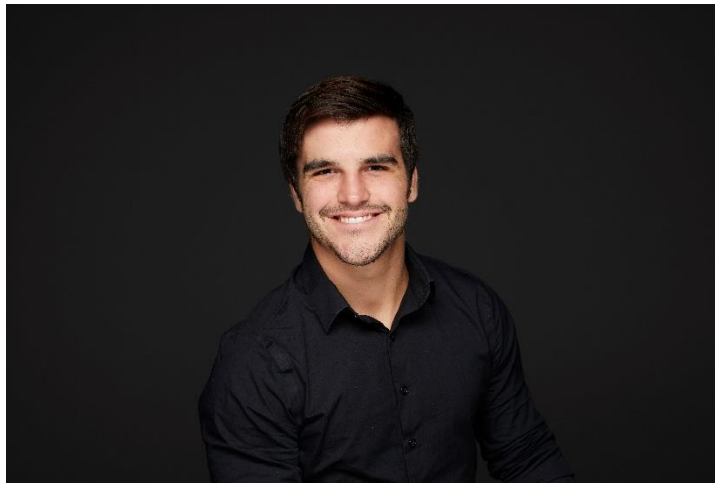


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OCTFME RECOGNIZES DUSTIN SYLVIA AS THE JUNE 2024 FILMMAKER OF THE MONTH



Washington, D.C. – The Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (OCFTME) is thrilled to announce Dustin Sylvia as the Filmmaker of the Month for June 2024. Washington, DC-based filmmaker Dustin Sylvia has been recognized as the June 2024 Filmmaker of the Month in recognition of his outstanding and impactful work in the film industry. With an impressive list of production credits and numerous accolades, Sylvia has cemented his position as a leading figure in the world of filmmaking.

Director LaToya Foster expresses, *“Dustin Sylvia's dedication to filmmaking and storytelling makes him more than deserving of the Filmmaker of the Month title for June 2024. His passion, creativity, and outstanding contributions to the film industry exemplify the qualities of a visionary filmmaker, and his work continues to inspire and captivate audiences around the world.”*

Since joining the National Geographic Society's Impact Story Lab in 2017, Sylvia has produced and edited a wide array of films and documentaries, showcasing the remarkable work of Nat Geo explorers and initiatives. His most recent work, the award-winning feature documentary "Nkashi: Race for the Okavango," has garnered significant acclaim, including the prestigious "Best Original Music Score" award at the 2023 Jackson Wild Summit.



With his ongoing commitment to producing a digital educational series titled "I Wonder," Sylvia is dedicated to creating compelling and thought-provoking content that resonates with global audiences. His collaborative approach with local storytellers reflects his passion for authentic and impactful storytelling.

A graduate of Northeastern University, where he earned both a master's degree in Geographic Information Technology and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications and Cinema Studies, Sylvia's educational background has equipped him with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in his field.

Sylvia's impressive production credits include the widely acclaimed "Saving the Florida Wildlife Corridor" and the "Last Wild Places" series, where his multifaceted roles as a producer, editor, and colorist have contributed to the success of these projects.

Dustin Sylvia expressed his gratitude and said, *"I am truly honored to receive this recognition. It's a privilege to be able to tell important stories and shed light on pressing environmental and social issues through my work. I look forward to continuing to create meaningful and impactful films that resonate with audiences globally."*

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About FILMMAKER OF THE MONTH

The Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (OCTFME) launched the "Filmmaker of the Month" initiative as a vehicle for highlighting the talents and creative contributions of filmmakers that make the District of Columbia their home. The "Filmmaker of the Month" initiative is part of OCTFME's mission to elevate the national and international profile of the District's talented filmmakers.

***If you know of a filmmaker that would make a great future "Filmmaker of the Month," please send OCTFME recommendations using this [nomination form](#).

About OCTFME

The [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](#) (D.C.C), the [District of Columbia Network](#) (D.C.N), 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).

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- 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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