

WIFV NEWS

WIFV People in the News - January 2025

Suzanne Brindamour, Brian Reichardt, Amita Sarin, Susan Perz Ph.D., Shoshana Rosenbaum, Julie Gold, Wonder Pictures, Rich West, sheri ratick stroud, Mike Moser, Robin Noonan-Price, Sofia Sandoval, Geri Reinhart, Sandra Brennan, Mary Beth Warner, Bernhard Streitweiser, Lauren E. Smith, Ludi Moriera, Kathleen Strouse, Kat Vivaldi, Karyn-Siobhán Robinson, Kristen Daugherty, Mira Kelly, Jean Rosolino, Paul Mowry, Mariam Ashraf, Kaitlyn Babinski, T Dumas, Erin Goodier, Laura Kroeger, Elissa Padula, Merylyn Francis, Leslie Duryea, Amna Shabbir, Alyscia Cunningham, Walter Ware, Lauren Cardillo, Alan J. Field



BARNSTORMING on MPT January 18

Saturday, January 18th at 7 PM Maryland Public Television will air the documentary BARNSTORMING, a heartwarming modern story of friendship between vintage airplane pilots and a farm family in Indiana. WIFV member **Suzanne Brindamour** wrote the score and the song "Fireflies" for the film. Brindamour (aka Tolford) is also the producer and co-editor of ANACOSTIA DELTA: the Legacy of DC's TeleMasters which recently began airing on public television stations nationwide, presented by MPT and distributed by American Public Television. Both films are directed by WIFV member **Bryan Reichardt**. At present Brindamour is working on the score and composed the theme music for the docu-series A SACRED PIECE OF HOME: Washington DC due to air on public television this Spring and produced by WIFV member **Amita Sarin**.

**Saving Jaguars and Ourselves-
The Climate Crisis is Now**
Feature Documentary Directed by Dr. Susan M. Perz



SAVING JAGUARS AND OURSELVES at CenFlo 1/24

The 3-time award-winning documentary adventure feature film, **SAVING JAGUARS AND OURSELVES -The Climate Crisis is Now!** is premiering Friday evening on January 24th at the Epic Theatres in Mt. Dora as part of the Central Florida Film Festival (CENFLO). It is a wild adventure out on the rivers of the Pantanal, Brazil, tracking jaguars and learning about ways to solve climate change and how to protect the Amazon Rainforest! There will be a Q&A with the filmmaker after the film! Produced, directed, and filmed by **Susan Perz, Ph.D.** [Tickets are available here.](#) [Learn more on the film website here.](#)

DCIFF & THE OTHER YOU - 2/13

Shoshana Rosenbaum (Director), **Julie Gold** (Writer), and Robin's Nest and Butterfly Films (Producers) are excited to share that the feature film, **THE OTHER YOU**, filmed in the summer of 2023, was selected into the DC Independent Film Festival. The screening will be held at the Avalon Theatre in DC on Thursday, February 13 at 8:00 pm. After the film screening, there will be a Q & A with the cast and crew. Lots of WIFV Members in the cast and crew and they look forward to seeing you on February 13. [Purchase tickets here.](#)



BATS at Festivals and Scoring!

WONDER PICTURES is thrilled to announce that our latest film, **BATS IN THE BELFRY**, written by WIFV past president **Robin Noonan-Price**, has garnered accolades at two prestigious film festivals! In the Best Shorts Competition, the film received three awards: an Award of Merit for our leading actress, Lucia Scarano as Nonna, an Award of Merit in the Women Filmmakers category, and an Award of Merit, Honorable Mention in the Short Film category.

Additionally, **BATS IN THE BELFRY** was awarded **BEST COMEDY** at the Madonie Film Festival / Sicilian Film Awards held in Palermo, Sicily! Congratulations to the entire cast and crew for their hard work and dedication! We can't wait to share this amazing film with audiences everywhere!

Back row, left to right: **Rich West, sheri ratick stroud, Larry Ware, Mike Moser**

Next row, left to right: **Robin Noonan-Price, Sofia Sandoval, Lucia Scarano, Dennis Marburger**

Front row: Standing: Anthony Gullotta, sitting: **Geri Reinhart**, Julia Smith, **Sandra Brennan**
Missing: Dennis Knight

EXCUSE ME Sneak Peek

Washington-DC based Pennies Pictures has finished its second narrative short, **EXCUSE ME**, and is now submitting it to festivals. The film was awarded the WIFV Narrative Short Film Finishing Grant in 2024, and the script was a finalist in the WIFV Narrative Short Screenplay contest in 2023. Several WIFV members took part in the production, including Writer-Producer **Mary Beth Warner**, Producer **Bernhard Streitwieser**, Actor **Lauren E. Smith**, Hair and Makeup Artist **Ludi Moreira**, Script Supervisor **Kathleen Strouse**, and Assistant Camera and Grip, **Kat Vivaldi**. The film was directed by Lena Streitwieser, whose earlier short, **GRAVESTONES**, opened the DC Student Film Fest. The cinematographer was Robert Lodge. For more information, check out penniespictures.com and follow the team on Instagram at [@penniespictures!](https://www.instagram.com/penniespictures/)



(left to right – Max “Nicknames” Streitwieser plays Jake, Greg Oliver Bodine plays Keith, Charlotte Caldejon plays Selena, **Lauren E. Smith** plays Amanda, and **Karyn-Siobhán Robinson** plays Frances.)

Gathering for Coffee & Conversation in DC

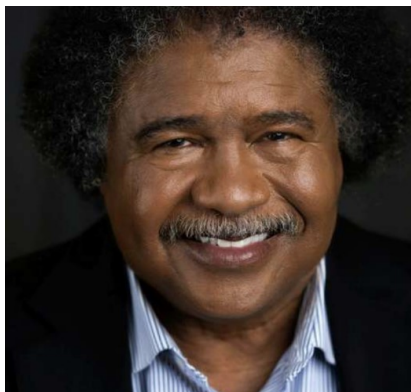


From left front, around table, ending right front: Kristen Daugherty, Melissa Houghton, Mira Kelly, Jean Rosolino, Paul Mowry, Mariam Ashraf, Kaitlyn Babinski, T Dumas, Erin Goodier, Laura Kroeger, Elissa Padula, Laura Cassidy, Marilyn Francis, Leslie Duryea. Others who attended but aren't in the photo are Amna Shabbir and Rosemary Bernardo.



BLACK WOMEN IN HORROR Podcast Launched

Dive into an insightful conversation with host and independent filmmaker **Alyscia Cunningham** as she interviews Meosha Bean—filmmaker, producer, and CEO of M.V.B Films. Together, they discuss Black Women in Horror, exploring the challenges, representation, and Moesha's groundbreaking contributions of in the horror genre, both on-screen and behind the scenes. [Listen here](#).



Ware Performing Across MD

Walter Ware is scheduled to perform at the Montgomery County - Long Branch Library on Monday, **February 3rd** from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm in celebration of Black History month; located at 8800 Garland Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

Scheduled to perform at the Montgomery County - The Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center on Wednesday, **February 12th** from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm; located at 1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

Scheduled to perform at the Howard County - North Laurel Community Center on Thursday, **February 13th** from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm prior to their Valentine's Day Celebration Luncheon; located at 9411 Whiskey Bottom Rd, Laurel, MD 20723.



UNSTOPPABLE STORIES Launched

Former WIFV Board member and Emmy Award winning producer **Lauren Cardillo** is one of the co-hosts of the new podcast from the University of Maryland Global Campus, UNSTOPPABLE STORIES. It will feature episodes about the inspiring journeys of UMGC graduates who have achieved remarkable things.

The first podcast just came out in early January and tells the story of alumna Caitlin Bassett who was one of the lead actors in NBC's *Quantum Leap* reboot, a military vet, and a Maryland native. The podcast can be found on [Spotify](#), Apple Podcasts and [Youtube](#). A new podcast premieres every two weeks.

FADE IN AWARDS

Field is a Grand Prize Winner!

The FadeIn Awards announced that **Alan J. Field** is the Grand Prize Winner in their True Story/Biopic category for his script RITCHIE BOY. Field was a WIFV Narrative Script Development Fellow in 2023! RITCHIE BOY is inspired by true events, after a concentration

camp survivor escapes the clutches of a sadistic Nazi and then enlists in a top-secret U.S. Army program, he must hide his true identity when the same Nazi captures his platoon in the Battle of the Bulge.

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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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