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. LI'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.

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.

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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 presentation 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

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