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**OCTFME Recognizes Amil Barnes as the  
August 2019 Filmmaker of the Month**

*This native Washingtonian is a filmmaker and founder of a creative digital agency. He's worked with Netflix, Apple Music, Trey Songz, DC Lottery, Shy Glizzy, Atlantic Records, Radio One and a host of others.*



**Washington, D.C.** -- The District of Columbia Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (OCTFME) is pleased to recognize Amil Barnes as the August 2019 Filmmaker of the Month.

Amil is the CEO and Founder of Barnes Digital, a creative digital agency in Washington, DC. His unique talent for brand-building, quality design, and his knack for strategic program execution has been utilized by a host of industry-leading clients including Netflix, Apple Music, DC Lottery, Atlantic Records, Jeep, Radio One, Under Armour, Karen Civil, and more.

Amil has directed documentaries and music videos for artists such as Trey Songz, K.

Michelle, Fetty Wap, Dave East, YFN Lucci, Shy Glizzy, PNB Rock, Dej Loaf, and Bankroll Fresh. These documentaries can be viewed at:

<https://www.barnesdigital.co/karen-civil>.

“It’s major for me to be spotlighted as the filmmaker of the month because my most recent works are documentaries. I love to tell the stories of the underdog; I don’t really do it to get recognition,” said Amil. “I do it to tell stories - that’s our job as filmmakers, you know. Being from DC, this is a true honor for me. I put in a lot work, over eleven years.”

His latest film work includes two documentaries. The first chronicles the 80 year history of The Kingsbury Center in Northwest DC ([www.barnesdigital.co/Kingsbury](http://www.barnesdigital.co/Kingsbury)). The second tells the story behind the creation of the Gamemasters (One Up) app ([www.barnesdigital.co/gamemasters](http://www.barnesdigital.co/gamemasters)).

So what’s next for Amil? “It’s all about filming movies. I’ve done music videos and documentaries that have garnered over 30 million cumulative views on YouTube. I want to actually own something that I do. So right now, I’m writing scripts and revisiting scripts that I wrote in 2008 to see how I have changed and how I can bring it all together,” stated Amil.

Amil Barnes currently lives in Washington, DC. He is an alumnus of Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte, NC.

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**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,” you can send OCTFME your recommendations using this [nomination form](#).

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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.

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

For more information, contact the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment at (202) 671-0066, visit us online at: [entertainment.dc.gov](http://entertainment.dc.gov), and follow us on [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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