



WIFV NEWS

December 2018 Members in the News

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PERILS FOR PEDESTRIANS Monty!

PERILS FOR PEDESTRIANS won the Viewer's Choice Award at Montgomery Community Media's 33rd Annual Monty Awards ceremony, held on November 18 in Rockville. PERILS FOR PEDESTRIANS is a public affairs series produced by **John Z Wetmore**. The winning episode featured a crosswalk



enforcement operation in Bethesda, MD; a new pedestrian master plan in Topeka, Kansas; and the Lawrence, Kansas, Pedestrian Coalition. PERILS FOR PEDESTRIANS can be seen on 150 public access cable channels across the United States, and [YouTube](#).

CLAIRE'S DAY Festival Run Update

At the CARE Awards in Parkersburg, WV, the CLAIRE'S DAY film team, led by **Lauren Unger**, won the Women in Film Award! The jury said they had never seen a movie about a job coach and were impressed it was our first film :) Unger said "I love watching it with an audience, in WV they just went nuts, laughing and cheering. It was terrific!" Pictures online at Facebook [@laurenunger](#) and then Instagram [@propping_up_oils](#).



Media Industry Holiday Party, Jan 25

Mason Film Faculty at Sundance

Congratulations to Film at Mason Faculty premiering at the **2019 Sundance Film Festival!** Read more about it on the [College of Visual and Performing Arts at George Mason's website](#).

Directing and Screenwriting Professor **Nikyatu Jusu** will screen her short SUICIDE BY SUNLIGHT (Writer/Director) in the U.S. Narrative Short Film category. Cinematography Professor **Hans Charles** served as Director of Photography on the docuseries premiering in the Indie Episodic category WU-TANG CLAN: OF MICS AND MEN. Adjunct Professor **Damien Coor** also worked on the camera team of this Wu-Tang project.

PAINTED CITY Successes!

After receiving the audience award for Outstanding Local Film/Filmmaker at DC Shorts this fall, PAINTED CITY by director **Caitlin Carroll** helped close out the Docs In Progress [Community Stories Festival](#) in Silver Spring last month. The screening capped off a great year of festival screenings, including the Southeast New England Film, Music & Arts Festival (SENE) in Rhode Island, where it won an Honorable Mention for Best Documentary Short, and the Architecture, Art and Design Festival in Palm Springs, California.



The WIFV fiscally-sponsored documentary explores the history of Washington, D.C.'s community murals and the preservation issues they face in rapidly changing neighborhoods by following one local woman's efforts to study and save them. [Learn more at the film's website](#).



Shake off the winter doldrums with good food and great company! Registration includes food, drink, and a chance to win a door prize. Begin 2019 with a little winter magic!

January 25, 2019 - 6:30-9:00 PM
 Harman Center for the Arts, 610 F Street, NW
 (across from Verizon Center, Gallery Place Metro)

[RSVP here](#)

Prices increase as the event nears!

- Dec 14-31 - Members \$25 / Public \$40 / Students \$15
- Jan 1-20 - Members \$35 / Public \$50 / Students \$25
- Jan 21-25 - Members \$50 / Public \$60 / Students \$40

KitSplit Announces Acquisition

KitSplit is excited to announce that we've acquired the Free Music Archive! Filmmakers and videographers have always been a core part of the FMA community and appreciated the wide array of songs available for use in their projects. We at KitSplit have long been admirers of FMA. At heart, our missions are aligned: supporting artists, tapping the power of the community, and fostering a more vibrant creative culture. KitSplit is dedicated to empowering creators and we're excited to be adding free music to the tools we provide to the community. Free Music Archive will stay up and running as is and together we'll serve creators and the community even more powerfully. [Learn more about our new relationship with Free Music Archive.](#)



CLARA'S Star's Generosity



Kearstin Moore has two major goals: to help others and get a gig on the Disney Channel. Well, the 9-year-old has already taken significant steps toward both.

Moore, a student at Carolina Forest Elementary School, recently starred in a Christmas movie that came out in November called **CLARA'S ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS** (produced by

Faith DeVeaux) and she used the platform to help children who will spend the holidays in the hospital.

The Moore family held "Clara's Ultimate Giveaway" at Stone Theater's Grande 14 in The Market Common, which included a showing of her movie in conjunction with a board game and book drive to benefit children in the Child Life Department at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. Those who attended were asked to bring a board game or book to be donated to children who will be spending their Christmas in the pediatric ward of MUSC. [Full article here](#)

Submit Articles

What's the best way to brag about your accomplishments? With a Members in the News article, of course. Not only can you include a photo and your website, it is archived at wifv.org and adds to your SEO. Submit your paragraph, jpg photo, and any links to director@wifv.org by the 10th of the month.

Cheng Instrumental in Passage of Chinese American WWII Veterans Honor

C.A.C.A. Resoundingly Applauds House Passage of Chinese American World War II Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Act San Francisco, CA-December 13, 2018. National Lodge of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) resoundingly applauds the U.S. House of Representatives action to pass by unanimous consent the Chinese American WWII Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Act on December 12, 2018. Coupled with the Senate's similar action to pass S1050 by unanimous consent on September 12, 2018, the bill now heads to the President for his signature into law.

C.A.C.A. expresses its deepest appreciation to the House Lead Co-sponsors, including Representatives Ed Royce (R-CA), Ted Lieu (D-CA), and Grace Meng (D-NY) for their dedicated leadership in championing this effort. Similarly, C.A.C.A. reaffirms its gratitude to Senators Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Thad Cochran (ret.) (R-MS) and Mazie Hirono (D-HI) for garnering passage of its bill in September. Once signed by the President, this law awards the Congressional Gold Medal to the Chinese American veterans who dutifully and honorably served in the U.S. Armed Forces during WWII.

The Chinese American World War II Veterans Recognition Project, under the leadership of Project Director, **E. Samantha Cheng**, and National C.A.C.A. Veterans Project Coordinator, Ed Gor (Past National President of C.A.C.A.) issued the following joint statement: "We commend Congress for honoring and recognizing the contributions made by Chinese Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Services during World War II with the Congressional Gold Medal. The heartfelt considerations for this group by Congress mark a significant milestone for the nearly 20,000 Chinese American Veterans who served. These Veterans and their families, deem this recognition

the highest honor from a grateful nation."



"Having Congress approve the Congressional Gold Medal for the Chinese Americans who served in World War II is momentous and the timing historic. Tens of thousands of Chinese American men and women enlisted at a difficult juncture in American history, when the Chinese Exclusion Act was still in effect. We are grateful and appreciative for Congress's recognition of service and sacrifice made by Chinese American veterans," said Davace Chin, National President, Chinese American Citizens Alliance.

Winners of About Women and Girls Film Festival

TO THE CONTRARY WITH BONNIE ERBE salutes the winners of the Third Annual About Women and Girls Film Festival.



LOVE WINS (Beginning December 7) Filmmaker Robin Kampf brings us a compelling and enchanting love story about two elderly ladies, Jan and Emily, who met and fell in love during a time when doing so was strictly taboo.

NO CHOICE (Beginning December 14) One in four women has had an abortion yet no one talks about it. Director Pamela Mason Wagner and Public Square Media bring us stories they hope will break the silence and the stigma. What America might be like if Roe v. Wade were not the law of the land: if there were no choice.

HELLO GIRLS (Beginning December 21) Filmmaker Jim Theres tells the story of America's first female soldiers. In 1918 the U.S. Army Signal Corps sent 223 women to France as telephone operators to help win the Great War. But you've probably never heard of them. Now you will!

LOVE, MOMMY (Beginning Dec. 28) Two years after being released from prison, Kilzy Gonzalez is fighting to regain custody of one of her daughters. Tala Hadavi and Yeong-Ung Yang bring us an intimate portrait of a mother trying to overcome personal demons and prove she deserves a second chance.

These programs will air on PBS stations nationwide. Check on our website at www.pbs.org/tothecontrary for times and dates or call your local PBS station. **The shows will also be available on the TTC website.**



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