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OCTFME Recognizes Frank Barr as the February 2020 Filmmaker of the Month

Award-winning film and television producer recognized for his contributions to the local filmmaking community



Washington, D.C. -- The District of Columbia Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (OCTFME) is pleased to recognize Frank Barr as the February 2020 Filmmaker of the Month.

Frank Barr is an award-winning film and television producer from Washington, DC. Frank got his start as a freelance videographer and television producer in Atlanta and later brought his expertise to DC. His mission is to use hip-hop music and television to inspire social change worldwide from the nation's capital. Frank is known for his work on the District of Columbia statehood movement; a political movement that advocates making the District of Columbia the 51st state.

"I have a responsibility to show the politician that you can't have an agenda without the artist's voice...sharing the importance of the message - while also showing the artist that you don't have art without policies. Both sides (law, art and the creative) are important to each other and must come together," said Frank.

Frank's debut short film, "BE FREE", received its first award from the first Annual DC

Statehood Film Festival in 2019 and its second award as DCTV Voice of the Community. "BE FREE" was also acknowledged as the theme song of DC Statehood by DC community leader and We Act Radio co-founder, Kymone Freeman, during a statehood mural unveiling.

"The Frankey Barrz Show" airs on DCTV, a forum in which local voices can be seen and heard. His multifaceted talent is expressed through interviewing well-known artists and policy influencers in Chocolate City adding a unique hip-hop twist. Frank recently won the "DCTV Voice of Music & Entertainment" Award for "The Frankey Barrz Show: Art of Film" episode.

"I'm so honored to be recognized as the Filmmaker of the Month by the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment. Especially for the month of February (Black History Month), I'm proud to represent my culture in this way. This makes me very happy," said Frank.

Social Media:

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D.C. Statehood Film Festival Award Winning and DCTV Nomination "BE FREE"

<https://youtu.be/KjGdRyc4wgQ>

DCTV Sport Award Nominated Series "The Frankey Barrz Show"

<https://youtu.be/evRYvGxLhYU>

iTunes Link to Soundtrack: <https://music.apple.com/us/album/be-free-single/1472776968>

DC Radio Interview of "BE FREE" <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/inside-the-mfl-vol-13-frankey-barrz-meggalooch/id1473503352?i=1000444796833>

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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. It is one of only two full-power, city-managed and programmed radio stations in the country

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

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