112,161 |

We classify all of our investments as available-for-sale securities. Such investments consist primarily of municipal bonds, including pre-refunded municipal bonds, corporate bonds and auction rate securities ( ARS ). All of these investments are stated at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses on such securities reflected, net of tax, as other comprehensive income (loss) in stockholders' equity. Our municipal and corporate bonds are included in short-term investments and our ARS are included in Investment securities, net on our consolidated balance sheets. Realized gains and losses on investments are included in earnings and are derived using the specific identification method for determining the cost of securities sold. As of December 31, 2011 contractual maturities of these investments are as follows:

|                         | Maturities       |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Auction rate securities | 26-28 years      |
| Municipal bonds         | 1 month-12 years |
| Corporate bonds         | 1-4 years        |

During the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, available-for-sale securities were sold for total proceeds of \$43,326, \$64,553 and \$53,687, respectively. The gross realized gains on these sales totaled \$142, \$53 and \$1,022 in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Net unrealized holding losses on available-for-sale securities in the amount of \$361, \$620 and \$1,547 for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively, have been included in accumulated other comprehensive income.

Management deems investments to be impaired when a decline in fair value is judged to be other-than-temporary. If the cost of an investment exceeds its fair value, we evaluate, among other factors, general market conditions, the duration and extent to which the fair value is less than cost, as well as the ability to hold and intent not to sell the investment.

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**4. Investment Securities and Short-Term Investments (continued)**

In February 2008, we started to experience difficulty selling our investment in auction rate securities (ARS) due to multiple failures of the auction mechanism that would otherwise provide liquidity to these investments. The securities for which auctions have failed will continue to accrue interest and be auctioned every 35 days until the auction succeeds, the issuer calls the securities, or they mature. Accordingly, there may be no effective mechanism for selling these securities and we may own long-term securities; as such, we have classified our investment in ARS as non-current investments. As of December 31, 2011, the Company had \$10,156 of auction rate securities which have been recorded at their estimated fair value. The estimated fair value was based on a discounted cash flow analysis which considered, among other things, the quality of the underlying collateral, the credit rating of the issuers, an estimate of when these securities are either expected to have a successful auction or otherwise return to par value and expected interest income to be received over this period. Because of the inherent subjectivity in valuing these securities, we also obtained independent valuations for each of our ARS as of December 31, 2011 in estimating their fair values. During 2011, \$5,000 of ARS were redeemed at par by the issuer.

As of December 31, 2011 we do not believe the net unrealized loss position in these securities of \$844 is other-than-temporary, and as such, the unrealized loss has been recorded as part of accumulated other comprehensive income in our Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity and Comprehensive Income. We do not feel that the fair value adjustment is other-than-temporary at this time due to the high underlying creditworthiness of the issuer (including the backing of the loans comprising the collateral package by the United States Government), and based on our intent not to sell the securities and our belief that it is not more likely than not that we will be required to sell the securities before recovery of their anticipated amortized cost basis.

In addition to the investments described above, during 2011 we exercised previously granted warrants to purchase common stock in a former licensee and subsequently sold this stock for \$1,822. We recognized mark-to-market adjustments of a gain of \$610 in 2010 and a loss of \$1,050 in 2009 relating to the revaluation of these warrants.

**5. Fair Value Measurement**

Fair value is determined based on the exchange price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value is a market-based measurement based on assumptions that "market participants" would use to price the asset or liability. Accordingly, the framework considers markets or observable inputs as the preferred source of value followed by assumptions based on hypothetical transactions, in the absence of market inputs. The fair value should be calculated based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, not on assumptions specific to the entity. In addition, the fair value of assets and liabilities should include consideration of non-performance risk including the Company's own credit risk.

Additionally, the accounting guidance establishes a three-level hierarchy that ranks the quality and reliability of information used in developing fair value estimates. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets and the lowest priority to unobservable data. In cases where two or more levels of inputs are used to determine fair value, a financial instrument's level is determined based on the lowest level input that is considered significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are summarized as follows:

- Level 1- quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2- quoted prices in active markets for similar assets and liabilities and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability; or
- Level 3- unobservable inputs, such as discounted cash flow models or valuations

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**5. Fair Value Measurement (continued)**

The following assets are required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the classification within the hierarchy was as follows:

|                         | Fair Value at December 31, 2011 |             |                   |                  | Fair Value at December 31, 2010 |             |                  |                  |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|
|                         | Total                           | Level 1     | Level 2           | Level 3          | Total                           | Level 1     | Level 2          | Level 3          |
| Municipal bonds         | \$ 83,188                       | \$ -        | \$ 83,188         | \$ -             | \$ 75,105                       | \$ -        | \$ 75,105        | \$ -             |
| Auction rate securities | 10,156                          | -           | -                 | 10,156           | 15,037                          | -           | -                | 15,037           |
| Corporate bonds         | 20,082                          | -           | 20,082            | -                | 22,019                          | -           | 22,019           | -                |
| Warrants                | -                               | -           | -                 | -                | 687                             | -           | 687              | -                |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>\$ 113,426</b>               | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ 103,270</b> | <b>\$ 10,156</b> | <b>\$ 112,848</b>               | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ 97,811</b> | <b>\$ 15,037</b> |

Certain financial instruments are carried at cost on the consolidated balance sheets, which approximates fair value due to their short-term, highly liquid nature. The carrying amounts of cash, cash equivalents, money market accounts, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate fair value because of the short-term nature of such instruments.

We have classified our investment in municipal bonds, corporate bonds and warrants within Level 2 as their valuation requires quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active and/or model-based valuation techniques for which all significant inputs are observable in the market or can be corroborated by observable market data. The corporate and municipal bonds are valued based on model-driven valuations whereby market prices from a variety of industry standard data providers, security master files from large financial institutions and other third-party sources are used as inputs to an algorithm. The estimated fair value of our warrants was determined using the Black-Scholes model.

We have classified our investment in ARS within Level 3 as their valuation requires substantial judgment and estimation of factors that are not currently observable in the market due to the lack of trading in the securities. We obtained independent valuations for each of our ARS as of December 31, 2011 in estimating fair values. The fair value of the ARS was estimated through discounted cash flow models, which consider, among other things, the timing of expected future successful auctions, collateralization of underlying security investments and the risk of default by the issuer. We will continue to assess the carrying value of our ARS on each reporting date, based on the facts and circumstances surrounding our liquidity needs and developments in the ARS markets. During 2011, \$5,000 of ARS were redeemed by the issuer at par value.

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**5. Fair Value Measurement (continued)**

The table below includes a roll forward of our significant unobservable inputs (level 3) assets (ARS):

|                       | <b>2011</b> | <b>2010</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Fair value, beginning | \$ 15,037   | \$ 22,370   |
| Purchases             | -           | -           |
| Redemptions/Proceeds  | (5,000)     | (8,400)     |
| Transfers in          | -           | -           |
| Realized gain         | -           | -           |
| Unrealized gain       | 119         | 1,067       |
| Fair value, ending    | \$ 10,156   | \$ 15,037   |

The Company also has assets that are required to be measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis if it is determined that indicators of impairment exist. These assets are recorded at fair value only when an impairment is recognized. During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company recorded impairment charges of \$23,414 on feature film production assets based on fair value measurements of \$21,186. See Note 7, Feature Film Production Assets, for further discussion. There were no fair value measurements recorded on a non-recurring basis for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. The Company classifies these assets as Level 3 within the fair value hierarchy due to significant unobservable inputs. The Company utilizes a discounted cash flows model to determine the fair value of these impaired films where indicators of impairment exist. The inputs to this model are the Company's expected results for the film and a discount rate that market participants would seek for bearing the risk associated with such assets. The Company utilizes an independent third party specialist who assists us in gathering the necessary inputs used in our model.

**6. Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment consisted of the following:

|                                                | <b>December 31,<br/>2011</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2010</b> |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Land, buildings and improvements               | \$ 83,284                    | \$ 75,762                    |
| Equipment                                      | 84,335                       | 70,694                       |
| Corporate aircraft                             | 20,858                       | 20,858                       |
| Vehicles                                       | 1,474                        | 1,543                        |
|                                                | 189,951                      | 168,857                      |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization | (93,389)                     | (87,862)                     |
| Total                                          | \$ 96,562                    | \$ 80,995                    |

During 2010 we received tax credits relating to our infrastructure improvements in conjunction with our transition to high definition broadcasting. The credits were realized at \$4,130 and were recorded as a reduction of the related assets.

Depreciation expense was \$14,520, \$11,504 and \$13,396, in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2010 reflects a one-time benefit of \$1,674 from the recognition of an infrastructure tax credit discussed above. The credit was used to reduce the carrying value of the assets as of their in service date and consequently the adjustment to depreciation expense reflects the revised amount incurred to date. The credit was received in 2010 but related to assets placed in service in prior years.

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**7. Feature Film Production Assets**

Feature film production assets are summarized as follows:

|                            | December 31,<br>2011 | December 31,<br>2010 |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Feature film productions:  |                      |                      |
| In release                 | \$ 16,686            | \$ 27,368            |
| Completed but not released | 5,984                | 27,612               |
| In development             | 921                  | 1,273                |
| Total                      | \$ 23,591            | \$ 56,253            |

Approximately 52% of In release film production assets are estimated to be amortized over the next 12 months and approximately 91% of In release film production assets are estimated to be amortized over the next three years.

In the current year we released four feature films, which comprise \$4,484 of our In release feature film assets. These films were released under our self-distribution model in which we control the distribution and marketing of our productions. Under this distribution model, we record revenues and expenses on a gross basis in our financial statements. Additionally, we record distribution expenses, including advertising and other exploitation costs, in our financial statements as incurred.

In the prior year, we released two feature films, which comprise \$2,547 of our In release feature film assets. These two feature films were also released under our self-distribution model.

Feature film production assets are recorded net of the associated benefit of production incentives. During the year ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, we received \$6,067 and \$4,303, respectively, of production incentives from domestic and international feature film production activities.

Unamortized feature film production assets are evaluated for impairment each reporting period. If conditions indicate a potential impairment, and the estimated future cash flows are not sufficient to recover the unamortized asset, the asset will be written down to fair value, which represents the excess of the carrying amount over the fair value of the film. Our estimated revenues for a specific film may vary from actual results due to various factors, including audience demand for a specific film, general economic conditions and changes in content distribution channels.

After updating estimates of ultimate revenue, primarily to reflect lower than expected home video revenues, and higher participation costs for current and pending releases, we noted significant declines in the expected profitability of certain films. As a result, we prepared a discounted cash flow analysis to determine the fair value of the feature film production asset. This resulted in us recording impairment charges of \$23,414 during the year. These impairment charges represent the excess of the recorded net carrying value over the estimated fair value. The following is a listing of feature film impairments recorded during the year ended December 31, 2011. No impairment charges were recorded during 2010 or 2009.

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**7. Feature Film Production Assets (continued)**

The following is a listing of feature film impairments recorded during the year ended December 31, 2011. There were no impairment charges recorded in 2010 and 2009.

|                           | Year Ended<br>December 31,<br>2011 |               |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Self-Distributed Films:   |                                    |               |
| <i>The Reunion</i>        | \$                                 | 3,480         |
| <i>Inside Out</i>         |                                    | 2,484         |
| <i>That's What I Am</i>   |                                    | 3,250         |
| <i>The Chaperone</i>      |                                    | 2,237         |
| <i>Knucklehead</i>        |                                    | 2,512         |
| <i>Bending the Rules*</i> |                                    | 3,201         |
| <i>Barricade*</i>         |                                    | 2,235         |
|                           |                                    | 19,399        |
| Licensed Films:           |                                    |               |
| <i>12 Rounds</i>          |                                    | 2,800         |
| <i>See No Evil</i>        |                                    | 1,215         |
|                           |                                    | 4,015         |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$</b>                          | <b>23,414</b> |

\* Completed but not yet released.

We currently have three theatrical films designated as Completed but not yet released. We also have capitalized certain script development costs for various other film projects designated as In development. Capitalized script development costs are evaluated at each reporting period for impairment if, and when, a project is deemed to be abandoned. Approximately \$728, \$300 and \$828 of previously capitalized development costs were expensed for abandoned projects in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

**8. Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities**

Accrued expenses and other liabilities consisted of the following:

|                                             | December<br>31,<br>2011 | December<br>31,<br>2010 |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Accrued pay-per-view event costs            | \$ 5,600                | \$ 3,580                |
| Accrued purchases of property and equipment | 5,302                   | -                       |
| Accrued payroll and bonus related costs     | 4,752                   | 6,635                   |
| Accrued television costs                    | 3,370                   | 3,500                   |
| Accrued home video expenses                 | 2,710                   | 2,659                   |
| Accrued other                               | 8,652                   | 8,104                   |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>\$ 30,386</b>        | <b>\$ 24,478</b>        |

Accrued other includes accruals for our publishing, legal and professional, and licensing business activities, none of which exceeds 5% of current liabilities.



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**9. Debt**

On September 9, 2011, the Company entered into a senior unsecured revolving credit facility with a syndicated group of banks, with JPMorgan Chase acting as administrative agent. The credit facility provides for a \$200,000 line of credit that expires in September 2014, unless extended. Applicable interest rates for the borrowings under the revolving credit facility are a LIBOR-based rate plus 200 basis points or an alternate base rate plus 100 basis points. As of December 31, 2011, the LIBOR-based rate was 2.58%. In the event the utilization percentage of the facility exceeds 50%, the applicable margin for the LIBOR-based and alternate base rate borrowings will increase by 25 basis points. As of December 31, 2011, there are no amounts outstanding under the line of credit. The Company is required to pay a commitment fee calculated at a rate per annum of 0.375% on the average daily-unused portion of the line of credit.

Under the terms of the revolving credit facility, we are subject to certain financial covenants and restrictions, including limitations with respect to our indebtedness, liens, mergers and acquisitions, dispositions of assets, investments, capital expenditures, and transactions with affiliates. In addition, the revolving credit facility restricts our ability to pay dividends if a default or event of default has occurred and is continuing thereunder, if our consolidated leverage ratio (as calculated under the revolving credit facility) exceeds 2.5:1.0 or if our consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio (as calculated under the revolving credit facility) exceeds 1.25:1.0. As of December 31, 2011, we are in compliance with the provisions of the revolving credit facility and are not restricted from paying dividends to our stockholders.

In 1997, we entered into a mortgage loan agreement under which we borrowed \$12,000 at an annual interest rate of 7.6%. Principal and interest are to be paid in 180 monthly installments of approximately \$112. The loan is collateralized by our executive offices and television studio in Stamford, Connecticut.

As of December 31, 2011 the scheduled principal repayments under our mortgage obligation were as follows:

|                                       |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| For the year ending December 31, 2012 | 1,262           |
| For the year ending December 31, 2013 | 359             |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>\$ 1,621</b> |

**10. Income Taxes**

For 2011, 2010 and 2009, we were taxed on our income from continuing operations at an effective tax rate of 32.7%, 34.8% and 36.7%, respectively. Our income tax provision for 2011, 2010 and 2009 was \$12,049, \$28,488 and \$29,127, respectively, and included federal, state and foreign taxes.

The components of our tax provision (benefit):

|                  | 2011      | 2010      | 2009      |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Current:</b>  |           |           |           |
| Federal          | \$ 16,674 | \$ 27,276 | \$ 24,523 |
| State and local  | 2,180     | 2,975     | 3,599     |
| Foreign          | (381)     | 647       | 333       |
| <b>Deferred:</b> |           |           |           |
| Federal          | (5,687)   | (1,761)   | 1,337     |
| State and local  | (737)     | (594)     | (644)     |
| Foreign          | -         | (55)      | (21)      |

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|       |    |        |    |        |    |        |
|-------|----|--------|----|--------|----|--------|
| Total | \$ | 12,049 | \$ | 28,488 | \$ | 29,127 |
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**10. Income Taxes (continued)**

Components of income before income taxes are as follows:

|                            | 2011      | 2010      | 2009      |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| U.S.                       | \$ 36,764 | \$ 79,789 | \$ 78,580 |
| International subsidiaries | 117       | 2,151     | 850       |
| Income before income taxes | \$ 36,881 | \$ 81,940 | \$ 79,430 |

The following sets forth the difference between the provision for income taxes computed at the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate of 35% and that reported for financial statement purposes:

|                                               | 2011      | 2010      | 2009      |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Statutory U.S. federal tax at 35%             | \$ 12,908 | \$ 28,679 | \$ 27,800 |
| State and local taxes, net of federal benefit | 723       | 1,292     | 1,055     |
| Foreign rate differential                     | 562       | (202)     | (150)     |
| Tax exempt interest income                    | (574)     | (508)     | (576)     |
| Qualified production activity deduction       | (1,624)   | (2,135)   | (809)     |
| Valuation allowance                           | -         | -         | (1,590)   |
| Unrecognized tax benefits                     | 40        | 582       | 3,029     |
| Other                                         | 14        | 780       | 368       |
| Provision for income taxes                    | \$ 12,049 | \$ 28,488 | \$ 29,127 |

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities consisted of the following.

|                                                    | December 31,<br>2011 | December 31,<br>2010 |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Deferred tax assets:</b>                        |                      |                      |
| Accounts receivable                                | \$ 793               | \$ 4,437             |
| Inventory                                          | 4,679                | 4,068                |
| Prepaid royalties                                  | 7,482                | 11,586               |
| Stock options/stock compensation                   | 1,424                | 2,880                |
| Net operating loss carryforwards                   | 1,583                | 1,416                |
| Investments                                        | 146                  | -                    |
| Intangible assets                                  | 2,658                | 2,999                |
| Accrued liabilities and reserves                   | 1,164                | 597                  |
| Federal benefit related to uncertain tax positions | 4,023                | 3,648                |
| Deferred tax assets, gross                         | 23,952               | 31,631               |
| Valuation allowance                                | (1,583 )             | (1,413 )             |
| Deferred tax assets, net                           | 22,369               | 30,218               |
| <b>Deferred tax liabilities:</b>                   |                      |                      |
| Property and equipment depreciation                | (3,118)              | (3,097)              |
| Capitalized feature film production costs          | (4,934)              | (19,225)             |
| Investments                                        | -                    | (3 )                 |
| Deferred tax liabilities                           | (8,052 )             | (22,325 )            |
| Total deferred tax assets, net                     | \$ 14,317            | \$ 7,893             |



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The temporary differences described above represent differences between the tax basis of assets or liabilities and amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in future years when the reported amounts of the assets or liabilities are recovered or settled. The Company received tax deductions from the exercise of stock options, restricted stock units and performance stock units of \$4,908, \$10,007 and \$6,278 in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, \$11,122 and \$17,128, respectively, of the deferred tax assets, net, are categorized as current assets. As of December 31, 2011, \$3,195 was included in prepaid expenses and other non-current assets and as of December 31, 2010, 9,235 was included in non-current income tax liabilities, in our consolidated balance sheets.

As of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, we had valuation allowances of \$1,583 and \$1,413, respectively, to reduce our deferred tax assets to an amount more likely than not to be recovered. This valuation allowance relates to losses incurred as a result of our Australian film entities, and are not expected to be realized.

We are subject to periodic audits of our various tax returns by government agencies which could result in possible tax liabilities. Although the outcome of these matters cannot currently be determined, we believe the outcome of these audits will not have a material effect on our financial statements.

U.S. income taxes have not been provided for on approximately \$2,734 of unremitted earnings of our international subsidiaries. These earnings are expected to be indefinitely reinvested overseas. It is not practical to compute the estimated deferred tax liability on these earnings. Any additional U.S. taxes payable on the remaining foreign earnings, if remitted, would be substantially offset by credits for foreign taxes already paid.

***Unrecognized Tax Benefits***

At December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, we had \$13,595 (\$9,572 net of federal benefit) and \$12,484 (\$8,835 net of federal benefit), respectively, of unrecognized tax benefits and related interest and penalties, all of which would affect our effective tax rate if recognized.

At December 31, 2011 and 2010, \$7,961 and \$6,651, respectively of unrecognized tax benefits and related interest and penalties reduced refundable income taxes, which are recorded in Prepaid expenses and other current assets on the consolidated balance sheet. The remaining \$5,634 and \$5,833, respectively, are included in Non-current income tax liabilities, in our consolidated balance sheets.

We file income tax returns in the U.S., various states and various foreign jurisdictions. With a few exceptions, all tax years before December 31, 2007 are no longer subject to income tax examinations by tax authorities. Based upon the expiration of statutes of limitations in several jurisdictions and potential resolution of outstanding audits, the Company believes it is reasonably possible that the total amount of previously unrecognized tax benefits may decrease by approximately \$8,537 within 12 months after December 31, 2011.

**Unrecognized Tax benefits Tabular Reconciliation**

|                                                                                            | 2011      | 2010     | 2009     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Beginning Balance- January 1                                                               | \$ 10,083 | \$ 9,078 | \$ 6,083 |
| Increase to unrecognized tax benefits recorded for positions taken during the current year | 1,226     | 1,800    | 2,932    |
| Increase to unrecognized tax benefits recorded for positions taken during a prior period   | 470       | 584      | 275      |
| Decrease in unrecognized tax benefits relating to settlements with                         |           |          |          |

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|                                                                                                       |    |        |    |         |    |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|--------|----|---------|----|-------|
| taxing authorities                                                                                    |    | (242)  |    | -       |    | (70)  |
| Decrease to unrecognized tax benefits resulting from a lapse of the applicable statute of limitations |    | (804)  |    | (1,379) |    | (142) |
| Ending Balance- December 31                                                                           | \$ | 10,733 | \$ | 10,083  | \$ | 9,078 |

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**10. Income Taxes (continued)**

We recognize potential accrued interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in income tax expense. We have approximately \$2,654 of accrued interest and \$208 of accrued penalties related to uncertain tax positions as of December 31, 2011. At December 31, 2010, we had approximately \$2,154 of accrued interest and \$247 of accrued penalties related to uncertain tax positions.

**11. Film and Television Production Incentives**

Film and television production incentives received during 2011, 2010, and 2009 consisted of the following:

|                                       | 2011     | 2010     | 2009     |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Feature film production incentives    | \$ 6,067 | \$ 4,303 | \$ 4,289 |
| Television production incentives      | 6,565    | 6,124    | 8,330    |
| Infrastructure improvement incentives | -        | 4,130    | -        |

**12. Commitments and Contingencies**

We have certain commitments, including various non-cancelable operating leases of facilities and sales offices, performance contracts with various performers and employment agreements with certain executive officers.

Future minimum payments as of December 31, 2011 under the agreements described above were as follows:

|            | Operating<br>Lease<br>Commitments | Other<br>Commitments | Total     |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| 2012       | \$ 3,075                          | \$ 25,959            | \$ 29,034 |
| 2013       | 2,873                             | 11,332               | 14,205    |
| 2014       | 2,702                             | 8,509                | 11,211    |
| 2015       | 1,990                             | 2,788                | 4,778     |
| 2016       | 1,252                             | 1,743                | 2,995     |
| Thereafter | 1,150                             | 6,672                | 7,822     |
| Total      | \$ 13,042                         | \$ 57,003            | \$ 70,045 |

Rent expense under operating lease commitments totaled \$2,370, \$2,263 and \$2,646 for 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

***Legal Proceedings******World Wide Fund for Nature***

In April 2000, the World Wide Fund for Nature and its American affiliate, the World Wildlife Fund (collectively, the Fund) instituted legal proceedings against us in the English High Court seeking injunctive relief and unspecified damages for alleged breaches of a 1994 agreement between the Fund and us regarding the use of the initials wwf. In August 2001, a High Court judge granted the Fund's motion for summary judgment, holding that we breached the agreement by using the initials wwf in connection with certain of our website addresses and our former scratch logo. The English Court of Appeal subsequently upheld that ruling. As a result we are subject to an injunction barring us, either directly or indirectly, from most uses of the initials wwf.



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**12. Commitments and Contingencies (continued)**

As part of its original complaint, the Fund included a damages claim. On October 29, 2004, the Fund filed a claim for, among other things, substantial monetary claims in an amount calculated as a royalty based on certain percentages of our profits over the period January 1997 through November 2002. The English courts have denied the Fund's claim for profit-based damages. We strongly believe that the Fund has not suffered any loss or damage, and would vigorously defend against any other type of damage claim if the Fund attempted, after so many years, to amend its complaint to assert one. Based upon the decisions of the English courts, we do not believe this matter will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

***IPO Class Action***

In December 2001, a purported class action complaint was filed against us and certain of our officers in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York alleging violations of federal securities laws relating to our initial public offering in 1999. According to the claims, the underwriters, who were also named as defendants, allegedly engaged in manipulative practices by, among other things, pre-selling allotments of shares of our stock in return for undisclosed, excessive commissions from the purchasers and/or entering into after-market tie-in arrangements to artificially inflate the Company's stock price. The complaint further alleges that we knew or should have known of such unlawful practices. In or around March 2009, the parties agreed to a global settlement of the litigation in its entirety. On April 2, 2009, the plaintiffs filed a motion for preliminary approval of settlement, which was granted by the court by order dated June 10, 2009. On October 6, 2009, the court granted final approval of the settlement agreement, to which the Company is a party, and various objectors filed notices to appeal this decision. These appeals were resolved in 2011 and the settlement is complete, with no liability on the part of the Company.

***Other Matters***

We are not currently a party to any other material legal proceedings. However, we are involved in several other suits and claims in the ordinary course of business, the outcome of which is not expected to have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity. We may from time to time become a party to other legal proceedings.

**13. Related Party Transactions**

Vincent K. McMahon, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer, controls approximately 81% of the voting power of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock. Through the beneficial ownership of a substantial majority of our Class B common stock, Mr. McMahon can effectively exercise control over our affairs.

From February 2008 until April 2011, the Board of Directors authorized quarterly cash dividends of \$0.36 per share on all Class A common shares. The quarterly dividend on all Class A and Class B shares held by members of the McMahon family and their respective trusts remained at \$0.24 per share for a period of three years due to a waiver received from the McMahon family. This waiver expired after the declaration of the March 2011 dividend.

On September 16, 2009, Linda McMahon resigned as Chief Executive Officer of the Company and announced her candidacy for the United States Senate, representing the State of Connecticut. Mrs. McMahon's election team engaged the Company to produce certain television advertisements during the initial months of the campaign. The Company performed these services and charged the campaign the fair market value for the provided television production services, which was \$360 and \$162 in 2010 and 2009, respectively. Mrs. McMahon's election team did not engage Company services during 2011. In addition, Mrs. McMahon rented personal office space from the Company for a period of two and one half months for which the Company received approximately \$23 in 2009, which represented the fair market value of the office space utilized.



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**14. Stockholders' Equity**

Our Class B common stock is fully convertible into Class A common stock, on a one for one basis, at any time at the option of the holder. The two classes are entitled to equal per share dividends and distributions and vote together as a class with each share of Class B entitled to ten votes and each share of Class A entitled to one vote, except when separate class voting is required by applicable law. If, at any time, any shares of Class B common stock are beneficially owned by any person other than Vincent McMahon, Linda McMahon, any descendant of either of them, any entity which is wholly owned and is controlled by any combination of such persons or any trust, all the beneficiaries of which are any combination of such persons, each of those shares will automatically convert into shares of Class A common stock. During 2011 and 2010, Class B shares were sold, resulting in their conversion to Class A shares. Through his beneficial ownership of a substantial majority of our Class B common stock, our controlling stockholder, Vincent McMahon, can effectively exercise control over our affairs, and his interests could conflict with the holders of our Class A common stock. In April 2011, the Board of Directors adjusted the Company's quarterly dividend to \$0.12 per share on all Class A and Class B shares.

From February 2008 until April 2011, the Board of Directors authorized quarterly cash dividends of \$0.36 per share on all Class A common shares. The quarterly dividend on all Class A and Class B shares held by members of the McMahon family and their respective trusts remained at \$0.24 per share for a period of three years due to a waiver received from the McMahon family. This waiver expired after the declaration of the March 2011 dividend.

We paid one quarterly dividend of \$0.36 per share and three quarterly dividends of \$0.12 per share, totaling \$19,957, on all Class A common shares in 2011. We paid one quarterly dividend of \$0.24 per share and three quarterly dividends of \$0.12 per share, totaling \$27,852, on all Class B common shares in 2011. We paid four quarterly dividends of \$0.36 per share, totaling \$38,724, on all Class A common shares and \$0.24 per share, totaling \$44,919, on all Class B common shares in 2010. We paid four quarterly dividends of \$0.36 per share, totaling \$36,504, on all Class A common shares and \$0.24 per share, totaling \$45,765, on all Class B common shares in 2009.

**15. Share Based Compensation**

The 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan (2007 Plan) provides for grants of options and other forms of equity-based incentive awards as determined by the compensation committee of the Board of Directors as incentives and rewards to encourage employees, directors, consultants and performers to participate in our long-term success. Prior to the 2007 Plan, share based compensation was governed by the Company's 1999 Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP). In 2004, we began issuing restricted stock units (RSUs), which generally vest ratably over three years. In July 2007, we began issuing performance stock units (PSUs) in addition to RSUs, which generally vest ratably over three and one-half years.

As of December 31, 2011 there were approximately 2.9 million shares available for future grants under the 2007 Plan. It is our policy to issue new shares to satisfy option exercises and the vesting of RSUs and PSUs.

**Stock Options**

We have not granted any stock options since June 2004 and there were no stock options exercised, cancelled or forfeited during 2011. The following tables summarize stock options outstanding:

| Stock Options                                            | Options | Weighted<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price | Weighted<br>Average<br>Remaining<br>Contractual<br>Term | Aggregate<br>Intrinsic<br>Value |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Outstanding at January 1, 2011                           | 71,966  | \$ 13.44                                 | 1.5                                                     | \$ 58                           |
| Outstanding, vested and exercisable at December 31, 2011 | 71,966  | \$ 13.44                                 | 0.5                                                     | \$ -                            |

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**15. Share Based Compensation (continued)**

At December 31, 2011, there were no unrecognized compensation costs related to stock options, as all outstanding stock options were vested.

The following is information relating to our stock option activity:

|                                                                          | 2010     | 2009     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Intrinsic value of options exercised                                     | \$ 290   | \$ 213   |
| Cash received from options exercised                                     | \$ 1,562 | \$ 2,340 |
| Tax benefits realized from tax deductions from exercise of stock options | \$ 110   | \$ 133   |

**Restricted Stock Units**

The fair value of RSUs is determined based on the number of shares granted and the quoted price of our common stock on the grant date. The fair value of restricted stock units is recognized as expense over the service period of three years, net of estimated forfeitures, using the straight-line method. We estimate forfeitures, based on historical trends, when recognizing compensation expense and adjust the estimate of forfeitures when they are expected to differ. For the year ended December 31, 2011, we estimate that 8% of the current year's restricted stock units will be forfeited over the life of the grant.

The Company granted RSUs to officers and employees under our 2007 Plan. The following tables summarize the activity of restricted stock units:

| Restricted Stock Units        | Units    | Weighted Average<br>Grant<br>Date Fair Value |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------|
| Unvested at January 1, 2011   | 102,501  | \$ 13.63                                     |
| Granted                       | 51,024   | \$ 12.38                                     |
| Vested                        | (68,360) | \$ 14.23                                     |
| Forfeited                     | (19,980) | \$ 13.00                                     |
| Unvested at December 31, 2011 | 65,185   | \$ 12.42                                     |

|                                  | 2011   | 2010   | 2009     |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|----------|
| Stock-based compensation expense | \$ 370 | \$ 733 | \$ 1,609 |
| Tax benefits realized            | 141    | 279    | 611      |
| Grant-date fair value of RSUs    | 529    | 230    | 519      |

As of December 31, 2011, there was \$322 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested RSUs to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 0.9 years. Based on the current restricted stock units outstanding, \$217 of compensation expense will be recognized in 2012 and the remaining \$105 will be recognized in 2013 and 2014.

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**15. Share Based Compensation (continued)****Performance Stock Units**

The estimated grant of PSUs is communicated to employees, with the amount of the grant based on achieving predetermined financial metrics. The estimated number of PSUs expected to be issued is adjusted quarterly, based on the estimated probable outcome of the Company's performance at the end of the performance period. The ultimate number of PSUs that are issued to an employee is a result of the actual performance of the Company at the end of the performance period compared to the performance targets.

The fair value of PSUs is initially determined based on the number of shares granted and the quoted price of our common stock on the grant date. The fair value of performance stock units is recognized as expense over the service period, approximately three and one-half years, net of estimated forfeitures, using the straight-line method. We estimate forfeitures, based on historical trends, when recognizing compensation expense and adjust the estimate of forfeitures when they are expected to differ. For the year ended December 31, 2011, we estimate that 8% of the current year's performance stock grants will be forfeited over the life of the grant.

The Company granted PSUs to officers and employees under our 2007 Plan. The following tables summarize the activity of performance stock units:

| <b>Performance Stock Units</b> | <b>Units</b> | <b>Weighted<br/>Average<br/>Grant Date Fair<br/>Value</b> |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Unvested at January 1, 2011    | 1,025,123    | \$ 15.80                                                  |
| Granted                        | 506,103      | \$ 11.58                                                  |
| Vested                         | (439,617)    | \$ 13.84                                                  |
| Forfeited                      | (277,679)    | \$ 13.39                                                  |
| Unvested at December 31, 2011  | 813,930      | \$ 13.31                                                  |

|                                  | <b>2011</b> | <b>2010</b> | <b>2009</b> |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Stock-based compensation expense | \$ 2,378    | \$ 6,632    | \$ 5,580    |
| Tax benefits realized            | 904         | 2,520       | 2,120       |
| Grant-date fair value of PSUs    | 6,465       | 7,182       | 5,812       |

Based on the financial results for the year ended December 31, 2011, the 523,500 PSUs granted in 2011 will not meet the performance targets in order to be issued. As such, no compensation expense was recorded related to these PSUs and no shares will ultimately be granted. As of December 31, 2011 there was \$1,223 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested PSUs to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 0.5 years. Based on the current PSUs outstanding, \$1,054 of compensation expense will be recognized in 2012 and the remaining \$169 will be recognized during 2013.

**Employee Stock Purchase Plan**

We provide a stock purchase plan for our employees. Under the plan, all regular full-time employees may contribute up to 10% of their base compensation (subject to certain income limits) to the semi-annual purchase of shares of our common stock. The purchase price is 85% of the fair market value at certain plan-defined dates. As this plan is defined as compensatory, a charge is recorded to selling, general and administrative expense for the difference between the fair market value and the discounted price. In 2011, two purchases occurred and resulted in a \$110 charge. Approximately 165 employees were participants in the stock purchase plan and these employees purchased 67,537 shares of

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our common stock at an average price of \$10.16 per share. In 2010, two purchases occurred and resulted in a \$194 charge. Approximately 165 employees were participants in the stock purchase plan and these employees purchased 57,334 shares of our common stock at an average price of \$12.42 per share. In 2009, two purchases occurred and resulted in a \$200 charge. Approximately 150 employees were participants in the stock purchase plan and these employees purchased 67,476 shares of our common stock at an average price of \$8.80 per share.

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**16. Employee Benefit Plans**

We sponsor a 401(k) defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees. Under this plan, participants are allowed to make contributions based on a percentage of their salary, subject to a statutorily prescribed annual limit. We make matching contributions of 50 percent of each participant's contributions, up to 6% of eligible compensation. We may also make additional discretionary contributions to the 401(k) plan. Our expense for matching contributions to the 401(k) plan was \$1,239, \$1,189 and \$1,171 during 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The Company did not make any discretionary matching contributions during 2011, 2010 or 2009.

**17. Segment Information**

As discussed in Note 1, the Company classifies its operations into four reportable segments: Live and Televised Entertainment, Consumer Products, Digital Media and WWE Studios.

We measure the performance of our reportable segments based upon segment operating income. We do not allocate our corporate overhead, which includes the majority of selling, general and administrative expenses, depreciation and amortization of property and equipment and stock based compensation expense. Revenues from transactions between our operating segments are not material. Unallocated assets consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, investment securities and certain property and equipment.

The accounting policies used to determine the performance of our operating segments are the same as those described in Note 2- Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

Operating results by segment were as follows:

|                                       | 2011       | 2010       | 2009       |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Net revenues:</b>                  |            |            |            |
| Live and Televised Entertainment      | \$ 339,979 | \$ 331,835 | \$ 334,993 |
| Consumer Products                     | 94,914     | 97,376     | 99,740     |
| Digital Media                         | 28,132     | 28,937     | 32,757     |
| WWE Studios                           | 20,896     | 19,507     | 7,671      |
| Total net revenues                    | \$ 483,921 | \$ 477,655 | \$ 475,161 |
| <b>Depreciation and amortization:</b> |            |            |            |
| Live and Televised Entertainment      | \$ 7,491   | \$ 5,657   | \$ 7,670   |
| Consumer Products                     | 460        | 203        | 1,028      |
| Digital Media                         | 1,174      | 1,178      | 1,263      |
| WWE Studios                           | 9          | 4          | -          |
| Corporate                             | 5,846      | 4,665      | 4,463      |
| Total depreciation and amortization   | \$ 14,980  | \$ 11,707  | \$ 14,424  |
| <b>Operating income (loss):</b>       |            |            |            |
| Live and Televised Entertainment      | \$ 116,768 | \$ 119,166 | \$ 124,682 |
| Consumer Products                     | 50,574     | 49,992     | 52,677     |
| Digital Media                         | 6,008      | 4,951      | 5,795      |
| WWE Studios                           | (29,388)   | (1,762)    | 2,173      |
| Corporate                             | (106,943)  | (90,089)   | (108,194)  |
| Total operating income                | \$ 37,019  | \$ 82,258  | \$ 77,133  |



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**17. Segment Information (continued)**

The following is a schedule of assets by segment:

|                                  | <b>December<br/>31, 2011</b> | <b>As of:<br/>December 31,<br/>2010</b> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Assets:</b>                   |                              |                                         |
| Live and Televised Entertainment | \$ 143,592                   | \$ 129,970                              |
| Consumer Products                | 12,555                       | 17,095                                  |
| Digital Media                    | 6,063                        | 5,849                                   |
| WWE Studios                      | 54,308                       | 77,977                                  |
| Unallocated                      | 162,106                      | 184,838                                 |
| <b>Total assets</b>              | <b>\$ 378,624</b>            | <b>\$ 415,729</b>                       |

During the fourth quarter of 2011, the Company increased its focus on capital spending as it relates to its efforts to produce additional content for distribution through various media platforms, spending approximately \$15,000. Capital spending related to these initiatives, including all other capital spending by segment, was as follows:

|                                                  | <b>Year ended December 31,<br/>2011</b> | <b>2010</b>      | <b>2009</b>     |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Live and Televised Entertainment                 | \$ 5,210                                | \$ 7,191         | \$ 2,457        |
| Consumer Products                                | 1,793                                   | 60               | 120             |
| Digital Media                                    | 1,686                                   | 552              | 327             |
| Corporate and other                              | 19,267                                  | 4,511            | 2,621           |
| <b>Total purchases of property and equipment</b> | <b>\$ 27,956</b>                        | <b>\$ 12,314</b> | <b>\$ 5,525</b> |

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**17. Segment Information (continued)****Geographic Information**

Net revenues by major geographic region are based upon the geographic location of where our content is distributed. The information below summarizes net revenues to unaffiliated customers by geographic area:

|                           | Year ended December 31, |            |            |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|
|                           | 2011                    | 2010       | 2009       |
| North America             | \$ 350,523              | \$ 342,312 | \$ 348,064 |
| Europe/Middle East/Africa | 76,165                  | 80,263     | 82,508     |
| Asia Pacific              | 38,662                  | 35,647     | 32,118     |
| Latin America             | 18,571                  | 19,433     | 12,471     |
| Total net revenues        | \$ 483,921              | \$ 477,655 | \$ 475,161 |

Revenues generated from the United Kingdom, our largest international market, were \$33,178, \$33,932 and \$36,516 for 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Approximately \$200 of property and equipment was located outside of the United States at December 31, 2011.

**18. Concentration of Credit Risk**

We continually monitor our position with, and the credit quality of, the financial institutions that are counterparties to our financial instruments. Our accounts receivable relates principally to a limited number of distributors, including our television, pay-per-view and home video distributors and licensees that produce consumer products containing our intellectual trademarks. We closely monitor the status of receivables with these customers and maintain allowances for anticipated losses as deemed appropriate. At December 31, 2011, we had one customer balance representing approximately 11% of our gross accounts receivable balance.

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**19. Quarterly Financial Summaries (unaudited)**

|                                             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter | 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                             | (1)(2)                  | (1)(2)                  | (2)(3)(4)               | (2)(5)(6)               |
| <b>2011</b>                                 |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Net revenues                                | \$ 119,907              | \$ 142,554              | \$ 108,518              | \$ 112,942              |
| Cost of revenues                            | \$ 73,247               | \$ 88,829               | \$ 64,455               | \$ 88,652               |
| Net income (loss)                           | \$ 8,603                | \$ 14,267               | \$ 10,591               | \$ (8,629)              |
| Net income (loss) per common share: basic   | \$ 0.11                 | \$ 0.19                 | \$ 0.14                 | \$ (0.12)               |
| Net income (loss) per common share: diluted | \$ 0.11                 | \$ 0.19                 | \$ 0.14                 | \$ (0.12)               |
| <b>2010</b>                                 |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Net revenues                                | \$ 138,725              | \$ 106,842              | \$ 109,564              | \$ 122,524              |
| Cost of revenues                            | \$ 73,685               | \$ 63,094               | \$ 61,763               | \$ 75,756               |
| Net income                                  | \$ 24,737               | \$ 6,251                | \$ 14,337               | \$ 8,127                |
| Net income per common share: basic          | \$ 0.33                 | \$ 0.08                 | \$ 0.19                 | \$ 0.11                 |
| Net income per common share: diluted        | \$ 0.33                 | \$ 0.08                 | \$ 0.19                 | \$ 0.11                 |

- (1) Our annual *WrestleMania* event occurred on April 3, 2011 and March 28, 2010. As such, the results are recorded in our second quarter in 2011 and our first quarter in 2010. *WrestleMania* contributed \$35,908 in net revenues, \$19,231 in cost of revenues and \$11,340 of net income in second quarter of 2011 and \$28,806 in net revenues, \$15,733 in cost of revenues and \$8,785 in net income in the first quarter of 2010.
- (2) Cost of revenues for the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2011 includes impairment charges of \$2,800, \$3,250, \$5,123 and \$12,241, respectively, related to certain of our feature films. See Note 7- Feature Film Production Assets.
- (3) Cost of revenues and net income for the third quarter of 2011 includes the benefit of \$4,146 and \$4,399, respectively, relating to incentives received relating to television and other productions.
- (4) Cost of revenues and net income for the third quarter of 2010 includes the benefit of \$3,997 and \$3,981, respectively, relating to incentives received relating to television and other productions.
- (5) Included in the results for the fourth quarter of 2011 were operating expenses of approximately \$4,000 (\$2,600 after-tax) relating to expenses associated with our emerging content and distributions efforts.
- (6) Included in the results for the fourth quarter of 2010 was the recording of an adjustment attributable to prior periods which reduced cost of revenues and selling, general and administrative expenses by \$863 and \$497, respectively, and as a result increased net income by \$884. The Company evaluated the effects of this adjustment on quarterly and annual consolidated financial statements and determined the adjustment to be immaterial in all periods.

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## SCHEDULE II VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

(in thousands)

| Description                                         | Balance at<br>Beginning<br>of Year | Charges to<br>Expense/<br>Against<br>Revenues | Deductions (1) | Balance at<br>End of<br>Year |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| <b>For the Year Ended December 31, 2011</b>         |                                    |                                               |                |                              |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts                     | \$ 12,316                          | \$ (692)                                      | \$ (9,445)     | \$ 2,179                     |
| Magazine publishing allowance for newsstand returns | 4,277                              | 23,626                                        | (24,617)       | 3,286                        |
| Home video allowance for returns                    | 5,637                              | 18,778                                        | (17,319)       | 7,096                        |
| <b>For the Year Ended December 31, 2010</b>         |                                    |                                               |                |                              |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts                     | \$ 11,926                          | \$ 774                                        | \$ (384)       | \$ 12,316                    |
| Magazine publishing allowance for newsstand returns | 4,823                              | 28,938                                        | (29,484)       | 4,277                        |
| Home video allowance for returns                    | 5,535                              | 23,954                                        | (23,852)       | 5,637                        |
| <b>For the Year Ended December 31, 2009</b>         |                                    |                                               |                |                              |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts                     | \$ 4,718                           | \$ 8,558                                      | \$ (1,350)     | \$ 11,926                    |
| Magazine publishing allowance for newsstand returns | 6,266                              | 28,351                                        | (29,794)       | 4,823                        |
| Home video allowance for returns                    | 6,265                              | 19,093                                        | (19,823)       | 5,535                        |

(1) Deductions are comprised primarily of write-offs of specific bad debts and returns of magazines and home videos from retailers.

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