June 2018 Members in the News

Featuring Hilary Linder, Bonnie Rich, Sheila S. Smith, Interface Media Group, Video/Action, Robin Smith, Andrea Palombella, Molly Blank, Dylan Comstock, Joel Gershon, Dave Lilling, Metro Teleproductions, Inc., Blackfin Media, Daphne Glover Ferrier, Robert Ferrier, Rebecca Bustamante, Rosemary Reed, Jane Barbara, Oriana Oppice, Robin Noonan-Price, Tanya Roche, Michael Roche, the WIFV/TIVA Summer Soiree Invitation!

INDIVISIBLE Wins Peabody
Hilary Linder is thrilled to announce that Indivisible won a Peabody Award earlier this month.
Each year, the Peabody Awards select 30 programs that they deem to be the most powerful, enlightening, and invigorating stories in television, radio, and online media. The INDIVISIBLE team is humbled and honored by the award, and they could not have done it without your support.

LIFE IS RICH Receives Audience Award
L-R: Rebecca, Leah, and Bonnie Rich

LIFE IS RICH, a real-life comedy directed by Bonnie Rich, premiers at the 28th Washington Jewish Film Festival and received an audience award-Honorable Mention for Best Documentary. In the film, Bonnie enlists family nostalgia, cool rabbis, and Bubbe's brisket recipe as she tries to convince her daughters to raise her unborn grandchildren Jewish. With humor, the family debates the relevance of religion and
To celebrate the Peabody Award, we teamed up with Fuse to create a short video update. Watch to find out what Evelyn, Renata, and Antonio are up to now and what they are encouraging everyone to do this year. Spoiler alert: VOTE!!!

**Walker Screens Docs in Chicago/NYC**

Sheila S. Walker is a cultural anthropologist - and recovering academic - who's been doing field research in the Global African Diaspora for decades. She's now using the miles of video she's accumulated to share the fruits of her experiences beyond academia. "I'm thrilled that my two documentaries will be featured this summer in the two film festivals that I most wanted them to be in."

**SCATTERED AFRICA: Faces and Voices of the African Diaspora about the Americas**, based on a conference she organized on The African Diaspora and the Modern World and complementa her edited book *African Roots/American Cultures: Africa in the Creation of the Americas*. It will be shown on June 9 at the Chicago extension of the *New York African Diaspora International Film Festival*.

Her recent documentary, **FAMILIAR FACES/UNEXPECTED PLACES: A Global African Diaspora** is a one-woman show in which she did everything but the Turkish translation! That film will be at the *New York African Film Festival* June 10. It has been translated into seven languages and the United Nations Remember Slavery Programme has sent it to be shown at United Nations Information Centers in Latin America and Africa. [See the trailer here.](#)

**Newseum - The Berlin Wall, VR**

What was Berlin like in the ‘80s? [We'll take you there.](#)

IMG designed and developed a first-of-its-kind VR experience for the Newseum Berlin Wall exhibit. Walk along the wall, escape through a tunnel, and smash down the wall with a sledgehammer!

**Video/Action OVC Work Honored**

The all-WIFV members of the Video/Action team led by Robin Smith were honored recently for their work in producing the 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week media series for the US Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). This represents the 21st year that Video/Action has produced the OVC media series. Andrea Palombella was awarded a Gold Omni (Government) for her graceful tribute to Tennessee State Director of Victim Services Tina Fox. Molly Blank's compelling tribute to human trafficking advocate Dawn Lomangino-DiMauro won a Gold Omni (Government) as well. Dylan Comstock received a Gold Telly (Government Relations, Non-Broadcast), Bronze Telly (Social Issues, Non-Broadcast) and a Gold Omni (Government) for his work on the PSA: "Expand The Circle. Reach All Victims." As well Dylan received a two Gold Omnis (Government) for his work on two tribute videos.
CIRQUE DU CAMBODIA, an ongoing documentary project from first-time feature-length documentary director Joel Gershon, received a POV Best Pitch Award the Brooklyn Film Festival on June 9. It gives Joel the opportunity to go in for a consultation session with POV staff and provide a more in-depth pitch on the project.

This film tracks two teenage boys from rural Cambodia who journey around the world for more than six years, ending up in Montreal, to pursue their seemingly impossible dream of becoming the first Cambodians to perform with Cirque du Soleil. Joel is also a 2018 Fellow with Docs In Progress. For more information on the film, go to www.cirqueducambodia.com or the film’s Facebook or Instagram pages.

MTI and World’s Oceans Conference

Metro Teleproductions Inc provided conference video production services for the 4th International Symposium - The Effects of Climate Change on the World’s Ocean. The 8-day event at the Washington Hilton included keynote speaker Philippe Cousteau and brought more than 600 of the world’s current and generation experts to discuss the climate impacts on oceans and the many people that depend on them. Produced by Dave Lilling, Director/Th John Bogley, Audio Engineer Bill Kaplan, and Camera OperatorTony Winthrop. MTI provided a

SPENT Garnering Publicity

"As our family was living through this experience and trying to figure out how we could give Mom the care she needed, we asked ourselves, how on earth were others coping with this?” asked Severna Park resident Daphne Glover Ferrier. That question led Daphne and husband Bob Ferrier, both award-winning filmmakers, to others and ultimately to the production of their latest and most personal film, SPENT: The Hidden Cost of Dementia, which explores the economic and emotional impact that this terrible disease has on families and on society as a whole. Read full article here.

TheWrap Power Women Event DC

TheWrap's Power Women Breakfast series is connecting and inspiring the leading influential women of entertainment, media, technology and brands in the key cities where those women work, create, gather, network and connect. WIFV was well-represented! 100% of proceeds going directly to
switched version of the plenary sessions, and immediately posted the sessions to the PICES website for same day viewing! You can see them here.

**LEIA'S ARMY Screening**

LEIA'S ARMY is an Official Selection of the Global Impact Film Festival! We are thrilled to be a part of this festival, whose mission is to empower lives by celebrating the power of media for social justice. The festival runs in Washington, DC from August 24-26, 2018. We will be sure to post all screening information when it is available. Can't wait to see you there! Jane Barbara was the producer/writer, Oriana Oppice was producer/director and Robin Noonan-Price was associate producer. More information on the film here.

**Call for Award Info**

If you have won an award, screened at a film festival, or received a major grant, please let me know so we can share your success. Send the info to director@wifv.org

**Roches Receive Emmy Award Nomination**

WIFV-DC member Tanya Spann Roche and her husband/business partner J. Michael Roche were recently nominated for an Emmy® Award for their pro-bono mini-documentary on the Girl Scouts Beyond Bars program. Their company, Think Speak Act, LLC, produced and edited the GSBB 25th anniversary video, shot on location at the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women in September 2017 for Girl Scouts of Central Maryland. Since 1992, Girl Scouts Beyond Bars has helped more than 400 girls in Maryland enhance their bonds with their incarcerated mothers. Nationwide, Girl Scouts Beyond Bars programs in other states have helped countless more.
This is Tanya's fifth Emmy® nomination, and she won an Emmy® Award last year for the segment she produced and edited for Maryland Public Television's regional series ARTWORKS about the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's afterschool program for underserved youth in Baltimore City, OrchKids. Tanya and Mike also write, produce, shoot and edit numerous promotional and educational videos for companies, non-profits and government organizations in the DC metro area.

The Emmy® Award is the premier television production award presented in various sectors of the television industry, including entertainment programming, news and documentary shows, and sports programming. The awards are presented in various area-specific ceremonies held annually throughout the year, honoring excellence in television programming. The 60th National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter's Emmy® Awards takes place on Saturday, June 23rd. More info is available here http://www.capitalemmys.tv/emmy.

Who says there aren't interesting people in town during the summer? Celebrate with good food and great company! Registration includes food, drink, and a chance to win a prize for best Hawaiian shirt or a prize for best summer hat! Bring a pic of your favorite vacation location for the "Favorite Destinations Wall"

Prices increase as the event nears! Pricing to June 30
WIFV/TIVA Members $25 / Non-Members $40 / Students $15
Register here
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