December 2013 Members in the News

**Congrats WIFV Members - What Peers!**

WIFV Members were very well represented among the winners at the TIVA Peer Awards presented on November 16 at the National Press Club.

- 522 Productions
- The Broken Continent, LLC
- CACI Productions Group
- Cavegirl Productions
- Dominion Post
- Double R Productions
- Henninger Media Services
- Interface Media Group
- Metro Teleproductions
- Post Op Media
- RHED Pixel
- Rocket Media Group
- Spark Media, Inc
- SuperLuminal Films
- Thinking Forward Media
- Wide Angle Youth Media

Kari Barber
Tony Black
Dennis Boni
Sandra Brennan
Samantha Cheng
Amy DeLouise
Aditi Desai
Tom Fish
Peggy Fleming
Dave Flood
Gregory Gorton
Don Hagen
Steven Holloway
Andrew Harper
Rich Harrington
Ben Howard
Jeannie Johnson
Steve Karp
Melissa Leebaert
Tiffany Lewis
Irene Magafan
Linda Maslow
Bjorn Munson
Matthew S. Nagy
Peter Nicoll
Dara Padwo-Audick

**Manoukian Producing Public Service Videos**

For the second year in a row, **Ear of the Eye Productions** produced an advocacy piece for **Doorways, for Women and Families of Arlington, Virginia.** Doorways needed a custom produced video to compliment their live annual fundraising event. The doc-style video featured courageous Doorway's clients telling first-hand accounts of homelessness and domestic violence.

Another recent project, involved producer consultations with Arlington County to create two trailers for projection at Arlington Cinema and Draft House throughout September (National Emergency Awareness Month). The results were two fun and unique trailers that cleverly used US Government archival footage from the *Duck and Cover* cartoons of the 1950's. Both the old and newly adapted videos featured "Bert the Turtle." Bert is a happy go lucky turtle who shows and tells us how to be better prepared when a major disaster strikes. These videos and others related to arts, culture, and human interest can be experienced at [www.earoftheeye.com](http://www.earoftheeye.com).

**Lea Moves from ScriptDC to Table Read!**

**Eulonda Lea,** gained so much insight from ScriptDC, including having ten pages of her script, *French Onion Soup*, read that she held a full table read one month later! The lead roles were read by David Walsh, who she found through ScriptDC; Crystal Day and Keith David, who traveled from Los Angeles for the reading!!! Each of the actors were extremely generous with their time and talent and brought the characters to life like Eulonda never imagined. In addition to acting, David provided direction, guidance, and mentorship. Eulonda is determined to produce the project and is looking forward to working with the WIFV community to make it happen. (Photo of the actors and author below)
Extreme Weather Nears Completion
Marilyn and Hal Weiner are happy to report that they have completed principal photography for Extreme Realities with key interviews of Jim Woolsey (former Director of the CIA), Carter Roberts (CEO of the World Wildlife Fund) and Dr. Jim Yong Kim (President of the World Bank). They are now into their second month of editing and on track to complete the program around the first of the year as part of the Journey to Planet Earth series. The documentary has already been accepted by and will premiere at the Environmental Film Festival in Washington DC in March 2014.

And again, many thanks for the participation of many members of the WIFV community -- the show never could have happened without its generous support.

Baustin Launches Travestee Films
Jason Baustin has filmed and edited numerous films, commercials and music videos throughout his 8 years in the entertainment business. Jason worked at Discovery Channel as a Digital Media Producer/Editor for 5 years prior to starting Travestee Films in 2013.

Travestee Films is an innovative Maryland production company focused on creating high-quality video content for the web, TV and theaters. We believe that film is one of the most powerful ways to tell a story. Our mission is to help our clients effectively tell their stories through captivating videos and sound, attractive motion graphics and top-notch post-production editing. Our previous projects include films, commercials, and music videos.

www.travesteefilms.com/portfolio/

Clayton Does B&B Promo Before DC Move
Lovers on the Lam is a 7-minute short film/commercial directed by new WIFV member Josh Clayton promoting the Savannah Bed & Breakfast Inn in Savannah, GA. The client wanted something different than camera pans of empty rooms which constitute most B&B web videos so Josh wrote for them this short film loosely inspired by Badlands and Bonnie and Clyde. Shot in June while Josh was finishing his MFA thesis film at the Savannah College of Art and Design, this was his last production in Georgia before moving to the DC Metro area where he is looking for a production or production company to apply his talents. For Josh's reel, CV, individual works, and links please visit www.joshclaytonfilm.com.

Alkhateeb Has a Productive Year
Award-winning Director/Producer/FXmua Nasreen Alkhateeb is proud to announce that she provided the Art Direction for White Reindeer, an official selection at 2013 SXSW Film Festival. The film was chosen Backstage.com as a new holiday classic, and recently bought by IFC Films. The first screening is at the IFC Theater in NYC Friday December 6.

Other successes include involvement with Producing Ol' Bay - a winner at the DC Shorts Film Festival. Her Production Design for Within the Darkness appeared in Shockfest Film Festival and After Dark Horror Festival. Her films include over 70 productions to her credit including films, music videos, television programs nationally and internationally, covered the US presidential election of 2012, Journalist for Sundance Film Festival, and Special Effects Makeup for The Walking Dead Promo. www.nasreenalkhateeb.com
Grundstrom Receives Outstanding Emerging Artist Award

Composer Brian Wilbur Grundstrom was selected by The Commission on the Arts and Humanities in Washington, DC as Outstanding Emerging Artist 2013 at the 28th Annual Mayor's Arts Awards. Grundstrom was nominated in the category along with Caitlin Teal Price, Tommy Taylor Jr. and Luis Peralta. The Mayor's Arts Awards is the highest honor conferred by the District of Columbia in recognition of artistic excellence and service among artists, arts organizations, and arts patrons in the city. Grundstrom joined 30 finalists in six categories for the awards ceremony at the Warner Theatre. The awards are limited to individuals and nonprofit organizations that reside in the District of Columbia.

"I am deeply honored to receive this recognition from the D.C. Commission of the Arts and Humanities," says Grundstrom. "As a four-time recipient of grants from the Commission, this is particularly gratifying to have my body of work acknowledged in this manner. Washington DC has been a great artistic home for me."

Grundstrom is currently creating an original score for an upcoming opera, For Whom the Bell Tolls, based on the book by Ernest Hemingway with libretto by David Dorsen. The opera is being written for full orchestra in two acts with eight singers. In addition to his work in film music, Grundstrom's compositions have been performed by SONOS Chamber Orchestra, North/South Consonance, Shippensburg Festival Orchestra, Trinity Chamber Orchestra, George Washington University Orchestra, NIH Philharmonia, Holyoke Civic Symphony, The Queer Urban Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia, Sunderman Woodwind Quintet, Colla Voce and The New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus, as well as on the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage. More information on Brian Wilbur and his work, sample recordings and photos can be found at www.brianwilbur.com. Press material is available for download here.