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WIFV People in the News - February 2025

Mel Howerton, Carletta S. Hurt, Kayona Ebony Brown, Dr. Aura Wharton-Beck, Cintia Cabib, E. Samantha Cheng, Henninger Media Services, Lance Kramer, Brandon Kramer

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"A raw, intimate look at the Vietnam War's impact on America. Through personal stories, the series examines the conflict's far-reaching consequences and lasting influence on society as the 50th anniversary of Saigon's fall approaches." *Imdb.com*

Mel Howerton worked as a Production Coordinator on the series.



BELLE Published

Long-time WIFV member and past board president, **Dr. Carletta S. Hurt**, recently launched *BELLE Teen Magazine*, a publication made for the young lady who is smart, stylish, and sassy! The premiere issue was released on February 1, 2025, with the theme of Reclaiming Yourself. This issue is packed with stories that cover depth and breadth of content - self-care, menstruation, leadership and filmmaking. Cameron Joy Gray, one of the premiere issue cover girls, was a participant in WIFV's Image Makers which planted the seed for her interest in filmmaking. "Our cover girls exemplify our mission of showcasing the fullness of being a "BELLE" recognizing the power of beauty, education, leadership, leisure, and entrepreneurship," shared Hurt. The magazine is available to view subscription free through July 2025. [Check it out here.](#)

UNRIVALED UNLOCKED Streaming

Featuring the biggest stars in women's pro basketball, *Unrivaled Unlocked* goes behind the scenes

for the inaugural season of the new 3-on-3 league. Produced by **Kayona Ebony Brown**, the games and the show air on TNT Sports and weekly on HBO/Max on Saturdays at 8PM ET after the games.

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OCTFME Features Wharton-Beck's Work in February



The Great Migration served as the vehicle for the mass exodus out of the South. For single, young, and adventurous African American women, passing the civil service examinations, enabled them to join White women in various federal agencies by helping to support the war effort. These new federal civil service employees traveled from the Jim Crow South to seek other employment in the Treasury, Navy, War, Pentagon, and other federal agencies. As Government Girls accepted government jobs, these positions served to lift them out of domestic service and poverty into professional careers and middle-class lives.

Until now, few knew the story of the African American Government Girls. A 30-minute documentary film in progress being produced by **Dr. Aura Wharton-Beck** in collaboration with iDream.tv will start to tell their story. [Support the 30-minute documentary here.](#)

BIRD WALK in CO EFF

Cintia Cabib is thrilled to announce that **BIRD WALK** is an official selection of the **Colorado Environmental Film Festival**. BIRD WALK is among 60 feature-length and short films from 17 countries that will screen at the festival, February 21-23 at the Green Center on the Colorado School of Mines campus in Golden, Colorado.

Cabib is featured in Nature Forward's beautiful photo book, "Perteneciendo: Nuestras Raíces, Nuestra Tierra," which highlights Latinx conservationists, educators, birders, nature center leaders, non-profit

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founders, and native plant gardeners in the DC area. María Elena Montero, one of the birders featured in BIRD WALK, is also profiled in the book. [You can download the book in English or Spanish here.](#)

Cheng to Bethesda Fest!

DORA FUGH LEE: A Life in Art, written/directed by **E. Samantha Cheng** was accepted to the Bethesda Film Fest as one of the five featured films out of more than 50 film applicants.

The Bethesda Film Fest is April 4-5, 2025 with screenings at 7pm on Friday, April 4 and at 7pm on Saturday, April 5 at Landmark's Bethesda Row Cinema, 7235 Woodmont Avenue Bethesda, MD 20814. Tickets will be available soon. The festival is produced by the Bethesda Urban Partnership, a nonprofit organization that markets and maintains downtown Bethesda as well as manages the Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District.



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HOLDING LIAT Berlinale Premiere

Lance and Brandon Kramer of Meridan Hill Pictures are pleased to announce that their new film **HOLDING LIAT** premiered at the **Berlinale International Film Festival** on February 16 at a sold out screening.



Made over the past 17 months, HOLDING LIAT follows the story of their relative Liat Beinon Atzili, who was taken hostage from Kibbutz Nir Oz with her husband Aviv Atzili on October 7, 2023. The film tracks the 54 days of Liat's captivity from each family member's perspective — as they try to stay on the path of peace and humanity in the face of war and trauma — and Liat's improbable return confronting a world that has seismically shifted since her capture. [Read more here.](#) WIFV is the fiscal sponsor for this film.

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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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