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**OCTFME Recognizes Vanessa Anthony as October's
Filmmaker of the Month in Commemoration of Domestic
Violence Awareness Month**



WASHINGTON D.C. — The Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (OCTFME) is pleased to recognize Vanessa Anthony as the October 2023 Filmmaker of the Month (FOTM). An award-winning filmmaker with a media career spanning over two decades, Vanessa's journey in the industry is nothing short of inspirational. From starting at CNN and Turner Classic Movies (TCM) in Atlanta, to a stint with NBC Universal Europe to establishing her own production company in Tokyo, Movie Mad Entertainment, her extensive international experience spans the many aspects of the film and television arena.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Vanessa's latest project 'The Atonement,' a narrative web series, is dedicated to exploring nuanced stories of domestic violence and mental

illness. Through compelling storytelling, her goal is to catalyze vital conversations, that raise awareness and foster understanding on these often-overlooked issues. “Vanessa’s profound commitment to addressing pressing societal issues, especially during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, is both commendable and imperative.” LaToya Foster, OCTFME Director, commented. “Through her groundbreaking project, 'The Atonement,' she has beautifully connected her craft with a powerful message, effectively utilizing the platform of storytelling as an avenue for change. Congratulations to Vanessa on this well-deserved recognition.”

In her acceptance of the honor, Vanessa shared, "I'm deeply honored to be chosen as OCTFME’s October Filmmaker of the Month. This recognition not only acknowledges my dedication but also provides the exposure I need to share my storytelling with a wider audience."

Vanessa’s commitment to her craft and the industry is evident from her extensive resume, and her works that have gained recognition at various international film festivals. Her short film ‘Mr. Big Shot’ earned Best Film and Best Sound awards at the Make a Movie in a Month competition. And it was selected to screen at the Wheaton Film Festival. Additionally, various film projects have been featured at the New York International Independent Film Festival, the Pumelo International Film Festival, the Urban Media Makers Film Festival, and the Tokyo Design Festa.

For more information about Vanessa Anthony, her accomplishments, and upcoming projects, please visit [Movie Mad Entertainment](#) or her [Vimeo Profile](#).

To stay updated with Vanessa's endeavors, you can follow her on:

- Twitter: [@PilotAtonement](#)
- Instagram: [@moviemad_entertainment_llc](#), [@vanessad.anthony](#)
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