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**OCTFME Announces October 2016 Filmmaker of the Month  
Al Hallak**

*Local director and sci-fi creator acknowledged for contributions to the Washington, D.C.  
film and media community*

**Washington**— The District of Columbia Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment (OCTFME) is pleased to recognize local filmmaker Al Hallak as the October 2016 Filmmaker of the Month.

Hallak is an award-winning Director of several Sci-Fi thrillers and has worked in the film industry both in the United States and internationally. Though currently based here in the District, Hallak has lived and worked in Italy, France and Dubai.

Hallak's 2010 New York Film Academy thesis, "The Paradigm" received several honors, including The Award of Excellence at the Los Angeles Movie Awards. Since graduating New York Film Academy, Hallak started his own film production business and received a certificate of recognition from Burbank Mayor Emily Gabel-Luddy.

Hallak has three projects in active development: President Robinson, Crystal and Cryptonyms. Each film is marked with sophisticated digital animation sequences and highly charged action that define the signature of all of Al Hallak's films. All three projects will be produced in the District.

Currently, Hallak works as a trainer/consultant for a federal government broadcasting agency in Washington D.C., and will serve as a member of the jury at the upcoming Washington West Film Festival in Washington, D.C. October 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>.



Hallak makes films that inspire us to see the potential of what could be, ultimately painting a unique picture of the raw human condition. Sitting in a pivotal position at the intersection of technology and creativity, the District is fortunate to have the talents of Al Hallak within its borders.

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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.

*\*\*\*Do you know a filmmaker you would like to see featured as OCTFME’s Filmmaker of the Month”? If so, please forward your suggestion to: [film@dc.gov](mailto:film@dc.gov).*

### **About OCTFME**

The District of Columbia Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment is responsible for implementing, managing, and administering programs, initiatives, and services that support media industry economic activity, growth, and employment in the District of Columbia.

Washington, D.C.’s instantly recognizable landmarks, diverse neighborhoods, cultural amenities, and first-class accommodations are just some of the many features that make the nation’s capital a venue of choice for media production.

For more information, contact the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment at (202) 727-6608, visit us on the web at <http://film.dc.gov>, join the D.C. Film community <http://www.facebook.com/entertainDC>, or follow us on [http://twitter.com/Film\\_DC](http://twitter.com/Film_DC).



