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Don't Miss our June Faith & Film Forum

RVA FAITH & FILM FORUM



SPECIAL GUEST

ANDY EDMUNDS

Director, Virginia Film Office



June 20 2025
8 am to 10 am

Pusey House
2705 Park Ave.
Richmond, VA 23220

PLEASE JOIN US

Belltower Pictures Presentations and Community Activities

Muse + Machine: Exploring the Intersection of AI & Human Creativity

Panel Discussion Presented by Belltower Pictures, CultureWorks, and RIFF's Arts Institute (RAI)

On April 24th, Belltower Pictures co-hosted an engaging panel event, Muse + Machine: Exploring the Intersection of AI & Human Creativity, in collaboration with the Richmond International Film Festival's Arts Institute and CultureWorks. Held at the historic Robinson Theater in Church Hill, Richmond, VA, the event drew over 100 attendees for two thought-provoking one-hour panel discussions, technology demonstrations, and networking opportunities.

Each of the three sponsoring nonprofit organizations hosted display tables, offering attendees the chance to learn how their missions support and empower local creatives to stay at the forefront of technological change in fields such as film, music, writing, media, and related industries.

The panels were emceed by Heather Waters and Craig Martin.

Panel 1 featured: Andy Edmunds, Justin Laughter, Esq., Momin Khan, and Liz B. Baker.

Panel 2 featured: Brian Palmer, Jeff Williamson, Chris Little, and Pete Rango.



Heather Waters and Craig Martin



Andy Edmunds, Justin Laughter, Esq., Momin Khan, and Liz B. Baker



Professor Brian Palmer, Professor Jeff Williamson, Chris Little, and Pete Rango

Big Dipper Innovation Summit

Our President Craig Martin and the Heather Waters of the Richmond International Film Festival, were sponsors and panelist at Richmond's Big Dipper Innovation Summit, whose 2025 theme "Constellations of Change," brought together visionaries, entrepreneurs, and change-makers from around the area to hear experts talk about the transformative forces that are creating new opportunities across our local industries and communities. Heather and Craig answered questions and recapped what they believe will be the future of filmmaking using new technological breakthroughs and advancements.



April 22-24, 2025 in RVA

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



IAN PATRICK

Ian Patrick is the secretary of Belltower Pictures, and the Chairperson of our Governance Committee. By day, Ian is a Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch. He holds an MBA from the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina. Ian is an active church member and plays in the contemporary band at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Additionally, Ian serves on committees with several other organizations in the non-profit sector. Ian has a growing family and enjoys sailing and soccer in his free time. He is a valued member of Belltower Pictures.



RVA Faith & Film Forum is Growing & Expanding

We warmly invite you to join us and consider supporting our gatherings by becoming a sponsor. We have become so popular that our breakfast meetings are starting to outgrow our space! In the next months we will be scouting locations and sponsorship offers from area churches. Please pass this on to your church or call Kimberly Jennings at (804) 302-0909 to get more information about this opportunity.

Since our last newsletter, we have had interesting and enlightening conversations with extraordinary featured guests at our Faith and Film Forums, which takes place on the third Friday of every month. Below are our two most recent featured guests.

Our well attended events weave together the film and arts community, foster fellowship, networking, education, and serves as a safe space to discussion frustrations and needs, while also uplifting each other's noble pursuits.

Amanda Russell was our March 2025 featured guest. Amanda is the Co-Founder, Creative Director & Motion Design Ambassador of Cream Studio. As Co-founder and Creative Director of Cream Studio, Amanda shapes ideas into rich visual experiences that captivate the senses through design and animation. She's passionate about pushing the creative industry toward a positive future through mentoring, thought leadership, and collective collaboration between artists, studios, agencies and brands.



Mike Rabin was our April 2025 featured guest. Mike is a systems thinker and founder of Pollinators for Change, a movement for sustainable change-making grounded in the belief that everyone has parts to play in the making of sustainable futures. His work focuses on aligning people across the fields of sustainable and regenerative change-making to reimagine our civic life as a collective field. Mike sees Richmond as a beacon for systemic transformation — a place where national divisions are being transcended and a new enlightenment is being embodied.

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



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As a 501(c)(3), we rely solely on donations from generous donors such as yourself. Help us spread the positive word and continue to bring the community together. Please join us as a volunteer, donor, advisor, or friend.

Reach out to Kimberly Jennings at kjennings@belltowerpictures.com to discover ways to get involved.

