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OCTFME RECOGNIZES UNION STAGE AS THE FEBRUARY 2024 LOCATION OF THE MONTH



Washington, D.C. – The Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (OCTFME) is excited to announce Union Stage as the February 2024 Location of the Month (LOTM). Located in the vibrant Southwest Waterfront, Union Stage stands at the heart of The Wharf, offering an unparalleled live music and event destination experience for performers and patrons.

Known as one of DC's best music venues, Union Stage is the brainchild of brothers Daniel, Luke, and Jonathan Brindley. The state-of-the-art live music venue and tavern hosts private events and shows by independent acts in a 7,500 square foot space that accommodates up to 225 seated guests or 450 standing, making it an ideal location for a wide array of productions and events—from concerts, film and television shoots to still photography and special gatherings. Union Stage is not only renowned for its technical capabilities, flexible space, and world class sound and lighting systems but also for its commitment to security and convenience. The venue also offers ample overnight parking for guests' convenience.

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OCTFME Director LaToya Foster praised Union Stage, saying, "Union Stage's dedication to excellence in entertainment and its role as a cultural hub for artists and audiences alike exemplifies the best of D.C.'s vibrant arts scene. We're proud to recognize their contributions and the exceptional environment they've created for entertainment and community."

As a cornerstone of the District's cultural landscape, Union Stage is a destination for locals that also attracts tourists looking for an authentic D.C. experience. The venue's diverse programming reflects its mission to serve as a launching pad for artists on the brink of stardom, and a reputation for hosting performers with compelling stories and bright futures. Upcoming events, such as Jalen Ngonda on March 1, Ballyhoo: The Harbor Boys on March 5 and Kid Bloom: Inner Light Tour on March 7, showcase the range of diverse entertainment gracing Union Stage.

Lana Mahmoud, Union Stage's Booking Manager, expressed gratitude for the designation, stating, "It's an honor to be recognized by OCTFME as the February 2024 Location of the Month. Our commitment to showcasing both emerging talents and high-profile performers has made Union Stage a pivotal site for live entertainment and film locations in D.C., and we're thrilled to continue supporting media productions and special events in this iconic location."

But it's not just the events and music that draw the crowds. Union Stage's commitment to providing a comprehensive entertainment experience extends to its signature food offerings, featuring unforgettable pizza and a stellar selection of craft beverages. This combination of great entertainment and great food ensures that every visit is a memorable one. The venue's multi-level design includes three bars serving a diverse selection of beverages, enhancing the overall experience for guests. The venue is easily accessible via the Waterfront-SEU Metro Station and Water Taxis, and it has vendor partnerships with boating charter companies, making it a prime location for an evening out in the city.

Whether it is music, the food, or both, Union Stage promises an experience that's both enriching and entertaining. For a full lineup of events and more information about Union Stage, please visit https://www.unionstage.com or on Social Media: IG <u>@unionstage</u>, Twitter <u>@unionstage</u>, Facebook http://facebook.com/unionstage.

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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 <u>nomination form</u> and tell us all about it.

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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 <u>District Council Channel</u> (D.C.C), the <u>District of Columbia Network</u> (D.C.N), and the <u>District Knowledge Network</u> (DKN)
- <u>D.C. Radio</u> (96.3 HD4), OCTFME's owned and operated digital radio station, in partnership with Howard University's WHUR.
- <u>District of Columbia Entertainment Network</u> (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 <u>D.C.ENetwork.com</u>).
- 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 <u>D.C. Film</u>, <u>Television</u>, and <u>Entertainment Rebate Fund</u> (D.C. Rebate Fund).
- Providing additional support to the creative community through the <u>Creative Affairs Office</u> (CAO) and <u>Mayor Muriel Bowser Presents: 202Creates</u> initiative. CAO showcases and preserves the District of Columbia's rich creative communities throughout all 8 Wards.

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