

WIFV NEWS

WIFV People in the News - August 2024

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Vote for GLORIA'S BIRTHDAY

GLORIA'S BIRTHDAY is part of the 7th Annual NYWIFT Online Shorts Festival presented by iWomanTV. Visit watch.iWoman.tv to check out all the official selections between August 1 and 31 and vote for the film to receive the iWomans Audience Choice Award Contest. The film with the most views on iWomanTV will be awarded the Audience Choice Award and a \$1,000 cash prize. The second and third place winner of the Audience Choice Award will receive a \$500 and a \$250 cash prize respectively. Prize recipients will have the opportunity to be featured on the iWoman's Creator Conversations series. **Jane Barbara**

was the writer/producer, **Robin Noonan-Price** was the director, and **Anne Saul** was the Director of Photography for the largely female cast and crew. **Cast your vote for their short here!**

5 Minute Horror!

Mark Ricche of CrypticPictures.com was guest speaker at this month's 5 Minute Horror Film Workshop sponsored by DCPL. The workshop is designed to guide and inspire the next generation of local movie makers. Mr. Ricche spoke about his work in the industry as a writer, producer and film distributor.





Flor's Latest at Sidewalk Fest

Witness Ani DiFranco's rise, fall and resurrection with a close exploration of her personal life both past, as a controversial musician, and present, as a mother finding balance between her family and trailblazing artistry. This doc beautifully weaves archival footage of her meteoric rise to stardom in the '90s alternative scene with present-day vérité footage.

— Allan Monterrubio, Festival Programming Manager In Birmingham for the Fest? [Tickets here.](#)

Directed by **Dana Flor**. WIFV is the fiscal sponsor.

DC Camera - New Owner

Hi there! My name is **Tristan Loayza** and I am the new owner over at **DC Camera**! As a long term client/renter with DC Camera, this is very much a full-circle moment for me and I'm honored to be able to continue the legacy this company has provided the community with for the past 20 years. I look forward to meeting many old and new faces as we continue to support our local DMV creatives and filmmakers. Cheers!



DC Camera offers a 15% discount on equipment rentals to WIFV Members and provides the DC Camera Equipment Grant. Application for the latter will open in early Fall!



Friends & Family Screening of THE OTHER YOU

On Wednesday, July 31, writer/producer **Julie Gold**, director/producer **Shoshana Rosenbaum**, producer **Robin Noonan-Price** and casting director/producer **Kimberly Skyrme** -- all longtime WIFV members -- screened their feature film **THE OTHER YOU** to an appreciative crowd of over 200 friends and family at the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse. The invite-only screening brought the cast and crew together almost exactly a year after shooting during the SAG strike (under an interim agreement) in Alexandria, Virginia. The film stars Beth Hylton, Kris Arnold, Vivienne Sievers, Staci Dickerson, Jules Kanarek and Dennis Courtis, and is submitting to festivals now. Learn more and sign up for updates at www.theotheryoufilm.com or follow the film's journey on Instagram and Facebook: @theotheryoufilm

HER LOVER Starts Festival Run

Elizabeth Stuelke's 18-minute short film,



HER LOVER, a film by E. Stuelke, has been nominated for three awards at the Toronto International Nollywood Film Festival. Fingers crossed that we win one or all of these: Best Short North America, Best Female Filmmaker USA, and Best Cinematography USA. The screening and awards will happen September 13 -14 in Toronto.

Stuelke has also signed on to direct the short film, **THE DAY ELVIS DIED**, written by Robyne Parrish, coming Spring 2025.

Mendelson Screens Doc

Voice of America Executive Producer/ Director **Beth Mendelson** screened the documentary **JAMALA: Songs of Freedom** about Ukrainian singer/songwriter Jamala at the Aspen Security Forum on July 17th. The panel of experts included moderator, Julia Ioffe, Founding Partner & Washington Correspondent Puck News, Natalie Jaresko, Chairperson of Aspen Institute Kyiv, Tom Wright, National Security Council, and Beth Mendelson.



BATS in the Can

Over the weekend of July 26 to 28, **Wonder Pictures** in conjunction with Robin's Nest Media Productions filmed their latest short titled **BATS IN THE BELFRY**. Written by **Robin Noonan-Price**, owner of Robin's Nest Media Productions, this short recounts an actual event that happened to Robin's Italian grandmother. A bat flew into her

house, family was called to help and what ensued was a comedy of errors. Though some dramatic license was taken, overall, it is a true story. The film is now in post-production and will be submitted to the festival circuit when completed. WIFV members were on set - Robin Noonan-Price, writer (WIFV Past President); **sheri ratick stroud**, Executive Producer (WIFV Board Member/Chair of Women of Vision); **Sandra Brennan**, Script Supervisor (WIFV Board Member), **Michael Moser**, Director of Photography, **Sofia Sandoval**, as the granddaughter (Programming Staff with WIFV), and **Geri Reinhart**, Craft Services and PA (member). We welcomed a new member to WIFV, **Julia Smith** (Robin's niece) who was our PA/production photographer on the set. It was a great weekend. Not only did we create, but we had a great time being together

GHOST PLANET Streaming

GHOST PLANET, a locally produced science fiction feature film written and directed by **Philip Cook**, has just made its debut on **Amazon Prime**, Google Play, and **TubiTV**. The film showcases 100% local

DMV talent in both its cast and crew. For more information, [email Philip Cook here](#).



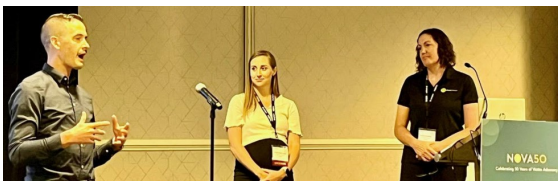
Passafiume Promoted

Veteran film programmer **Andrea Passafiume** has been upped this year to Programming Associate of Documentary Features at the **Sundance Film Festival**, where she has worked as a Documentary Features Screener since 2021. The 2025 Sundance Film Festival will take place January 23-February 2 in Park City, Utah. Passafiume will continue her work as Associate Programmer of Documentary Features for the **Tribeca Festival**, where she has worked since 2015.

4Science Productions!

Emily Wathen, Heming Nelson and Chip Kuhn are excited to announce a rebrand and fresh approach for 4Site Studios' production services. After a lot of discussions about videos that we love to make and our goals as a video-making team, we rallied behind a new mission that we all feel strongly about, which is to bring great science stories to a bigger audience and to communicate science artfully and effectively. We have always been dedicated to projects that aim to do good, and we are excited to help scientists and organizations communicate their research with confidence and impact.

[Visit our new website here](#) and feel free to send us a note.



SurvivorSpace

On July 30th, at the **National Organization for Victim Advocacy's** 50th Annual Conference, WIFV member **Dylan Graves Barbeta-Comstock** had the honor of speaking about producing, directing, and

writing the video series ***Conversations with Survivors***. Created in partnership with **Holiday Graves Media, LLC** and the **SurvivorSpace** program of the **Zero Abuse Project**, this video series convenes adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse to have candid, unscripted conversations about the the experience of survivorship. It has been received as an "unprecedented collection of insight, wisdom, and inspiration for all survivors." [Learn more about the series here](#).

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News Deadline

The deadline to submit your information for the monthly Members in the News e-publication is the 10th of the month. Send your article (100 words or so) and a jpg-format photograph or link to your video project to director@wifv.org.



About WIFV

Women in Film & Video (WIFV) provides educational and networking opportunities for screen-based media makers, celebrates women's creative and technical achievements in media, and advocates for parity both in front of and behind the camera to ensure that all voices can be heard.





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