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The Virginia Film Office and the Virginia Production Alliance congratulate the Television Internet and Video Association of DC for its hard work and dedication to media production in the Capitol Region. TIVA is a truly remarkable organization that provides valuable services to every business and individual working in the mid-Atlantic region today. In this busy and fast-paced world, TIVA is an excellent resource for all, providing professional development programs, communication opportunities and employment information.

We believe that the Mid-Atlantic has one of the finest production communities in the world, and this is why an event like the TIVA Peer Awards is so important – it allows us to shine a spotlight on the exceptional talent that can be found in the Mid-Atlantic region.

We are particularly proud to acknowledge TIVA's innovative Peer Promise Awards, including the finalists and everyone who participated. A program such as this one is important because it provides a unique opportunity for the next generation of film professionals to find encouragement and to have their work acknowledged and celebrated.

An awards event such as this one is not easy to put together and we want to acknowledge and thank everyone who was involved in the competition and the show. Congratulations to all the finalists and honorees who exemplify the best this region has to offer. We are truly proud to be part of this exceptional production community.



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Dear Award Winners, TIVA members and Guests,

Congratulations to all of this evening's talented PEER Award Winners, especially those industry professionals and companies that call Maryland home!

The DMV region has always had a strong reputation in film, television, and more recently, internet production. From industrials and indie films; to documentaries and interactive; to commercials and ground breaking series, the quality of our region's workforce (in front of and behind the camera), production and post-production companies, and industry support services is unsurpassed.

Ours is a collaborative industry. Organizations such as TIVA that facilitate networking, educating and mentoring only strengthen our region. Not only do TIVA members contribute to the region's creativity, you also impact the region's economy. Your productions showcase the quality of our local ability to audiences worldwide.

Means of distribution continue to increase, and there will be a growing need for content that entertains, educates and informs. I also salute the Peer Promise finalists, who will be providing quality content to meet these needs in the future.

I applaud tonight's winners and finalists, and thank TIVA and its members for your contribution to Maryland's and the region's creative economy.

Enjoy the evening!

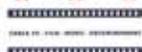
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November 6, 2015

Todd Clark
TIVA-DC
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RE: 2015 TIVA-DC Peer Awards Congratulations Letter

Mr. Clark:

On behalf of the DC Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment I would like to congratulate all of the finalists, award recipients, sponsors and colleagues who have gathered here tonight at the Embassy of France for the 19th annual TIVA Peer Awards Gala.

For the past 18 years, TIVA-DC has recognized "Excellence in Achievement" across a broad diversity of production and skills and it is our honor to partner with TIVA on this event that is so important to our regional media community.

At the newly created Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment (OCTFME) we support TIVA's mission to strengthen, educate and provide networking activities among the growing local media market.

OCTFME looks forward to continuing our close working relationship with TIVA-DC and salutes the Peer Awards finalists as we begin our new year of leadership around one of the most important industries within the District's creative economy.

Angie M. Gates
Director
DC Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment



Bienvenue aux Peer Awards chez les Français



On behalf of TIVA's board, I want to welcome you to the Peer Awards.

Ce soir, il s'agit d'excellence. Nous remercions infiniment l'Ambassade de France pour nous accueillir.

Tonight we come together as a community to salute media excellence in the greater DC region, and to call out our collective achievements in our contribution to society. We thank everyone who submitted their work, for without you tonight would not be possible.

Like a picture frame or background music, or a myriad of other things which are only noticed when they are bad, but otherwise taken for granted, are the people behind the scenes making tonight happen. While it is not possible to list everyone, there are a few individuals that have been instrumental in making tonight happen.

First and foremost, I cannot say enough about our chair Todd Clark, who has gone the extra mile, starting the day after last year's awards to make tonight a success. It has been an honor working with Todd, and he deserves much credit.

Everyone on TIVA's board has contributed. Glenn Scimonelli is our technical director. Colin Sandy has been working with our many sponsors, who are vital in making tonight a success. Rachel Torgoff has fostered our Peer Promise, to help bring in the next generation of film makers. Luis Bandon has worked tirelessly on our newsletter. TIVA's Treasurer Bill Coughlan and Matt Harmelin have run our marketing campaign. Rounding out the board are Vice President Aaron Shirley, Secretary Tara Garwood, Membership Chair Ed Fanning, Jonathan Stein, KC Blake and TIVA's newest board member Shane Yeager. I would also be remiss not to mention programming chair Rodney Mitchell, who has been the brain behind our many panels throughout the year. These events are the foundation of TIVA upon which tonight's event is the crowning jewel.

TIVA aims to bring the media community together to foster excellence. Film making is a collaborative process, and requires the varied skills of many, and collectively we are stronger than the sum of the individuals. While we certainly hope that you have enjoyed the evening, more importantly, we hope that you have connected with someone tonight who will provide support, encouragement and inspiration for your next project. We look forward to celebrating everyone's future success next year at TIVA's 20th Peer Awards.

Cheers,

Brian Wilbur Grundstrom
TIVA President

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Honoring



Mike Sobola Distinguished Service Award

It is with great honor and distinction on this day of November 14, 2015, at the annual TIVA Peer Awards Gala, in acknowledgement of his exceptional service to the media production community, that the Board of Directors of TIVA-DC, hereby confers to Mike Sobola its highest level of recognition and respect for his many years of service to TIVA as former Board President and his exceptional leadership, creativity and guidance as past Chair of the TIVA PEER Awards and his ongoing and growing body of work as an EMMY-Award winning producer, hereby confers to Michael Sobola its Distinguished Service Award.



Melissa Houghton Community Partner Award

In recognition of her unique qualities as Executive Director of Women in Film and Video (WIFV) since 2005, providing herself as an inspirational leader, informed guide, and influential mentor, in service to countless numbers of Filmmakers, Directors, Storytellers, Editors, Producers and all manner of Media Production Professionals and Students; and further, in acknowledgement of her tireless efforts to advocate, confer, partner and collaborate with TIVA-DC and many other media entities, government agencies, community organizations, and leading professionals across many disciplines, in order to further the aspirations, contributions and potential of the Media Production community,

It is with great honor and distinction on this day of November 14, 2015, at the annual 2015 TIVA Peer Awards Gala, that the Board of Directors of TIVA-DC, hereby confers to Melissa Houghton recognition with its Community Partner Award



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Honoring



Steve Wallace **STEVE WALLACE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

On this day of November 14, 2015, at its annual TIVA PEER Awards Gala, it is with great honor that the Board of Directors of TIVA-DC recognizes the merits of Outstanding Leadership, Distinguished Work Ethic, Unyielding Honesty, and Generosity of Spirit from within the region's media production community, by conferring its first Annual STEVE WALLACE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD to Stephen McFarland Wallace (1943-2015) As the founder and owner of Presentation Media in Jessup, MD, Steve was dedicated to giving his clients the best he could offer — and more. Steve was widely known to go out of his way to accommodate his clients and was always flexible to meet their budgets and needs. He was hands-on, intensely creative and universally recognized as the “go-to” guy, at a moment's notice, for any AV need, while building a strong and well-respected company.

Through this award and recognition, may it be forever known that Steve Wallace will be regarded as an outstanding individual and long-time friend of TIVA and many other media associations, and that for his diverse range of clients, both large and small, for whom he provided an unusually large percentage of in-kind services, he will always be remembered for the delivery of top-notch service and exemplary business friendship.



Laetitia Giansily-Doyle **A Salute to Excellence in Media Distribution**

It is with great honor that the Board of Directors of TIVA-DC on this day of November 14, 2015, at its annual TIVA PEER Awards Gala, recognizes Laetitia Giansily-Doyle, International Sales and Acquisitions Representative, Head of the US Office of TERRANO, Washington D.C. for her role in developing and sourcing documentary films and catalogues from independent producers and filmmakers; handling pre-sales and co-productions; and overseeing sales to the Americas, Australia, Southern Europe, Africa, and the Middle East and hereby pay tribute to her with its highest recognition: “A Salute to Excellence in Media Distribution”

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Lamont Easter, MC Host

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Presented by Brian Wilbur Grundstrom, TIVA President

WELCOME REMARKS

DC Government

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AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Peer Promise

Student Production

Public Relations and Marketing

-Budget: Under \$10,000

-Budget: 10,000-25,000

-Budget: \$25,000 and above

Public Service Announcement

KEYNOTE REMARKS

Philip Gilpin, Jr, Executive Director, IIVFest

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Education & Training, Government and Internal Communications

-Budget: Under \$25,000

-Budget: \$25,000 and above

Government

-Budget: under \$25,000

Internal Communications

Commercial

TRIBUTE: COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD—MELISSA HOUGHTON, WIFV

Presented by TIVA Peer Awards Chair, Todd Clark

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Acting on Camera, Fiction, Female

Acting on Camera, Fiction, Male

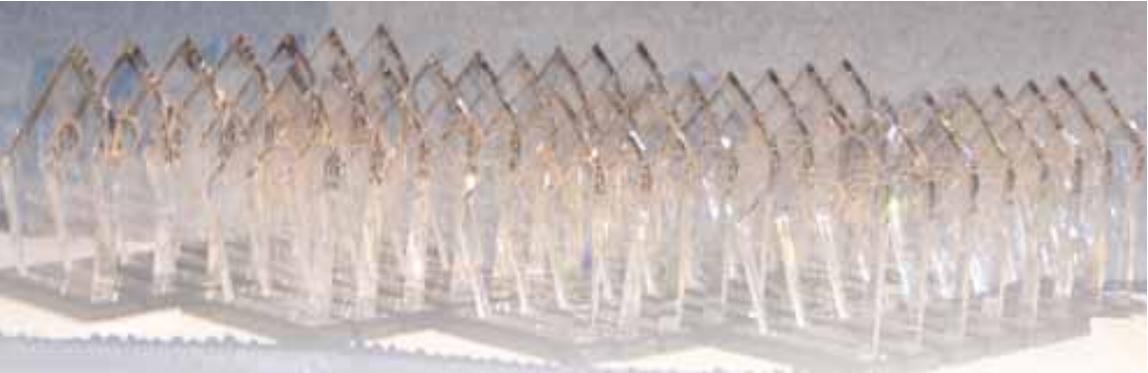
Acting on Camera, Non-Fiction, Female

Acting- Voice-Over Long Form, Female

Acting Voice-Over Long Form, Male

Acting Voice-Over Spot

Radio Spot



KEYNOTE REMARKS—KIMBERLY SKYRME, KIMBERLY SKYRME CASTING

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Animated Program	Motion Graphics 2D/3D Under 10K
Book Narration	Motion Graphics 2D/3D 10K-25K
Children's Program	Motion Graphics 2D/3D Over 25K
Color Grading	Music
Interstitial	Music Video

KEYNOTE REMARKS—RICK ALLEN, CEO, SNAG FILMS

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Web Series	Production Design
Stunts	Program Opens
Visual Effects	Program/Series Promo

TRIBUTE—STEVE WALLACE AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE, STEVE WALLACE

Presented by Chair, Sponsorship, TIVA Board, Colin Sandy

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Sound Design	Director of Photography, Non-fiction
Editing, Spot of Commercial	Director of Photography, Fiction
Editing, Non-fiction	Directing, Non-Fiction
Editing, Fiction	Directing, Fiction

TRIBUTE—DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD- MIKE SOBOLA

Presented by Virginia Film Office, Maryland Film Office

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Docu-Drama	Scriptwriting, Non-Fiction
Documentary—Budget Under 50K	Scriptwriting, Fiction
Documentary—Budget Over 50K	Independent Short Film
Scriptwriting, Spot/PSA/Commercial	

BEST OF DC AWARD

Presented by Angie Gates, Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment

CLOSING REMARKS

Brian Wilbur Grundstrom, TIVA President
Todd Clark, Peer Awards Chair, Government Liaison

MC & Host



LAMONT EASTER, MC/Host

Lamont Easter is a television, film and commercial actor with appearances on shows such as House of Cards, HBO Veep, CBS Madame Secretary and in various commercials such as GIECO, Coca cola, and Carmax to name a few. Furthermore, Lamont just recently completed a lead role in an independent western film called "The Lonesome Trail", and is currently playing a lead role as the National Security Advisor in a feature film called "R-Naught 15" and is the Asst.

Producer on a new film called Yin-Yang. Lamont has performed in several other independent films, web series and numerous corporate training videos and print advertisements. In addition to his acting pursuits, Lamont is also an accomplished musician whose instrument of choice is the drums. Lamont is a career federal civil servant who continues to have a national impact in the area of technology innovation and has received awards and recognition for his service, including a national award from the US Attorney General. Lamont, is a dedicated philanthropist and a champion of autism research and advocacy and has been recognized in said communities for his tireless efforts. Lamont Easter was born in Annapolis Maryland and raised in sunny San Diego. Lamont presently resides in the DC metro area, but has lived and worked in Los Angeles, CA., Lexington, KY., and on the lovely Italian island of Sardinia, Italy.

Keynote Speakers



KIMBERLY SKYRME

Kimberly has been a filmmaker for 20 years, she began her film career as a Casting Director in Washington DC. Having studied Acting and Directing in college she understands the language of Actors and collaborates with Directors seamlessly. Projects include Studios and Independent Films , Commercial for National Advertising Agencies, Network Television Programs and work with numerous regional and national production companies. Kimberly is the founder of Kimberly Skyrme Casting, formerly Capital Casting. She continues her work as

a Casting Director as well as producing Feature Films and Television Programming under her New Company Wonder Wheel Entertainment.

Working as a Location Casting Director for Hollywood Films and the long running Docudrama/Crime Series Unsolved Mysteries she gained an interest in Producing. While working on True Lies, she produced her first Film for a fellow American University Graduate... it was the first of many. Due to her close interactions with Producers and Production Managers from the Feature Films and the Television Series she was able to garner producing skills from some of Hollywood and New York's A Listers. Producing credits include Film Shorts and Features, Commercials and Interactive Training Programs.

Keynote Speakers



**PHILIP GILPIN, JR.,
Executive Director, ITVFest
11th Annual Independent
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Philip is a native Bostonian and an alum of Boston College with a Bachelor of Science in Physics and Mathematics. After leaving BC in 2003, he moved to Los Angeles and worked as a Participations Analyst in the Business Affairs division of HBO where he was responsible for financial analysis of HBO's major production and talent contracts (Sex and the City, Sopranos, Six Feet Under, Curb Your Enthusiasm, etc.). Having attended the first ITVFest in Los Angeles in 2006 and recognizing its unique indie vibe, Philip worked with the festival's Founders to move ITVFest out of Hollywood. Now after three successful years in Vermont, ITVFest has rooted itself in Dover for years to come). Looking forward, ITVFest is expanding into a year-round organization with operations in Boston, NYC, Los Angeles, Chicago, DC and of course, Vermont. With the explosion of indie TV talent in recent years, ITVFest is an essential and valuable festival in the digital landscape.



RICK ALLEN, Chief Executive Officer and Board Member, Snag Films

Rick Allen has run successful companies in nearly every form of media, and helped to develop or extend some of the country's most prestigious brands. Rick is the CEO of SnagFilms which he helped to found with Ted Leonsis. The two produced *Kicking It*, which screened at Sundance, Tribeca and other film festivals and was aired by ESPN; for the film and their work on homelessness, Leonsis, Allen and colleagues received the 2009 Stewart B. McKinney Award from the

National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty. In 2010, Leonsis and Allen produced *A Fighting Chance*, which aired on ESPN in November, 2010.

Allen previously was President and CEO of Sporting News, the country's oldest sports media company, leading a revitalization that saw it named twice to Adweek's annual "Hot List" as a top-10 media property. Earlier, he served as President and CEO of the for-profit arm of the National Geographic Society, responsible for television and film; interactive products, websites and e-commerce; maps; travel; retail; catalog; and consumer products. Under his leadership, the National Geographic Channel was launched and became one of the fastest growing cable channels in recent history. Before coming to National Geographic, Rick was a senior executive at Discovery Communications, parent of the Discovery Channel, where he extended the company's brand into filmed entertainment, education, technology and retail.



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AMIE CAZEL

Amie Cazel is an actor, singer, and arts educator who very recently has relocated to the New York City area. Locally, she has performed with Scena Theatre, Annapolis Shakespeare Company, Ambassador Theater, Young Playwrights' Theater, Workhouse Arts Center, and the Source and Fringe festivals. Amie held roles on *Philomena* and *America's Most Wanted* and has been featured in numerous industrial films and commercials, including one for the Boston Bruins which was nominated by TBS for Funniest Commercial of the Year. Amie is a member of SAG-AFTRA, an Equity Membership Candidate, and a recent graduate of Catholic University's MFA acting program.



SHAWN COSBY

Shawn Cosby is a professionally trained actress and choreographer. She has appeared in several feature films, commercials, and television shows including *House of Cards*, *Xfinity*, *New Best Friend*, *Step Up*, *The Salon*, and the soon to be released independent film *Those We Don't Speak Of* as well as one of the voices of NPR. Ms. Cosby is the creative director for the DC-CAP Performing Arts Gala at the Kennedy Center and has choreographed for numerous recording artists and Off-Broadway musicals. A master teacher in dance, she has taught master classes from DC to South Africa and is a recipient of the Alvin Ailey Award for Choreography.



ERIK MUELLER

Erik Mueller is a computer scientist, actor, producer, and composer. He is especially proud of his work on the Watson computer system that beat human Jeopardy! champions and is now being used in many industries ranging from healthcare to finance. Another career highlight is producing and acting in his award-winning web series *Wall Geek*. He has written books on artificial intelligence, commonsense reasoning, daydreaming, and learning French. He is a member of SAG-AFTRA, Actors' Equity, and ASCAP.



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Merci! FROM THE CHAIR

Thank you for supporting the 2015 TIVA Peer Awards. And thank you for being here at the wonderful Embassy of France—as either a finalist, a guest, a presenter, a member of the tech crew, a Speaker, an Honoree, Board member, or a finalist—especially if you are about to receive recognition with a Gold, Bronze or Silver award for your wonderful work. Welcome and thank you! After all, that is what this night is all about—a chance to celebrate excellence in achievement—and so here we are, supporting each other's hard work and uplifting our strong presence as a vital, tremendously important part of the local area's growing Creative Economy.



I am so glad that I was blessed to find the right mix of creative talent and expertise, (whose business's are all located right here in the region), to come together as a team and put the kind of Gala together that speaks to the excellence in achievement that we will see in all of our finalists. The TIVA Board and Peer Awards Committee, our production team, event crew, judges and speakers-- have all come together-- and we have worked hard-- most of us as volunteers, to create an all around night of remarkable excellence.

This is a night to show pride in our best work, to show off our creative ideas and to grow as professionals and, most importantly, it is a chance to come together as colleagues and friends. We are a production community that is stronger when we are bound by successful collaborations and meaningful referrals. We all do better when we all do well.

This year, under the capable hands of Jim Pennington, (PEER Awards Vice Chair), DUO Media Productions, who oversaw the data entry and awards category system and Tim Flaherty, (Judge Coordinator), President Communications Ventures of America, who convened and oversaw a stellar and sizeable group of judge facilitators and judges—who rigorously evaluated and ranked hundreds of entries over the summer)—we have arrived where we are tonight: Recognizing Excellence in Achievement.

Thank you to Brian Wilbur Grundstrom for his support and collaboration and who had the initial vision to hold a Peer Awards gala at the Embassy of France. I want to emphasize my deep appreciation for the gracious relationship that we have developed with the Embassy of France and in particular, I would like to thank His Excellency Ambassador Gérard Araud and Cultural Attaché Mark Sherringham, and to salute the wonderful hospitality and support we have enjoyed from Marie-Hélène Zavala, Special Events and Outreach Manager, and Fred Darricarrere, Catering.

I would also like to thank our marvelous production team who came together tonight to put on a memorable Gala. I am so thankful for the staging, projection and audio systems which come from Ray Leonard and Dave Yates and crew at Presentation Media. The keynote presentation was put together by Henninger Video under the guiding genius of Ari Zagnit. It is wonderful to have the stunning show open and category graphics sequences designed and provided by Pigmental Studios and the phenomenal skills of Atilla Juhas. Doug Smith and crew at Shadowstone Lighting, have created stunning atmospherics with lighting design and instruments. I really wanted to put together what we needed to make this night come to life—and here it is!

This year TIVA pays tribute to several notable leaders and friends. Melissa Houghton, Executive Director of Women in Film and Video (WIFV) has been honored with our Community Partner Award. We bring special thanks and appreciation to Mike Sobola with a Distinguished Service Award. This year we present the first annual Steve Wallace Award for Community Service to Steve McFarland Wallace (1943-2015). We also honor the significant work of Laetitia Giansily-Doyle with our "A Salute to Excellence in Media Distribution".

Enjoy the Gala Awards night! Meet up with an old friend or colleague. Make some new contacts while we all celebrate and recognize the creative excellence of all our finalists. The TIVA PEER Awards are a night to recognize excellence in achievement from throughout the Capitol Region's capable production community May we all be so blessed as to be deeply inspired tonight—and to continue to nurture and recognize the excellence in achievement that comes from within ourselves.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Clark". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Todd Clark, Executive Director



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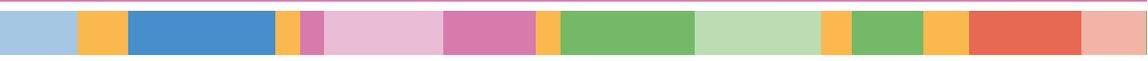
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