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OCTFME RECOGNIZES BERHTA AS THE JANUARY 2026 LOCATION OF THE MONTH



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Washington, D.C. – The District of Columbia Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (OCTFME) is proud to announce Berhta, the former BET Studios, as the January 2026 Location of the Month, recognizing their rich cultural legacy, film-friendly infrastructure, and dynamic potential for productions, live events, and creative convenings.

Located in Washington, D.C., Berhta spans 16,000 square feet and features a versatile dark room stage, multiple green rooms, and fully equipped hair, makeup, and dressing room facilities. Designed with production needs in mind, the space can seamlessly transform into a film or television studio, concert hall, or convention venue, offering ample on-site parking and outdoor space to support large scale projects.

“This location represents a powerful chapter in DC’s creative legacy, and its rebirth underscores the strength and resilience of our film and entertainment community,” said LaToya Foster, OCTFME Director and DC Film Commissioner. *“Washington, DC continues to rise as a premier entertainment and production hub. a city where world-class talent, cutting-edge facilities, and rich cultural storytelling converge. Berhta embodies that momentum, and we are thrilled to recognize this venue as our Location of the Month.”*

With deep roots in Black media history, the location once served as a cornerstone for BET's groundbreaking programming and creative output in the nation's capital. Today, that legacy continues under new ownership.

"The rich history that BET created here in D.C. is now alive again," said Afshin Mottaghi, Managing Member of Berhta.

Berhta is fully film friendly, making it an attractive option for local, national, and international productions seeking flexible, production-ready spaces in Washington, D.C. – with *"Bridgerton"* among its notable film credits.

For more about Berhta, visit www.berhtaclub.com, follow them on [Instagram](#), or email them at biz@berhtaclub.com. Explore Berhta's [DC Reel-Scout Profile](#) and for other film-friendly locations in Washington, D.C., visit our [Location of the Month](#) section at entertainment.dc.gov.

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About LOCATION OF THE MONTH

The "Location of the Month" initiative is part of the agency's mission to market and support District locales as entertainment destinations, and media production locations. LOTM brings attention to the wide range of cinematically compelling locations available for events, and 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 D.C. business, venue, or location to be considered as a "Location of the Month," please use this [nomination form](#) and tell us all about it.

About OCTFME

The DC [Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment](#) (OCTFME), an award-winning District of Columbia Government agency, leads the city's extensive efforts to build and support a sustainable film, music, and entertainment creative economy and labor market. Additionally, OCTFME serves as the city's cable television service provider regulator and as the customer service hub for cable subscribers.

OCTFME's extensive portfolio includes:

- The District's government cable access channels [District Council Channel](#) (DCC), the [District of Columbia Network](#) (DCN), and the [District Knowledge Network](#) (DKN)
- [D.C. Radio](#) (96.3 HD4), OCTFME's owned and operated digital radio station, in partnership with Howard University's WHUR.
- [District of Columbia Entertainment Network](#) (D.C.E), OCTFME's 24-hour streaming platform available worldwide on ROKU, Apple TV, and Amazon Fire TV as well as iPhone and Android mobile devices (download the D.C.E Network App or at D.C.ENetwork.com).
- The handling of all of the District's filmmaker production needs including **permits, city services, and logistical support**, job placement assistance, workforce development and the [D.C. Film, Television, and Entertainment Rebate Fund](#) (D.C. Rebate Fund).
- Providing additional support to the creative community through the [Creative Affairs Office](#) (CAO) and [Mayor Muriel Bowser Presents: 202Creates](#) initiative. CAO showcases and preserves the District of Columbia's rich creative communities throughout all 8 Wards.

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