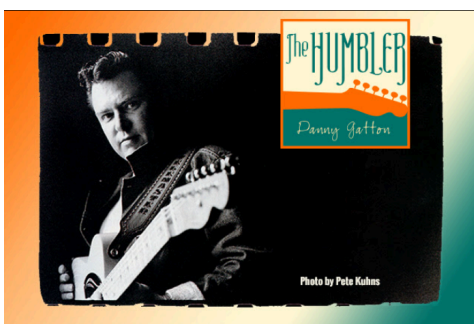


WIFV People in the News - April 2026

Virginia Quesada, Mira Kelly, Robin Noonan-Price, Sandra Brennan, Anne Saul, Alison Bauer, Wonder Pictures, sheri ratick stroud, Rich West, Michael Moser, Anne Saul, Natalie Caroline, Helene Prince, Michael Moser, Dani Ellsworth, LOTS of Coffee Drinkers, Jillian Cardillo, Mark Ricche, Carly Crickenberger



Much to Celebrate

Virginia Quesada, director of THE HUMBLER is sharing good news!

First, hats off to our supporters over the years that have helped us create a tribute to the American Master Guitarist, Danny Gatton. Thank you all!!! We are very grateful!!!

Second, Film Festivals! "The Humbler - Danny Gatton" won awards in over half of the Film Festivals we participated in.

Third, ON DEMAND STREAMING of the feature length version of "The Humbler - Danny Gatton" on the Eventive platform!! [ON DEMAND Streaming Tickets here](#)

Project Development Update

Mira Kelly reports that an idea that originated during Anna Campbell's Greenlight Yourself seminar at ScriptDC is moving ahead.

"During the seminar, I gave my pitch for my project, Poly Anna, and I shared that I didn't know where to begin. **Robin Noonan-Price**, **Sandra Brennan**, and other seminar participants told me they wanted to support my project. Robin, Sandra, and I, with the addition of **Anne Saul** and **Alison Bauer**, have had monthly pre-production meetings since then. We completed our application for the WIFV Fiscal Sponsorship and submitted it. It's an exciting milestone that had its genesis at Script DC, and it's a pretty neat development that I wanted to share with you. Thank you for creating the container that connects us all." [More info here](#)



baking soda on Festival Circuit

WONDER PICTURES is excited to share that their latest film, *baking soda*, is making its mark on the festival circuit. Recently, it was selected to screen at the Maryland International Film Festival in Hagerstown, MD. It was also a finalist in the 45th Asbury Short Film Concert and won two Awards of Merit in the Best Shorts Competition for the Short Film category as well as for Lead Actor and Lead Actress.

Produced by WIFV Board Member **sheri ratick stroud** of WonderPictures.net, the film follows an intrusive, but loving, mother who arrives unannounced at her son's apartment one New Year's Eve, forcing him to confront a night he had hoped to escape.

Pictured above LtoR Rich West, Natalie Caroline and sheri ratick stroud after the Hagerstown Film Festival -- photo by Mark Ricche

In addition, the Cinema World Fest Awards in LA just announced several honors for the film. **Anne Saul** received an Award of Merit for Lighting in a short, **Natalie Caroline** was recognized for Produced Screenplay in a short, and **Rich West** earned Merit awards for Editing and Sound Design in a short. Recognition Awards were also given to Kathy Sanders and Will Wheat for Acting Duo in a short, and Rich West for Drama, short. Congratulations to everyone involved!



Rich West, Director and Editor, **Michael Moser**, DP, **Anne Saul**, Lighting, **Natalie Caroline**, Screenwriter, **Helene Prince**, PA AND Kathy Sanders and Will Wheat, actors



Ellsworth Shorts on Circuit

Dani Ellsworth finished her films and they are reaching audiences! *Box of Lies* (Writer, Director, Editor) Official Selection for the 2026 Changing Minds Young Filmmaker Festival. "As outside opinions begin to fracture their relationship, two lovers must decide how far their love can bend before it finally breaks." This year's festival will be held at Village East Cinema in New York City on Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 7 PM to 10 PM.

Smooth is Fast (Co-Director, Co-Cinematographer)

Official Selection for the Virginia Emerging Filmmakers Festival. "Mountain biking legend Jeremiah Bishop spent decades racing to a top 15 world ranking. Now he must learn to slow down - just enough to build the life waiting off the bike." Screenings were at the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema in Winchester, VA, on Friday, April 17, and Saturday, April 18.



Frederick Coffee Group Celebrating Big Two!

April Fool's Day didn't stop the Frederick Coffee Group from celebrating their 2nd Anniversary as a group. Pictured L to R around table: Nicholas Vu, Jenna Cipolloni, Nathan Akula, Jessica Mendel, Tara Zabriskie, Shawn Zabriskie, Michelle Kim, Tod Hopkins, Jean Rosolino, Noah Anderson, The Frederick Coffee Group meets the first Wednesday of the month.



Annapolis Coffee Attendees on April 7

Pictured L to R around table: Mira Kelly, Suzie Galler, Andres Mejia, Tod Hopkins, Julie Blamphin, Felicia Barlow Clar, Ellie Torez, Phelps Kelley, Evy Wilkins, Andrew Stainer, Anne Saul, Bridget Bell McMahon, Tim Flaherty. The Annapolis Coffee Group meets the first Tuesday of the month.



NoVA Coffee Attendees on April 10

L-R back - Anna Greisshammer, sheri ratick stroud, Sandra Brennan, Amy Zhong, Mimi Gee, L-R front - Peter Roof, Robin Noonan-Price, Sharon Sobel, Mira Kelly, and Harper Carter.



Richmond Happy Hour Attendees on April 14

Pictured L to R around table: Yossera Bouchtia, Fabiana Landivar Quintela, Marleana Henry, Alex Jones, Nya Wilson, Carly Crickenberger, Sommer Browning, and Kirsten Rumsey. The Richmond Happy Hour meets the second Tuesday of the month.



DC Sketch Fest Sells Out!

Jillian Cardillo performed to a sell-out crowd in the opening show of the DC Sketch Fest, on Wednesday, March 25th at the DC Arts Center. DC Sketch Fest featured over 30 teams from across North America. Cardillo performed along side her team, For the Time Being.

Photo caption: LtoR Mark Ricche, Melissa Houghton, Jillian Cardillo, Amanda Pizzuti, and Carly Crickenberger

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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.

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