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## CulturalDC's Performing Arts Spaces 'Flashpoint' and 'Source' Receive May 2016 Location of the Month Distinction

Innovative Art Spaces offer DC's Art Scene Unique Creative Spaces

**Washington, DC** – In conjunction with #InnoMAYtion, Mayor Bowser's monthlong initiative showcasing DC's innovation ecosystem, the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment is proud to select two of <u>CulturalDC</u>'s creative arts spaces 'Flashpoint' and 'Source' as May 2016 'Locations of the Month.'

**Flashpoint**, located in Northwest DC's Penn Quarter neighborhood, features a flexible 60-seat black box with modular risers with chairs. Configurations for the space include thrust, proscenium arch and in the round. The space also comes with a dressing room, full lighting, audio and communication systems. The space is set up to accommodate events ranging from plays/musicals, staged readings, screenings, live music, improvised comedy and dance performances. Flashpoint also features a dance studio with 400-square feet of open space with 13-foot ceilings. This versatile, column-free space is equipped with mirrors and a sprung floor with Marley covering. The gallery shares a movable wall with the Mead Theatre Lab allowing both spaces to be combined and configured to up to 900-square-feet. There is also a comfortable conference room, which seats 12 people.



**Source** is located on 14<sup>th</sup> Street near Logan Circle in Northwest Washington. Source's "black box" is a multipurpose, flexible performing arts space, which can be configured to suit a variety of entertainment needs. Events at Source have included modern dance, film screenings, improvisational theatre, public meetings, and commercial filming. The space can seat a maximum of 120 patrons on its modular risers. Rental of the black box includes the use of the front lobby, reception desk, patron restrooms, loading dock and dressing rooms. The rehearsal studio at Source is a 590-square-foot multipurpose space and has a sprung plywood and Masonite wood deck. Source also features a 300 square foot carpeted classroom and conference room complete with full-length pin board suitable for workshops, educational activities and more. Occupancy is 10 people active and 20 people seated.

CulturalDC was established in 1998 by a coalition of government, business and creative leaders. The nonprofit organization was formed to support DC's creative economy infrastructure and ensure there are spaces and resources for artists and arts organizations to live, create, exhibit and perform throughout the city. Each year, CulturalDC serves over 1,000 artists and arts groups and 30,000 audience members through the activation of creative spaces and the presentation of contemporary visual and performing arts at their two spaces.

The Location of the Month initiative was launched by the District government in 2011 to bring attention to the wide range of cinematically compelling locations that are available to film and television productions. Former Location of the Month recipients include the Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market in Northeast, the National Museum of the U.S. Navy in Southeast, and the Mansion on O St in Northwest.

To learn more about CulturalDC's Flashpoint and Source performing art spaces and to view photos, please visit the <u>Locations of the Month</u> feature on our web



site. If you are interested in using CulturalDC's Flashpoint and Source performing art spaces as a filming location, please contact us at <u>film@dc.gov</u>.

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Do you have a business or location you would like to have featured as OCTFME's "Location of the Month"? If so, please forward your inquiry to <u>film@dc.gov</u>.

## About OCTFME

The District of Columbia Office of Cable Television, Film, Music & Entertainment (OCTFME) 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, DC'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 & Entertainment at (202) 727-6608, visit us on the web at film.dc.gov, join the DC Film community on http://twitter.com/EntertainDC, or follow us on

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