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OCTFME Recognizes the DC ARMORY
as the November 2019 Location of the Month

Washington, D.C. – The Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment (OCTFME) recognizes The DC Armory as the November 2019 Location of the Month.
Opened in 1941, the DC Armory is Washington, D.C.’s auditorium, arena, big top and ballroom and one of the most versatile venues in the Mid-Atlantic region. Under its huge dome, visitors to this landmark showplace enjoy a year-round parade of events as wide-ranging and diverse as the people who come through its doors.

President Harry S. Truman held the first inaugural ball at the Armory in 1949. Since then, the Armory served as home to inauguration balls each election cycle from President John F. Kennedy to President Barack Obama.

The DC Armory is ideal for film, television and video productions and can host conventions, circuses, and inaugural balls as well as concerts, expos, sporting events, trade shows, and much more. It can be adapted to audiences of varying sizes from 10 to 10,000 people and its interior features nearly 70,000 square feet of exhibition space.

Major events broadcasted from the DC Armory include championship boxing featured on HBO, Showtime and ESPN. The venue is used as a black box for commercial shoots and photo sessions that seek an industrial, aircraft hangar-like space. Events DC operates the non-military function of the DC Armory and is always open to working with various organizations.

In 2012, the DC Armory hosted the U.S. men’s and women’s Olympic basketball teams as they prepared for the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London. The stop included practices, scrimmages and the Hoops for Troops program which brought more than 3,000 members of the military and their families to participate in activities with players including LeBron James, Kevin Durant, Kobe Bryant and others. The Armory is also the home of the DC National Guard and the DC RollerGirls, a female flat-track roller derby league currently in its 11th season.

“We are honored to be the featured location of the month for November 2019 by the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment,” said Paul David Snell, Director, Sports and Entertainment Bookings at Events DC. “The DC Armory is one of the most versatile and iconic venues in the District of Columbia and has played host to a number of historic events, celebrations, sporting events
and more during its 78 year history. As the operator of the DC Armory, Events DC is delighted to be recognized by such a great organization within our own city to highlight this venue.”

The Armory recently hosted the DC Office of Film, Television, Music and Entertainment’s first-ever Capital Skate Fest earlier this month.


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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](http://eventsdc.com/Venues/DCArmory.aspx) and tell us all about it.

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**About OCTFME**
The Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment (OCTFME) produces and broadcasts programming for the District of Columbia’s public, educational, and government access (PEG) cable television channels and digital radio station; regulates the District of Columbia’s cable television service providers; provides customer service for cable subscribers; and supports a sustainable film, music, and entertainment creative economy and labor market in the District of Columbia.
OCTFME operates and manages the District’s government television access channels: the District Council Channel (DCC), the District of Columbia Network (DCN), and the District Knowledge Network (DKN). OCTFME’s award-winning content provides resourceful information on government activity, education, current events, history, music, arts and entertainment. OCTFME manages and programs DC Radio 96.3 HD4 digital radio station, the District of Columbia’s first government radio station in partnership with Howard University’s WHUR. It is one of only two full-power, city-owned and managed radio stations in the country.

OCTFME provides production support services that advance film, television, video, entertainment, interactive, multimedia, and digital media content creators. These services include: permitting; location scouting; production support; job placement assistance; workforce development; and the DC Film, Television and Entertainment Rebate Fund.

OCTFME supports the creative economy through Mayor Muriel Bowser Presents: 202Creates initiative, administering programs supporting the growth and sustainability of the creative industries in all 8 Wards of the District.

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