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March 2020 Members in the News

DoubleR Productions, Rosemary Reed, Mia Brabham, Dianela Urdaneta, John Z. Wetmore, Deryl Davis, Carrie Lemaster Snyder, Bridget Bell McMahon, Lisa Scott, Call for Articles

DoubleR Covers Transportation Innovations Across America

Living in a metropolitan area where public transportation is everywhere, we tend to overlook transportation problems in the suburbs and rural areas. The lack of transportation is a silent need among older adults and people with disabilities in America.

Double R
Productions
produced a
series of
documentaries
on
transportation
innovations for
the National
Association of



Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) and the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC). Producer **Rosemary Reed** and videographer Paul Jamali traveled to 5 different areas: Fort Collins, CO; Farmington, NM; Tulsa, OK; Portland, ME; and Buffalo, NY to interview older adults, people with disabilities, and the grantee staffs to discover how much the NADTC grants have helped people not only get access to basic needs such as grocery shopping, medical appointments, but also reduce the risk of social isolation. The resulting film screened on Capitol Hill.

2,000,000 Eyes

In February, **John Z. Wetmore** had his first video to reach 1 million views on YouTube!

Girder Buckles During Demolition reached the milestone ten months after it was uploaded.



About 1 to 2 percent of the viewers stay to watch other videos, so there have been thousands of additional views on the main content of his YouTube channel, which is the public

Brabham Launches 7-part Series

YouTuber, actor, writer, and content creator Mia Brabham launched her bite-sized web series, HOT MESS CONFESSIONS, which is a comedic seven-episode look into the exciting and not-so-exciting questions



and qualms a 20-something girl and her friends face about work, race, life, relationships and friendships. It's relatable, digestible, hilarious, and punchy. You can binge the series here and follow along behind the scenes on Instagram and Twitter. Email Mia here.

SCOUTS FOREVER Profiled

Dianela Urdaneta and her current project, SCOUTS FOREVER, were featured in an article by Ricardo Sandoval-Palos in *Palabras*, a publication of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists. **You can read the full article here.** Here's an excerpt to get you hooked!



"I could not believe it when I discovered that children of no more than eleven years were involved in the Polish Resistance against the Nazis," Urdaneta told us, referring to the brigade of spy youth, messengers and nurses from the Polish underground. "The fact that they were alive, meeting often, and eager to tell their story was an incentive that I

could not resist." See the trailer here.

Wilbur Award for Journey Films

WIFV members and film producers **Deryl Davis** and **Carrie Lemaster Snyder** recently shared a Wilbur Award with colleagues at Journey Films, in Alexandria, Virginia, for their public television documentary, REVOLUTION OF THE HEART: The Dorothy Day Story. The Wilbur Award is given

annually for best long-form documentary by

affairs series PERILS FOR PEDESTRIANS.

McMahon and Scott at Athena!

Bridget Bell McMahon sent this from last month's Athena Film Festival:

"The Athena Film Fest 20th Anniversary was AMAZING! They hosted a Writers' Day on Friday for Lab alum that



included panelists Kristen Bartlett (Co-Head writer of FULL FRONTAL WITH SAMANTHA BEE) and playwright Theresa Rebeck. Eliza Hittman (filmmaker NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES ALWAYS) was a keynote speaker, and she left our session to return to Berlin where the next day she won the Silver Bear Grand Jury Award! Throughout the day there were panels and workshops (one included Cynthia Lopez from NYWIFT) and a hands-on pitching workshop facilitated by Elizabeth Kaiden, Nitza Wilon and Warren Etheredge.

Lisa Scott and I were happy to represent WIFV-DC! I am energized and motivated."



the Religion Communicators Council.

Directed by Martin Doblmeier and shot by director of photography, Mark

Comberiate, REVOLUTION OF THE HEART will air on public television stations beginning in March 2020.

This is the 5th Wilbur Award for Martin Doblmeier and Journey Films. Past winners include: THE REINHOLD NIEBUHR STORY, CHAPLAINS, THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS, and BONHOEFFER.

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