

Women in Film and Video of Maryland

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Letter From The President



Dear Members:

I would like thank you all for a wonderful year! Two Thousand and seven was a great year for WIFV-MD and we are looking forward to 2008 being our most outstanding year. This is our twentieth anniversary year and we will be doing many programs to celebrate twenty years of WIFV. Because this is our twenty-year celebration, I think we should look at what contribution we can make to the Baltimore film industry. Women in Film and Video of Maryland has had a tremendous impact on Maryland with great women such as Pat Moran, Rhea

Rita O'Brennan, Martha Royall, and great men like John Waters and Steve Yeager so many more as past members and some still as current members.

Therefore, with this celebration, we would like to re-establish the Charm City Awards, where we will be honoring outstanding women in the film industry. These women who are based in Maryland have made great contributions to Baltimore, Maryland film industry and the community at large. We are fast approaching our date for this event, which is set for April 12, 2008 from 7:00p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Johns Hopkins University, Charles Commons. This is located 10 East 33rd Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21218. Please join us in honoring two great women of film, Nina Nobel from Baltimore's popular HBO series THE WIRE and Carol Flaisher from Flaisher Films.

We believe that both of these women have made a tremendous commitment to Baltimore and Maryland's film industry as a whole. We hope that everyone will come out and join us in celebrating and honoring these great women of film. Looking ahead to coming months, we will have the Directors workshop discussion with John Strawbridge, which will be at our February 21, 2008 WIFV networking meeting. In addition, the Maryland Film Festival is coming in May 2008 and WIFV-MD intends to host another woman filmmaker. Last, year we hosted Zoe Cassavettes film Broken English and it was a tremendous success. We also intend to do our 2nd annual Screen Scene 08 conference at the Holiday Inn Select in Timonium, Maryland. Our first conference was a great success, and we hope that the second one will be even better. Therefore, as you can see, we do have many things planned for 2008. We have also made a recent partnership with the Creative Media Alliance for our members to get discounts to their events. Look for their link on our website soon!

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who volunteers to participate and assist with all our events and programs. We could not succeed without your help. We still need your help. Currently, we are having elections on February 21, 2008 at our networking meeting for executive board officers President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. We also have some board appointed positions, which are Newsletter Editor, Membership Director, Webmaster, Communications Director, Publicity Director, and Volunteer Opportunities Director. These positions require no election they are appointed positions by the President and approved by the board.

Linda Fausnet will no longer be the Newsletter Editor. Therefore, until a new Newsletter Editor is appointed please send request for articles to president@wifvmd.org. Tiffani Brown is applying for Membership Director, Trudy Perkins is applying for Publicity Director, and Brennen Jones will be applying for webmaster. I am going to be running for re-election as President, Gigi Barnett will be running for re-election to Vice President, Allyson Holland, CPA is running for Treasurer, and no one is currently running for Secretary. All Executive Board officer positions are open for a member of WIFV-MD to run. Other board positions are appointed positions which can be applied for and approved by the Executive Board. Elections will be held briefly at the February 21, 2008 networking meeting from 6:00pm-7:00pm. While being a board member is hard work it is worthwhile and rewarding. Many previous board members have used these positions to expand their resumes meet people in the industry and just learn more about the industry. If you have any questions please contact Arlette Thomas-Fletcher at president@wifvmd.org. Hope to see you at the Networking meeting on February 21, 2008, at WJZ !

Sincerely,

Arlette Thomas-Fletcher
WIFV-MD, President

SPECIAL THANKS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SCREEN WRITING WORKSHOP WITH MARC LAPADULA, YALE UNIVERSITY



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CHARM CITY AWARDS ARE COMING!!!

HONOREES: Nina Nobel, Producer of HBO's THE WIRE & Carol Flaisher of Flaisher Films

Charm City comes to life as WIFV-MD honors Nina Nobel and Carol Flaisher with the Charm City Award at Johns Hopkins University, 10 E. 33rd Street Charles Commons. The stars will be out on April 12, 2008 to pay an mage to two great ladies of the film industry!! It's has been seven years since the last Charm City Awards program. WIFV-MD is rolling out the read carpet to celebrate its 20th year anniversary and reinstitute Charm City Awards!! It's an exciting time for WIFVers and women in the film industry to honor the collective works of women who have made great achievements in the film industry. Women in Film focuses on training and educating women in the film industry. While we accept men as members we are overjoyed at the accomplishments of our sisters in film. We hope that you will come out and join us for this audacious occasion on April 12, 2008 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at Johns Hopkins , Charles Commons. Located at 10 E. 33rd Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21218.

Tickets for members are \$50.00 and for non-members \$60.00. Look for the link on the website at www.wifvmd.org to get your tickets.

REFLECTIONS 2007 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



MARYLAND FILM FESTIVAL SCREENING
JED DEITZ AND ANDY FIERBERG



RECEPTION MARYLAND FILM FESTIVAL
ZOE CASSAVETTES FILM, "BROKEN ENGLISH"

UPCOMING INDUSTRY EVENTS

A GOLDEN AFFAIR

TIME: 7:00 p.m. -11:00 p.m.

DATE: 4/12/08

**LOCATION: 10 E. 33rd Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21218**

**Parking: Union Memorial
Hospital Garage**

**\$2.00 per person for parking
(paid in advance to WIFV-
Md)**

More Information: president@wifvmd.org

CHARM CITY AWARDS



APRIL 12, 2008

**JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, 10 E. 33rd Street
CHARLES COMMONS**

HONOREES

**NINA NOBEL, HBO'S THE WIRE
CAROL FLAISHER, FLASHER FILM**

TICKETS :

\$50.00 MEMBERS

\$60.00 NON-MEMBERS

UPCOMING INDUSTRY EVENTS

April 12, 2008

Charm City Awards

Honorees Nina Nobel and Carol Flaisher

DATE: Saturday, April 12, 2008

TIME: 7:00pm - 11:00pm See

www.wifvmd.org to purchase tickets

The Charm Awards was began from an idea that WIFV-MD got from WIFTI World Summit in NYC. These awards have been given to many great women in film starting with Pat Moran of Pat Moran Casting in 1997. Rhea Feikin Maryland Public Television host in 1998. Lisa Lewens and her late grandmother received the award in 1999, for the doc Lisa made with footage her grandmother had shot in early Nazi Germany. Rita O'Brennan received the award in 2000 for being one of the founding mothers of WIFV and for her diligence in lobbying on behalf of the industry for the Film Tax Exemption. Martha Royall received the award in 2001, also for being one of the founding mothers of WIFV and our second president. This award has bestowed on many great women in the film industry. Come out and join us at Johns Hopkins University, Charles Commons located at 10 E. 33rd Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21218.

ASK AARON MARCUS

Question:

I was wondering what kind of royalties do models make when they are the face of a new product? I just got a really good job but I am not sure what types of royalties I should be receiving.

Please help.

From Kay, FL



Answer:

Dear Kay:

Royalties work differently with print work than with TV or film. Basically, when you sign a voucher at the end of a modeling job, you need to state how long the ad will run. If the ad runs longer than that time period, then you should get paid again. Agents will negotiate additional fees if you are seen in a high exposure formats, and are closely connected with a product.

My book, will teach you the best way to get started, find agents and photographers, get photos taken free, even market yourself and get work on your own. The book can be ordered from my site, www.howtomodel.com.

Take care.

Aaron Marcus

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Roberta Lyles

Roberta Lyles is one of the top ten finalists in the Pepto-Bismol PeptoStart contest! You can cast your vote for her entry at www.peptostar.com . The website doesn't list titles, but it is currently listed as finalist #3 .

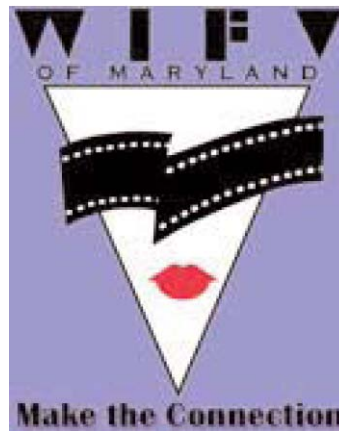
The video is the one with her doing spoken word about Pepto-Bismol (the thumbnail image is a close-up of her with glasses). You can submit one vote per email address per day. Vote early and often. And, please forward this to your friends.

Roberta S. Lyles

Director, Pamoja Production Company

Don't Come as you are, let yourself go!

www.pamojax.com



Arlette Thomas-Fletcher short film "Assault In Brooklyn" is completed. This story is about a day in the life of Martha Zelinski, Polish immigrant Brooklyn woman who tries to get away from her husband, while he vows to her that 'he will never let her go.'The film is being considered for film festivals. A small screening was held at Theater Xtreme in Lutherville, Maryland. Director Hugh Staples and Writer/Producer Arlette Thomas, along with cast April Sigman, Frank Vince, and many other guest were in attendance. The cast list includes April Sigman, Frank Vince, Veena Datta, Warren Watson, Greg Coale, Charles Brice, and Arlette Thomas-Fletcher.

For more information on Arlette's films please go to www.fruitsofthespiritproductions.com

Craig Herron! Has decided to sponsor an Animation Co-op chapter for the DC metro area.. He is looking for at least 10 people to sign-up before the chapter can launch. If you're interested, here the info you need to join and to learn more about the organization:

Mission Statement

<http://www.animationcoop.org/pages/mission.htm>

Membership Agreement

http://www.animationcoop.org/pages/join/member_agreement.htm

Registration Form

<http://www.animationcoop.org/pages/join/join.htm>

You only need to complete the required section and include "Washington DC Metro Area" in the "City" field.

This just in: "Freedom Dance," which already won a CINE Golden Eagle award for Independent Short Documentary, has also won the Special Jury award in that category and is eligible for a CINE Masters Series award. The latter will be announced at the CINE awards banquet on April 24 in DC.

AND -- "Freedom Dance" will be shown at the White Sands Film Festival in Alamogordo, New Mexico, in March. The festival runs from March 16-22, but we don't have a date or time for the screening.

Freedom Dance just screened last weekend in the Show Off Your Shorts Film Festival in Los Angeles. Steven Fischer was in attendance.

Congratulations to Craig Herron, Steven Fischer, and WIFV members Kevin Hill, Phil Rosensteel, Paul Sulsky, Leanna Chamish, Gregg Landry and the whole "Freedom Dance" team.



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