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November 2019 Members in the News

Emily Cohen, Angela Edwards, FoxFury Lighting Solutions, Aviva Kempner, Soren Begin, Catherine Wyler, Joe Dzikiewicz, Interface Media Group, Great Nonprofits, Call for Articles

LI'L LIZA JANE Is Hot Film!

LI'L LIZA JANE: A Movie About A Song will be designated by From the Heart Productions as one of their Hot Films in the Making. This documentary by Emily Cohen and Dan Gutstein, will be the first film dedicated to a single American popular tune, and there is no tune like "Li'l Liza Jane." The song has transcended slavery, race, poverty, geography, and musical genres to become one of the most recorded, recited, and beloved songs in the popular canon. Ll'l LIZA JANE: A Movie About A Song will present the cultural history behind "Li'l Liza Jane," coupled with an original soundtrack by star musicians. Can the story of America's favorite poor gal brighten a fractured country?

The film will be launching a crowd funding campaign this winter to begin production. For more information on this project visit **lizajanemovie.com**

FoxFury Celebrates



FoxFury had its annual potluck and costume contest at the end of the October. Shout out to our costume contestants: sheriff, Rosie the Robot, sugar skull, demon

clown, and NFL referee. Congrats to the winner, Rosie!

Watch for exciting new product Fox Fury has created with Autel Robotics for their Evo drone. You can follow them on social media @autelrobotics. It'll certainly brighten your day...

Begin and Podcasts

Edwards Up Close



The Capitol Communicator featured **Angela Edwards**, Senior Producer at ICF Next, in their most recent profile. **Read the full article here**. Among the info she shared "I'm a long time WIFV member, it is such a valuable resource in this market. I volunteer with Knine Rescue, and Comfort Cases and once a year, I try Ben's Run 5K."

Kempner at AMPAS' Governors Awards & Focus of DC Retrospective

Honorees for this year's awards included Wes Studi, a Cherokee American actor and film producer known for his work in THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS and DANCES WITH WOLVES. It was the first Oscar for Studi and he is the first Native American actor to receive an Oscar. Studi is also a Vietnam veteran and an advocate for Native American rights.

Other honorees included Lina Wertmüller, who proposed in her acceptance speech that the famed Oscar statuette be renamed "Anna" in recognition of female filmmakers.



Dr. Ruth Westheimer, Aviva Kempner and W. Richard West, Jr. at the Governors Awards.

The Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award was presented to Geena Davis. She was recognized with an Academy Award in 1988 and is the founder and chair of the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media, a nonprofit dedicated to educating and influencing film and television content creators to eliminate gender bias and stereotypes and create a wide variety of female characters in entertainment and media aimed at children.

Aviva was thrilled to be part of this special evening in Los Angeles. You can see the award recipient acceptance remarks here.

This fall, the WASHINGTON JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL (JxJ) celebrates the 40th anniversary with a retrospective screening of THE SPY BEHIND HOME PLATE (2019), ROSENWALD (2015), YOO-HOO, MRS. GOLDBERG (2009), TODAY I VOTE FOR MY

Soren Begin is an audio editor and sound designer. He has been working for two years with the podcast *Small Town Dicks*, a true-crime series hosted by Yeardley Smith (voice of Lisa Simpson. Yes, that Lisa Simpson!). More



recently he has been an editor and designer for Twenty-Thousand Hertz, a podcast about the world's most interesting and recognizable sounds.

Want to know more about podcast production? Email him at sorenbegin@gmail.com

Wyler Helps IndieCollect

Jane Fonda dazzled a select group of IndieCollect donors and women filmmakers at a benefit she co-hosted with IndieCollect trustees **Catherine Wyler** and Sandra Schulberg in early November.
Funds are still being sought to preserve the work of women directors and you can **make a donation here**.

Candidate films for preservation include:

- THE LIFE & TIMES OF ROSIE THE RIVETER by Connie Field
- A QUESTION OF COLOR by Kathe Sandler
- WHAT FAROCKI TAUGHT by Jill Godmilow
- OTHER CHILDREN by Joanne Akalaitis
- VIETNAM; THE SECRET AGENT by Jacki Ochs
- POSSUM LIVING by Nancy Schreiber

Thank You! More Reviews Welcome



JOEY (2002), THE LIFE AND TIMES OF HANK GREENBERG (1999) and PARTISANS OF VILNA (1979).

November 15 - 23, 2019 CAFRITZ HALL, Edlavitch DCJCC, 1529 16th Street, NW Buy tickets here

ScreenCraft Recognizes Joe's Scripts

Joe Dzikiewicz has been recognized as a Quarterfinalist in the ScreenCraft Pilot Launch for his script CYBER. Joe's script HERE COMES THE FRAUD received similar recognition in the ScreenCraft Comedy Screenplay Competition, and SILENT SENTINAL is a Quarterfinalist in their Short Screenplay Competition/ Three's a charm!

IMG Sizzle - Morrissey



Morrissey, front man of the iconic UK 80's band The Smiths, chose IMG studios to stage 6 days of rehearsals to prepare for the launch of his national U.S. tour which kicked off at Merriweather Post Pavilion w/a finale at the Hollywood Bowl Oct. 26. See more here.

Saadeh on Video Show Panel - 12/5

Cathie Saadeh, WIFV Board Member, will be on stage at The Video Show in Washington DC on December 5 to talk about Paperwork with a Purpose: Protecting Your Video Business by Managing Legal Risks in the Business of Video Studio. Others from WIFV will be out and about as well - there's a whole track on Independent Filmmaking, where our very own Melissa Houghton will be speaking on D.C. Indie Community: Resources for Getting Your Dream Project Made. WIFV will be at Booth 303 for the run of the Video Show!

If you are interested in attending any or all of the Video Show, you can get 50% off the 2-day pass to The Video Show by using this link, make sure discount code CathieSaadeh appears.



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