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### **OCTFME Recognizes Hilary Linder as the November 2019 Filmmaker of the Month**

*This DC resident is the director and producer of the Peabody Award-winning documentary, Indivisible.*



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

Hilary Linder is the director and producer of the Peabody Award-winning documentary *Indivisible*, which follows three undocumented young adults as they fight to become citizens in the country they call home and reunite with their deported family members. *Indivisible* screened at 25 film festivals as well as at colleges, faith-based organizations, and community groups across the country. It is currently airing on Fuse Media, Discovery en Español, Link TV, networks in Spain and Portugal and available on multiple streaming platforms. “Winning the Peabody Award for that film just makes me think about the undocumented immigrants we highlighted; how brave they are, how selfless they are, how they are sacrificing for their community - super courageous,” stated Hilary.

Hilary is in post-production on *Superminority*, a documentary series she directed and

produced about first-time, female candidates for the North Carolina House of Representatives. She's also directing, producing, and filming Muji Blades, a feature-length documentary currently in production about one of the fastest bilateral amputee sprinters in the U.S. and his challenges off and on the field.

Hilary combines her knowledge in the fields of international development and humanitarian relief with her passion for non-fiction storytelling as the founder and president of Kudzu Films. Kudzu Films is a production company dedicated to spreading social justice through film and storytelling. With Kudzu Films, Hilary is able to produce documentaries that shed light on the human stories at the heart of complex and pressing social issues. Documentaries produced by Kudzu Films aim to embody the characteristics of kudzu (a fast growing plant found throughout the southern part of the United States): long-lasting, beautiful, and covering all ground.

“This is such an honor, to be named the November Filmmaker of the Month by the DC Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment. I've been in DC for about 12 years now. I grew up in North Carolina. So DC has definitely become a home to me,” said Hilary. She continued, “People don't often think of DC as having this great film community, but we really do. And so this recognition just makes me feel like now, I'm part of it too.”

Hilary lives in Washington, DC with her husband Kestrel, the CEO of GiveCampus, and their puppy Ruby. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Master of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.

**Social Media:**

<https://www.facebook.com/indivisiblefilm>

<https://www.facebook.com/superminorityfilm>

twitter: [@indivisibledoc](#)

instagram: [@superminorityfilm](#)

**Website:**

[www.kudzufilms.org](http://www.kudzufilms.org)

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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-owned and managed 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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