

# WIFV NEWS

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## WIFV People in the News - June 2024

Scuba, Festivals, Kids Series, Awards, Premieres, Training, Panels,  
Throwing a Punch, Heading to France

### Rana Labs, DCPS/Scuba, and Uganda

Did you know DC Public Schools has a scuba diving program? Their goal is to get students of color interested, opening doors to new future career paths.

**Rana Labs**, owned by **Miles Sedgewick**, is filming a series for DCPS to share the amazing stories of educators going above and beyond every day for kids in the District. Meanwhile, their team is in Uganda filming across the country, telling the story of community-supported organizations and the amazing work they do every day. And finally, Rana Labs is launching a new service which should be of interest to members and colleagues of WIFV. More info coming soon!



### Rehoboth Beach Independent Film Festival

### Gudris & Rehoboth Festival

**Erik Gudris** serves on the planning committee for the upcoming 26th annual Rehoboth Beach Independent Film Festival that will take place from November 6-10. The

festival, one of the longest-running in the United States, attracts more than 5,000 attendees and offers five days with 40+ films, tributes, Q&As, and panels, fulfilling its mission to engage, enrich, and inspire people through the power of film. **Submissions are now open for narratives, shorts, and documentaries through Film Freeway.** Early-bird deadline is June 28. The regular deadline is August 16. **More info here.**

### Duke & Duck Launches Their First Original Kids Series!



It's June and **Duke & Duck**, via their Double Scoop Studio, are bringing you something a little different from their usual content -- their very first original kids series! Welcome to a world where learning math and exploring nature collide in the most delightful way possible — introducing Count on June Bug!

A few years ago, Duke & Duck started **Double Scoop Studio** to develop and produce social impact kids content and this series, co-produced with the WNET Group (PBS in New York) is a huge milestone for us. Join June Bug and her pals on bite-sized adventures designed to teach preschoolers about the wonders of math and nature. **Don't miss out — catch the episodes on YouTube now!**

**Check out the Double Scoop website** for more about the characters, how this series came together, and more! To enhance your viewing experience and dig into preschool math concepts, head over to **PBS LearningMedia** to access teaching resources, co-viewing ideas, and other activities.

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## Team WIFV Wins Twice at 48 Hour Best of...

Team WIFV, makers of MURDER ON THE 31ST for the 2024 48 Hour Film Project - Washington, DC, received the Best Costuming/Wardrobe Award and the Spirit Award at the Best Of Screening program held at AFI Silver on June 6, The Spirit Award was for their enthusiasm (and maybe the Halloween candy) shared at the premiere screening on May 17, also at AFI Silver.

Those at AFI Silver on June 6 to collect the awards and hear the applause were (Front row) **Renata Phillippi, Geri Reinhart, sheri ratick stroud, Laura Kroeger, Jane Barbara, Maggie Mulloy, Sharon Sobel**, and (back row) **Adrien Silas, Kathy Schmoke, John Aaron**. Photo courtesy of **Mark Ricche**



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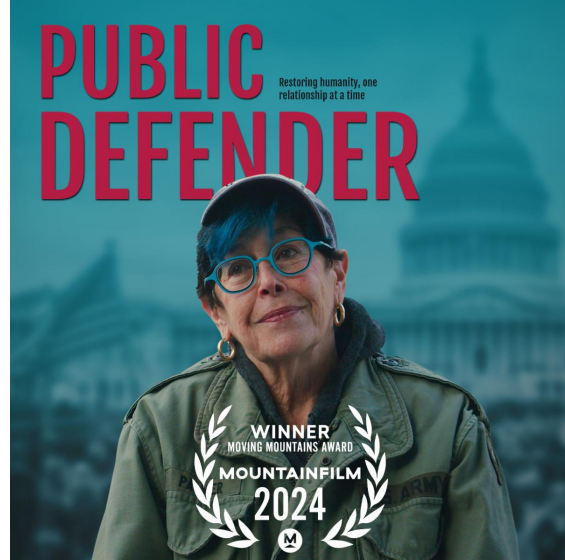
## Mountainfilm Premiere

Wow! What an inspiring week at Mountainfilm for the WORLD PREMIERE of **Spark Media**'s latest documentary, PUBLIC DEFENDER. Surrounded by the majestic Rocky Mountains in Telluride, CO, the documentary screened for three sold-out audiences, earned an encore screening, and was recognized with the Moving Mountains Award for the film's impact focus on restoring democracy and humanity, one

relationship at a time.

Explore the gripping journey of a liberal public defender representing right-wing January 6th rioters. With humor and heart, PUBLIC DEFENDER confronts America's division and misinformation head-on.

PUBLIC DEFENDER, produced/directed by **Andrea Kalin** will have its EAST COAST PREMIERE at **DC/DOX** on June 16. **Be sure to follow the film on social media for the latest updates.**



## Metro Teleproductions Records Seminar



Property damage consultant Chad Michael contacted Metro Teleproductions (MTI) president **Dave Lilling** to produce a full-day, multi-camera video seminar for Michael's YouTube page. This full-day production, held at the College Park Marriott, required a three-person crew running three cameras, focusing on Michael as he roamed the room, taking questions from the attendees, and also capturing their responses. The MTI crew included Ben Wong, John Bogley, Shawn Chadwick, and photographer Leigh Mosley.

(Photo left) Ben Wong (l) and John Bogley (r) confer on the right technical specs for the video shoot. (Photo right) Client Chad Michael (center) discusses the production with MTI's Shawn Chadwick (l) and John Bogley (r). Both photos by **Leigh Mosley**.



## Kempner on Paley Center Panel

Holocaust stories, whether scripted or nonfiction, remain a powerful tool to understand one of the darkest chapters in human history, helping to inform the present about the need to combat any form of hatred or antisemitism. The Paley Center will bring together documentary and fiction filmmakers to explore new ways Holocaust stories are being told, especially to engage the next generation. The panel will explore why we must learn

lessons from this dark past to combat antisemitism and work toward a more tolerant future. Part of Paley's ongoing series, *Media's Role in Combating Antisemitism*, this panel will be held on June 25 in NYC. **More info here.**

In Person:

**Aviva Kempner**, Director/Producer, *A Pocketful of Miracles: A Tale of Two Siblings*  
Heather Dune Macadam, Author, Director, and Producer, *999: The Forgotten Girls of the Holocaust*

Tony Phelan, Executive Producer, Cocreator, *A Small Light*

## Kain Shares His Expertise

Maryland-based professional stuntman **Rick Kain** gives a behind-the-scenes look at the new movie *THE FALL GUY* starring Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt and shows how to throw the perfect fake punch on a recent episode of the WUSA-9 *Great Day Washington*. [Watch it here.](#)

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## Farmer Heading to France

**Robin Farmer**, a 2024 Narrative Script Development Fellow, and her husband, Michael Paul Williams, were awarded a 2025 Chateau d' Orquevaux Artists and Writers Residency in France. Robin and Michael, both journalists, write and produce short scripts together. During the residency, they will collaborate on a novel and a screenplay.

There is no fee to apply for the residency and Robin strongly urges other WIFV Members to take advantage of the opportunity. [More info here.](#)



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### News Deadline

The deadline to submit your information for the monthly Members in the News e-publication is the 10th of the month. Send your article (100 words or so) and a jpg-format photograph or link to your video project to [director@wifv.org](mailto:director@wifv.org).



### About WIFV

Women in Film & Video (WIFV) provides educational and networking opportunities for screen-based media makers, celebrates women's creative and technical achievements in media, and advocates for parity both in front of and behind the camera to ensure that all voices can be heard.





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