



# THE BELLTOWER

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Belltower Pictures is an Emmy® award-winning not-for-profit media company that breaks down barriers between people, using compelling stories that entertain, educate, and inspire a greater understanding and compassion towards humanity.

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In addition to winning exciting awards and adding and orienting new board members, Belltower Pictures has been busy during the past three months focusing and planning our next film project, KNOCK, which is about the problems and solutions to human trafficking which is considered to be the current manifestation of modern- day slavery.

To make a good documentary, we believe it is important to immerse ourselves in the problems we are showcasing and KNOCK is no different. Our board members and staff have been educating ourselves on the true depth of this issue by attending events sponsored by other not-for- profit organizations focused on human trafficking and by participating the Virginia Attorney General's Office 2nd Human Trafficking Summit where leaders from all over Virginia came to discuss the problems in our communities.



We are currently planning our own anti-human trafficking symposium for the Spring of 2025 in the Central Virginia Area. If you would like to get involved please reach out to us.





In September, Anahita won an Emmy® in the category of Cultural Documentary. We are so proud that our films have been so well received, and we congratulate the following talented individuals:

Martin Montgomery, Director  
David E. Powers, Producer  
Jawad Wahabzada, Producer  
Craig Martin, Producer  
Earl Bridges, Producer  
Travis Tucker, Music Producer  
Scott Lane, Music Composer

## BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Steve Martin, aka Stephen Hawley Martin, is the editor and publisher of The Oaklea Press and the author of dozens of books, including five novels and six business management titles. He's also ghostwritten more than a dozen, ranging from memoirs to business management and leadership titles, to self-help books, to historical novels. A gifted writer, Steve has won a half dozen national awards for books he's authored. He is the world's only three-time winner of the Writer's Digest Book Award, having won twice for fiction and once for non-fiction.

Steve has been a board member since the inception of Belltower Pictures and he is a valued member of our board of directors.

**STEPHEN  
HAWLEY  
MARTIN**



# Faith & Film Forum

Since our last newsletter, we have been graced by the presence of extraordinary guests at our Faith and Film Forum, which takes place on the third Friday of every month. We warmly invite you to join us or contemplate supporting our gatherings by becoming a sponsor. Our events weave together the film and arts community, fostering fellowship, networking, education, and the uplifting of each other's noble pursuits.



**Maeve Jones** is the Executive Director of the Poe Museum in Richmond, Virginia. Before joining the museum in 2022, Maeve worked in historical interpretation at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and in fundraising at the Richmond Performing Arts Alliance. Maeve attended the University of Virginia and holds a master's degree in English with a focus on 19th-century British literature.



**Jason Roop** is the founder of the public relations and content marketing firm Springstory. He helps clients discover compelling stories within their organizations. A native of Luray, Jason is a University of Richmond graduate with a B.A. degree in journalism and political science. For more than 20 years, Jason worked as a journalist in Richmond, including 12 as editor-in-chief of the news publication Style Weekly. He's been a fill-in host for Newsradio WRVA's "Richmond's Morning News" and serves as host of the Richmond City Council live broadcast



**Laura Seltzer-Duny** is an Emmy-nominated PBS Producer and award-winning filmmaker who has been Producing and Directing documentaries and educational programs for over 20 years. Driven by her commitment to creating media that inspires social change, she founded Seltzer Film & Video, LLC. Her work has aired on major networks including PBS, CNN, MSNBC, CBS, NBC, Discovery & History Channels.

**We can't continue our impactful Faith & Film Forum and media productions without your support!!**



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