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## **OCTFME RECOGNIZES AMIN EL SIWI AS THE JUNE 2023 FOTM**



**Washington, DC Washington, DC** – Mayor Muriel Bowser and The DC Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (OCTFME) are pleased to recognize **AMIN EL SIWI** as the June 2023 Filmmaker of the Month. Amin El Siwi is an Egyptian filmmaker based in Washington, DC. He has a master’s degree in film and media production from American University.

*“Congratulations to our June Filmmaker of the Month! Amin’s dedication to storytelling and commitment to the craft of filmmaking is truly inspiring. On behalf of Mayor Bowser and OCTFME, we are proud to have you represent the DC film community and cannot wait to see what you create next,”* says Director LaToya Foster.

Amin currently works as a multimedia producer for the World Bank Group in the communications department with a focus on the Middle East and North Africa. In 2015, he moved from Egypt to Washington, DC to work as a producer for the Middle East Broadcasting



Networks. In 2019, he won the People's Voice Webby Award for a short documentary titled "Rukiye". Between 2013 and 2015, he worked as an assistant producer and assistant director in independent feature films and documentaries in Egypt. Amin's fellowship entailed working with American University's Humanities Truck project in highlighting the work of DMV area climate change organizations through a short documentary.

*"As an immigrant filmmaker and a DC resident, I am honored to be recognized by the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment. I'm a passionate storyteller who is always working on stories about immigrants and minorities in the DMV area."*

Amin's short documentary "East of the River" just received the Best Short Documentary Award at [DC Independent Film Festival](#) (DCIFF) in March 2023. He has shown unparalleled passion and commitment to global change and humanity with a knack for weaving compelling stories through various mediums, with a keen eye for detail, and a passion for exploring diverse perspectives. In collaboration with DC non-profit [TASSC](#), Amin's latest short documentary about pro-social advocacy for torture survivors is currently in pre-production.

Congratulations Amin!

#### **Film Credits:**

Co-director, Co-producer, and Cinematographer: [East of the River](#) (2023)

Producer, Director of Photography, Editor: [The Temple of Dendur](#) (2020)

Director, Producer, Editor: [The Presidential Heads](#) (2020)

Director, Editor: [Saria](#) (2020)

Director, Director of Photography, Editor: [Arabian Horses](#) (2020)

Director, Camera: [Tarab Raqs](#) (2019)

Director, Camera: [Remembering Eric Zapata](#) (2019)

Director of Photography: [Rukiye](#) (2019)

#### **Relevant Websites:**

<https://vimeo.com/user13501323>

#### **Social Media:**

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#### **About FILMMAKER OF THE MONTH**

The Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (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), 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 [District Council Channel](#) (DCC), the [District of Columbia Network](#) (DCN), and the [District Knowledge Network](#) (DKN)
- [DC Radio](#) (96.3 HD4), OCTFME's owned and operated digital radio station, in partnership with Howard University's WHUR.
- [District of Columbia Entertainment Network](#) (DCE), 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 DCE Network App or at [DCENetwork.com](#)).
- 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 [DC Film, Television, and Entertainment Rebate Fund](#) (DC Rebate Fund).
- Providing additional support to the creative community through the [Creative Affairs Office](#) (CAO) and [Mayor Muriel Bowser Presents: 202Creates](#) initiative. CAO showcases and preserves the District of Columbia's rich creative communities throughout all 8 Wards.

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