

WIFV NEWS

WIFV Members in the News - Jan 2023

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Lusid Media and Richman Doc Premieres January 17

Peacock has announced its latest Original documentary, **AMBER: The Girl Behind the Alert**. The film details the life of Amber Hagerman and the aftermath of her kidnapping, a tragedy that inspired the Amber Alert. The documentary will begin streaming exclusively on Peacock starting Jan 17, 2023. It was produced by **Lusid Media** and Break-Thru Films with **Libby Richman** serving as executive producer.

The film tells the story of nine-year-old Amber, who was riding her bike in Arlington, Texas when a man abducted her in broad daylight. The community was shocked – not only to learn of the abduction but also the bizarre coincidence that a news crew had been following Amber's family for months. Footage of Amber was released and a desperate search began. Tragically, her body was found days later in a nearby creek, leading police to suspect the perp was local. Despite thousands of leads, Amber's killer remains at large. In the documentary, Amber's mother shares her final interview and, for the first time, reflects on the hours of chilling documentary footage that captured Amber's final days. [Read full story on the Peacock blog here](#).

Trailer for New Jan 6th Doc Goes Global

Executive Writer/ Producer **Andrea Palombella** led her team at **AlterEgo** in creating the trailer for the world premiere of a new film chronicling the attack on the U.S. Capitol. **JANUARY 6TH**, a feature-length documentary created by Emmy Award-winning filmmakers Gédéon and Jules Naudet (**9/11**, **NOVEMBER 13TH: ATTACK ON PARIS** and **THE PRESIDENTS GATEKEEPERS**) and distributed by discovery+.



AlterEgo, co-founded by Partner and Executive Creative Director Heather Roymans, created the trailer and corresponding promos for the world premiere of **JANUARY 6TH**, and the project team included women in the roles of Creative Director, Executive Writer/

Producer, Editor and Researcher/ Production Assistant. The promos are airing internationally, and the trailer has been included in national coverage about the film, including the New York Times, MSNBC and Deadline Hollywood. The film aired on CNN January 7th and is currently streaming on discovery+.

Distinct from other films about the insurrection at the Capitol, the documentary takes the audience through a moment-by-moment recounting of the day's events as they unfolded. It runs two-and-a-half hours and includes more than 50 first-hand accounts from law enforcement officers, Congress members (both democrats and republicans), their staff and journalists who lived through the siege. [Watch the trailer and read more about the project here.](#)



Oden's Camerawork on PBS

WIFV Board Member **Amy Oden's** camerawork can be seen this month on the national broadcast of *SEARCHING: Our Quest for Meaning in the Age of Science*, which tackles issues related to the boundaries between scientific inquiry and faith and spirituality. Oden was second camera in several segments shot on-location in California and Memphis, when the series filmed in 2022. Produced by a team that included Series Producer for the original *COSMOS*, with Carl Sagan, *SEARCHING* promises to be an interesting deep-dive into some areas for inquiry that haunt humankind. [APT will be carrying the series, local listings are available on the program's website.](#)

Seavey Awarded

Nina Seavey won a Silver Signal Award in the Best Historical Limited Series and Special category for her podcast *My Fugitive*. The podcast was produced by Pineapple Studios.



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NATALIE IMMONEN, OLIVIA TONTERI

Winner of WIFTI Worldwide Pitch

The Finnish project *PALOMA BROUHAHA*, presented by Oliwia Tonteri, won the first WIFTI Worldwide Pitch, which took place on December 12. Centering on wheelchair-bound Paulina who follows her dreams to become a Burlesque dancer, the project was awarded with a cash prize of \$1000. [Read more about the other winners and runner-ups here.](#)

Hurt & BLACKJACK CHRISTMAS

WIFV member and former board president, **Carletta S. Hurt**, scored a holiday hit with her film, *BLACKJACK CHRISTMAS*. Carletta was a producer on the film and it marks her fifth project with producing partner, award-winning actor and director, Victoria Rowell. *BLACKJACK CHRISTMAS* stars Dawnn Lewis, Adam Lazarre-White, and Charmin Lee in this the story of how addiction, jealousy, and resentment can tear a family apart. [Ebony.com](#) named the film one of three holiday films from Black directors to binge watch this holiday season. *Blackjack Christmas* is streaming on BET+.

Carletta recently wrapped production in Maryland on a feature film, *FORGETTING CHRISTMAS*, that features Victoria Rowell in collaboration with Kiss the Limit Productions and House Cat Creative Publications.



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