



# 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.

## LIGHTS... CAMERA... PURPOSE APPRECIATION & INSIGHTS

We're deeply grateful to everyone who joined us this fall at the Byrd Theatre in Richmond to support our 2025 fundraising. It was an honor to share a powerful lineup of films, including previews of our upcoming documentaries — *KNOCK* and *BOB DOING BOB THINGS* — alongside encore screenings of our Emmy Award-winning documentaries *HEARD* and *ANAHITA- A mother's journey*.<sup>®</sup>

While many in the audience had seen *HEARD* and *ANAHITA* before, this year's screenings struck a different chord. The films invited reflection not just on their original messages, but on how much the world has changed in just a few short years. The conversations afterward were thoughtful, emotional, and deeply relevant.

Many wondered:

- Is Anahita — the courageous mother from *ANAHITA* — facing deportation?
- How are the families from *HEARD* navigating life in the 2025 economy?

These questions remind us why storytelling matters — and why your continued support is necessary to allow us to keep bringing these human stories to the forefront.

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JOIN OUR BOARD AND SHAPE OUR MISSION



We're inviting a few passionate, community-focused individuals to join our not-for-profit board. This isn't about titles—it's about bringing your heart and insights to a cause that matters.

What We're Looking For:

- A genuine passion for our mission and a desire to make a tangible impact through film.
- Willingness to share your expertise, whether it's in community outreach, fundraising, or strategic planning.
- An open mind, ready to collaborate and grow with a team of like-minded people.
- A few hours a month to help guide our vision and celebrate our progress.

In short, if you're ready to lend your talent and help us flourish, we'd love to hear from you!

Shauna Elgin is one of our newest board members and a great addition to the board. She is a Certified Corporate FP&A Professional and has 30 years of experience in accounting and finance. Her experience includes financial reporting and analysis, regulatory compliance, merger and acquisition analysis, long range planning and forecasting, financial valuations, and corporate insurance. She joined the board in 2024 and is the Chair of the Finance Committee. She and her family are from the Midwest and now reside in Richmond, VA.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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# RVA FAITH & FILM FORUM

Our well attended events held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month weave together the film and arts community while fostering fellowship, networking, and education. Our informal meetings serve as a safe space to discuss changes in the industry and vent frustrations, in addition to announcing production needs and uplifting each other's noble pursuits.

We are continuing to grow and expand. Our upcoming December and January meetings will be held at our office: 2705 Park Avenue, Richmond, VA 23220 and our February meeting was rescheduled to be held offsite at Hill City Church. Details and directions will follow. Contact Kimberly Jennings at (804) 302-0909 for more information or to sponsor one of our events. Below are the wonderful featured guests we've had this Spring.



**Dr. Kip Redick** was our August featured guest. He is Professor and Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, and the Dr. Tracey T. Schwarze Endowed Professor of Humanities at Christopher Newport University. Professional interests include pilgrimage studies, spiritual journey, spirituality of place, aesthetics, media ecology; visual, religious, and environmental rhetoric; and film studies. His specific research interest centers on the study of wilderness trails as sites of spiritual journey.

**Liz B. Baker**, Founder of Nimbology, was our September 2025 featured guest. Liz is a strategist and thought leader at the intersection of ethical AI, human innovation, and creative leadership. Founder of Nimbology, she helps organizations adopt AI as a coworker and collaborator. She recently launched the Global Institute for AI & Humanity, produces Fuse: The AI Creative Podcast, and convenes the Women & AI cohort through AI Ready RVA, a nonprofit she helped found. Drawing on two decades in Fortune 500 and nonprofit leadership along with roots as a glass and ceramics artist, Liz equips leaders to navigate change with wisdom, vision, and nimbleness.



**Mark Brown**, owner of the Lost Office Collaboration, was our November 2025 featured guest. He began his career at Accenture before leading large-scale business and technology transformation projects for organizations like the U.S. Postal Service, Capital One, and Wells Fargo. Drawn to the deeper meaning of work, he joined brand consultancy Joe Smith, helping clients define purpose and design experiences that bring values to life. Known for his empathy and insight into team dynamics, Mark has shaped workplace strategies for companies such as GE, Raytheon, and Winnebago Industries. His passion for helping teams reach their full potential led him to found Amphibian, where he focuses on the future of work.



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