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## **OCTFME RECOGNIZES MAKETTO AS THE JULY 2025 LOCATION OF THE MONTH**



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Washington, D.C. – The DC Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (OCTFME) is proud to recognize Maketto as the July 2025 Location of the Month. A cornerstone of the H Street NE corridor, Maketto has become one of DC’s most distinctive and dynamic spaces—serving as a cultural destination for food lovers, creatives, filmmakers, and the community at large.

*“Maketto embodies the creative soul of the District,”* said LaToya Foster, Director of OCTFME. *“From its celebrated cuisine and commitment to community to its versatility as a production and event space, Maketto is a true DC original. Erik Bruner-Yang and his team have created more than a venue—they’ve built a hub for expression, innovation, and storytelling right in the heart of the city.”*

Maketto is equal parts restaurant, café, bar, and retail space, and is also home to Chef Erik Bruner-Yang’s Power of 10 nonprofit initiative. Its clean, contemporary design—featuring a glass-encased sneaker wall, mural-lined courtyard, and lush tree canopy—makes it a standout filming and events location. Maketto has hosted everything from pop-up weddings to album release parties, including those for local star Ari Lennox, and has been featured on hit television shows such as *Somebody Feed Phil*, *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*, and *The Best Thing I Ever Ate*.

*“Maketto is honored to be recognized as OCTFME’s Location of the Month,”* said Erik Bruner-Yang, Founder, Owner, and Chef. *“Our space has always been a home for creativity and community—hosting everything from weddings and pop-ups to national TV productions. As someone who has called NE DC*

*home for over twenty years, I'm so grateful for this recognition and excited to keep sharing Maketto with the city we love."*

Located at 1351 H Street NE, Maketto continues to welcome visitors daily with coffee, pastries, and its signature Taiwanese-Cambodian menu, including its beloved five spice caramel fried chicken. Its weekly Saturday Bake Sale remains a popular fixture for locals and newcomers alike.

To explore the property's DC Reel-Scout profile, click [HERE](#). For more about Maketto, visit [www.maketto1351.com](http://www.maketto1351.com) or follow @maketto1351 on Instagram. To check-out other film-friendly locations in Washington, DC, visit the [Location of the Month](#) section at [entertainment.dc.gov](http://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](http://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.

For more on OCTFME: (202) 671-0066 or [www.entertainment.dc.gov](http://www.entertainment.dc.gov).

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