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## **OCTFME Recognizes Blues Alley as the May 2019 Location of the Month**



**Washington, D.C.** – The Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment (OCTFME) recognizes Blues Alley as the May 2019 Location of the Month.

Founded in 1965, Blues Alley is the nation's oldest continuing jazz supper club, having showcased internationally renowned concert hall and jazz artists such as Dizzy Gillespie, Tony Bennett, Sarah Vaughan, Nancy Wilson, Chick Corea, Grover Washington Jr., Ella Fitzgerald, Wynton Marsalis, Ramsey Lewis and countless others. A regular rotation of stars continues to perform at Blues Alley.

Tucked away in an 18<sup>th</sup> century red brick carriage house in the heart of historic Georgetown, within the District's Ward 2, Blues Alley has a unique ambience and is reminiscent of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century jazz clubs. The location and surrounding area of Georgetown offer a singular setting for film, television and productions. Several productions have shot at Blues Alley including national commercials for Wendy's, Time Life's Jazz Music commercial series and over a dozen BET on Jazz programs, to name a few. In addition, music producers and musicians should consider the venue for live recordings, as artists such as Wynton Marsalis, Eva Cassady, Ramsey Lewis, Dizzy Gillespie, Ahamad Jamal and Staley Turentine have recorded successful live albums inside the hallowed walls.

"Blues Alley Jazz, the nation's oldest continuously operating jazz supper club, is pleased and proud to partner with DC's Office of Cable Television's "Location of the Month," stated Harry Schnipper, Executive Director of Blues Alley. He added, "This partnership reflects some of the world's premier cultural curatorial content for the citizens of the District of Columbia in, of or around our city and our nation."

The Blues Alley Jazz Society was formed for the promotion of jazz music through education. The Society tries to achieve that ambition through multiple education and performance opportunities each year designed to benefit young jazz musicians in the Washington metropolitan area. Founded by internationally renowned jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie and Blues Alley, The Society places a premium on the jazz education of young people and created a network of public-private partnerships to provide free and open performance-oriented instructional opportunities for jazz students in the National Capital Region.

Called "the nation's finest jazz and supper club" by the New York Times and "Best Night Spot" by Washington Magazine, Blues Alley is an institution in Georgetown, Washington DC, and beyond, and known as one of the premier jazz clubs in the world.

To learn more about the Blues Alley visit [www.bluesalley.com](http://www.bluesalley.com) or OCTFME's locations referral resource [Blues Alley](#). For information about past locations of the month, visit [DC Reel-Scout Directory](#).

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The “*Location of the Month*” initiative is part of the agency’s mission to market and support District locales as media production locations, and to bring attention to the wide range of cinematically compelling locations that are available to film and television productions.

If you have a suggestion for a future OCTFME “*Location of the Month*” we would love to hear from you. If you own or manage a business, venue or location you would like to be featured as a “*Location of the Month*,” or if you are a filmmaker or a fan of local filmmaking with a suggestion for a unique DC location OCTFME could feature in the future “*Location of the Month*” please use this [nomination form](#) and tell us all about it.

### **About OCTFME**

The mission of the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment (OCTFME) is to produce and broadcast programming for the District of Columbia’s public, educational, and government access (PEG) cable channels; regulate the District of Columbia’s cable television service providers; provide customer service for cable subscribers; and support a sustainable creative economy and labor market in the District of Columbia. OCTFME operates three channels, the District of Columbia Network (DCN), the District Council Channel (DCC) and the District Knowledge Network (DKN) as well as DC Radio 96.3 HD4, the District of Columbia’s first and official government radio station, in partnership with Howard University’s WHUR. OCTFME also administrates a media production incentive program, the DC Film, Television and Entertainment Rebate fund and offers a number of support services to local and out-of-state film, television, video, entertainment, interactive, multimedia, and digital media content creators. These services include: media production permitting; location scouting; production support; production and infrastructure incentives; job placement assistance and workforce development programs. For more information go to [www.entertainment.dc.gov](http://www.entertainment.dc.gov) or call 202-671-0066.

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