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Documentary Filmmaker Brandon Kramer honored as April 2016 Filmmaker of the Month

Documentary filmmaker honored for extraordinary contribution to the film community

Washington, D.C. – The District of Columbia Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment is pleased to honor documentary filmmaker Brandon Kramer as the April 2016 Filmmaker of the Month.

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Since 2010, Brandon has directed and produced over 20 short character-based documentaries and educational videos commissioned by local and national nonprofits including the AARP Foundation, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Ashoka Foundation, International Baccalaureate Organization, Washington Area Bicyclist Association, National Park Service, Ford's Theater, Seeds of Peace, Mundo Verde Public Charter School and the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless.

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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.



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 on <http://www.facebook.com/entertainDC>, or follow us on http://twitter.com/Film_DC.



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To learn more about Brandon Kramer, visit [his feature profile here](#).

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