

## **NOVEMBER 2016** NEWS, EVENTS, & UPDATES FROM #OCTFME

# **DC CABLE NEWS**

## WE ARE WASHINGTON DEBUTS ON DCN!





An exciting new DCN program, "<u>We Are Washington</u>," debuted Monday, October 24th. DCN on-air personalities, Cecily Fernandez and Matt Granato cohost this quick-paced, dynamic rundown of news from across the District of Columbia. "We Are Washington" explores and showcases the vibrant culture and exciting events that making living in DC unlike anyplace else. Catch the show every Monday at 6:30pm on DCN!



We Are Washington host, Matt Granato interviewed "Late Night with Seth Meyers" host, Seth Meyers as one of the first guests of the show.

### #DCN HAS BEEN ON A ROLL PRODUCING NEW FEATURE PROGRAMS:



### SIMONE BUTTERFLY: FASHION INVESTIGATOR

Simone Butterfly: Fashion Investigator is a 30-minute show that features fashion attorney Mariessa Terrell and her alter ego, Simone Butterfly interviewing designers and local clothing boutiques. The show exhibits the District's position as a leader in fashion innovation. <u>Catch the show</u> <u>Thursdays at 9pm on DCN</u>.

### EZ STREET'S, THE STREET REPORT

The Street Report is a 30-minute show that features District radio personality, EZ Street and his adventures. From interviewing pop culture icons like Mary J. Blige and Iggy Azalea to showcasing local music talent in the District, EZ Street does it all. The show also takes EZ to other people's workplaces and puts him squarely in the action as he tries out such jobs as food truck vending and working in a salon for a day. <u>Catch the show</u> <u>Thursdays at 9pm on DCN</u>.

### DISPLAY

Display is a 30-minute music video show that features independent artists from the District of Columbia and surrounding areas. Videos are solicited from the public, providing a much-needed direct avenue for exposure and promotion. Featured videos include works by Columbia Nights, Alcazar Weklin, J. Kidd, Trey Chaney, Bruce Gardner, T. Lucas, and Rare Essence. <u>Catch all the talent Fridays at 7pm on DCN.</u>

### WASHINGTON FULL CIRCLE

<u>Washington Full Circle</u> offers viewers more sights, sounds and stories all focused on what makes DC such an exciting place to live, work and play!

On each show newsmakers, trendsetters, civic leaders and celebrities chat with host Ferman Patterson. <u>Catch all the fun Tuesdays at 7pm on DCN.</u>

### DKN SPORTS

<u>DKN Sports</u> will show the local high school football action of your favorite teams and future stars. We have the recaps of powerhouse high school standouts like <u>Ballou</u>, <u>Dunbar</u>, <u>Wilson</u>, <u>Bell</u>, <u>Cardozo</u>, <u>Eastern</u> and <u>Woodson</u> are all on the schedule every Friday on DKN.

### FEATURED ARTIST'S ON THE SOUND THIS FALL:



Da'Flame, Orlando Dixon, The Darkest Timeline, Skyline Hotel, Soundz of RNB, Carolyn Malachi, Shade Jenifer, Levi Stephens, & Tracy Hamlin.

CATCH UP ON FULL EPISODES OF #THESOUND HERE!

**THE SOUND** | Airing Friday's at 7:30PM

# DC Screening of 'Kevin Hart: What Now!'

On October 12th OCTFME Director Angie M. Gates attended the screening of superstar comedian Kevin Hart's new concert film, "Kevin Hart: What Now!" at DC's Regal Gallery Place. Director Gates met with Kevin Hart, Universal Studios, and the film's producers to discuss future media production opportunities for the District.



Actor Kevin Hart takes a selfie with Director Angie M. Gates



DCN's Ferman Patterson on the red carpet.

## DIRECTOR ANGIE GATES ATTENDS SCREENING OF DAVID E. TALBERT'S FILM 'ALMOST CHRISTMAS'

On October 18th Director Angie M. Gates attended the Washington DC premiere of "Almost Christmas," a new film from motion picture, television, and stage play impresario, David E. Talbert. The film tells the humorous and heart-warming story of a beloved family patriarch that asks his troubled and fractured family members for just one Christmas gift: for them to get along. The film stars Kimberly Elise, Mo'Nique, Nicole Ari Parker, Gabrielle Union, Jessie Usher, Danny Glover, and Omar Epps. The film will be released nationally on November 11th by Universal Pictures.



Director Angie M. Gates with Director and filmmaker David E. Talbert.



Director/Producer Chuck West, Director Angie M. Gates, Director Kirk Fraser at the screening.

# THE JOHN LENNON EDUCATIONAL TOUR BUS COMES TO DC!



OCTFME's Associate Director of Music & Entertainment, Director Angie Gates, LeVar A. Jones, Michael Mitchell.

Director Angie M. Gates and OCTFME Associate Director Bruce Walker were on

hand when the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus visited the DC's Boys & Girls Club located at 1901 Mississippi Avenue, SE on Saturday October 22nd. The event was a part of the 202Creates initiative and OCTFME plans to utilize the Lennon Bus and in the future as a tool for advancing youth and community media education. The John Lennon Educational Tour Bus is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) stateof-the-art mobile audio and HD video recording/production facility that travels the country, visiting schools, music and technology conferences, and other special events. The Lennon Bus administrators partner with communities and media outlets to call attention to the importance of arts and digital media education. The bus is designed to provide students, their schools and communities with performances, hands-on demonstrations, remote recordings, and customized studio sessions. This is the 19th year of the Lennon Bus program's operation and service to communities around the country.

## THE VERIZON INNOVATIVE LEARNING PROGRAM AT CHARLES HART MIDDLE SCHOOL

On October 22nd Director Angie M. Gates attended the Verizon Innovative Learning Program at Charles Hart Middle School in Southeast DC. OCTFME plans to continue to establish partnerships that connect private sector partners with opportunities that can enrich the growth of District youth. The Verizon Innovative Learning Program brings technology and hands-on learning opportunities to kids in underserved communities. The goal of the program is to inspire



Verizon's Mario Acosta-Velez and Director Angie M. Gates.

tomorrow's creators to use technology to build brighter futures for themselves, their families, and the world. The program gives middle and high school students the chance to create mobile apps that meet an identifiable need in their communities or schools. Working in partnership with Digital Promise, the program provides tablets with data plans to every student and teacher within select schools, and the curriculum plans utilize mobile technology to prepare students for college and STEM/STEAM careers.



Director Angie M. Gates with her excellency, Vlora Citaku at OCTFME.

Vlora Çitaku, the Ambassador of Embassy of Kosovo in Washington, DC. sat down to tape a new episode of #WashingtonFullCircle at our #DCN studios.

Renowned jazz pianist, <u>Brian Culbertson</u> came by the OCTFME studios on Thursday, November 3rd 2016 for a taping of Washington Full Circle. Culbertson is an award-winning multi-instrumentalist, writer and producer who crisscrosses genres between contemporary jazz, R&B, and funk and heralds from the musically rich city of Chicago.



Director Angie M. Gates with musician Brian Culbertson.

### WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS BOOK RELEASE

On November 4th, Director Angie Gates attended the book release party for "We Hold These Truths," the debut novel by District native, David S. Mitchell. The release of the novel is the culmination of an inspiring creative journey for Mr. Mitchell from successful attorney to published author. Find out more about his novel <u>HERE</u>.



Director Angie M. Gates with DC author David S. Mitchell

On November 5th Director Angie Gates attended the 17th annual "FOR SISTERS ONLY EXPO". The event, held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center and presented by WPGC 95.5 FM, is one of the largest expos for women in the Washington, D.C. area. The expo reaches thousands of people through a series of seminars, healthcare screenings, panel discussions, inspirational forums, and live entertainment. Over 100 vendors and small businesses promoted their services and engage listeners throughout the day. This year's performers included: TANK, RO JAMES, MARIO, LLOYD,

JIDENA, BJ CHICAGO KID, and actor/recording artist ROTIMI from the series POWER on STARZ.



Musician Mario with Director Angie M. Gates



Director Angie M. Gates with actor, Anwan "Big G" Glover



Musician Tank with Director Angie M. Gates



Director Angie M. Gates with musician Lloyd

# **DC FILM NEWS**

### "SECRETS" HAS GALA MOVIE PREMIERE IN D.C.

The sophisticated new movie, "Secrets" premiered in the District on Wednesday, November 9th 2016 at the Landmark E Street Theater. Local book publisher Tressa Smallwood adapted the original novel, 'Secrets of a Housewife' by J. Tremble to the big screen and filmed the movie right here in the District. Popular locations used included H Street, NoMa and Georgetown.



Producer, Tressa Smallwood and Wardrobe Director, Tamara Hushley



Actress, Sole.



Producer Kia Hicks

Actress Traci Braxton with Producer Tara Gates Anderson

### OCTFME Sponsors the 20th Annual TIVA Peer Awards



Local actor, Mark McKinnon, #OCTFME Associate Director, Herbert Niles, TIVA's Todd Clark, actress/award presenter, Shawn Cosby, & TIVA President, Brian Grundstrom



The Television, Internet and Video Association (TIVA-DC), presented the 20th Annual TIVA- DC Peer Awards, the most comprehensive film, video and Internet competition for professionals and media students in the mid-Atlantic region at the Embassy of France on Saturday November 12th 2016. OCTFME Associate Director of Film, Herbert Niles was a speaker during the gala event providing updates and insight on the local filmmaking industry of the District. OCTFME congratulates all the winners who you can find <u>HERE</u>.

## NOVEMBER FILMMAKER OF THE MONTH: LAURA WATERS HINSON



OCTFME is pleased to recognize local filmmaker Laura Waters Hinson as the <u>November 2016 Filmmaker of the Month</u>.

Hinson is a director and producer with almost a decade of experience creating award-winning and critically acclaimed documentary films. Hinson is the Founder of Image Bearer Pictures, an award-winning documentary production company that produces purposeful documentaries as well as private work for corporate and non-profit clients.

Hinson is also the recipient of the prestigious John Templeton Foundation grant which enabled her to establish the As We Forgive Rwanda Initiative, a Rwandan educational program aimed at harnessing the power of film to promote healing after genocide.

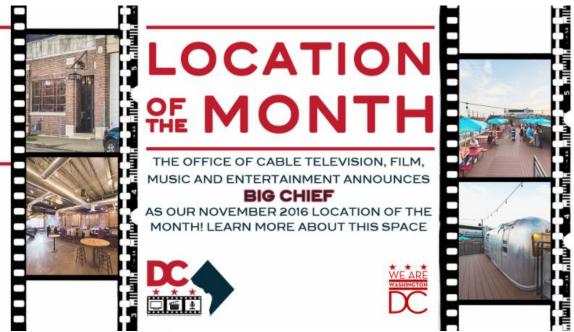
Hinson's most recent work, "Mama Rwanda," is a documentary focusing on the lives of two Rwandan women, Drocella and Christine, who, through entrepreneurship, begin to contribute to the rebuilding of the Rwandan economy after the 1994 genocide.

The film illuminates the importance of education as a vehicle for the empowerment of women worldwide. It also highlights the importance of

challenging existing stereotypes of African women and how these amazing Rwandan women transcend those faulty assumptions. The documentary premiered at the 2016 Blissfest333 where it won the festival award for "Best Documentary Short" and was a finalist for best short documentary at the 2016 Heartland Film Festival.

\*\*\*Know a DC-based filmmaker you would like to see featured as OCTFME's Filmmaker of the Month"? If so, please forward your suggestion <u>HERE</u>!\*\*\*

# NOVEMBER LOCATION OF THE MONTH: BIG CHIEF



OCTFME recognizes Big Chief as the November 2016 Location of the Month.

Big Chief is a New Orleans-themed bar and entertainment space located in Northeast DC's Ivy City. Historically an industrial neighborhood, Ivy City is experiencing an exciting commercial and residential revitalization, boasting new retail, recreation, and creative live/work space development.

This unique, centrally located venue adjacent to New York Avenue is a great location for interior filming and offers a distinct skyline view of Northeast DC from its rooftop.

Big Chief, a former roofing supply building at 2002 Fenwick Street NE, was converted into an expansive, multipurpose space that includes several bar areas, demonstration areas, and spaces for live music and other performances. The location has three bars spread out over 7,000 square feet, including one on the expansive rooftop where a 1970's silver Airstream Travel Trailer rests with its original radio still intact.

\*\*\*Know of a business or cinematic location you think would be a great "Location of the Month" candidate? If so, please forward your suggestion HERE!\*\*\*

### **Casting & Opportunities**

See The latest casting opportunities submitted to the DC Film Office

### **2016 Mid-Atlantic Production Services Directory**

The Film, Video and Entertainment Production Directory of the Mid-Atlantic region that lists film, TV and video production freelancers and crew; production and post production companies; lighting and grip crew and companies; and support services in Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia.

### **DC Reel Scout**

Few cities have as many landmarks as the nation's capital. Use DC Reel Scout to find the District's film industry workforce and support perfect film location for your production.

### **DC Reel Crew**

Check out our online tool that enables the service companies to showcase their skills and services to producers considering filming in the District.

# OCTFME IN THE COMMUNITY

### **OCTFME** Supports DC One Fund Campaign

OCTFME celebrated the 62nd Annual DC One Fund Campaign in Studio B of the OCTFME headquarters. The DC One Fund originated to afford DC government employees a full opportunity to participate in charitable giving in their community. The DC One Fund is the only onthe-job charitable solicitation authorized among DC government employees and OCTFME had a



blast incorporating it with the Halloween season. The DC government seeks to achieve the objectives of an effective and efficient single campaign among DC government employees for the support of worthy, charitable causes with minimal disruption to the work force.



## OCTFME HOSTS STUDENTS ON "DISABILITY MENTORING DAY"



November 9th 2016, Director Angie M. Gates hosted a group of students from St. John's Community Services that were paired with employees of OCTFME to learn their respective jobs and have a sense of what makes the agency so special. OCTFME partnered with the Office of Disability Rights to provide this great opportunity.





### **#OCTFME WISHES YOU A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!**

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