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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.

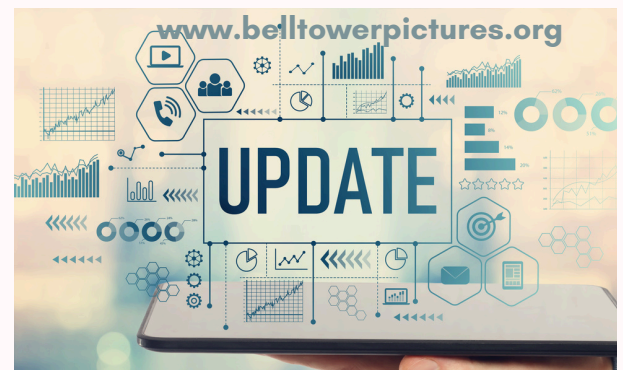
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WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

We are excited to announce that work is currently underway on a new and more dynamic Belltower Pictures Website. Our new website will contain timely information about upcoming events and will allow easier contact with our board members and activities.

Stay informed for our rollout.



In support of our next film production, *KNOCK - peering into human trafficking's many rooms*, plans are underway for our spring Anti-Human Trafficking Symposium to be held in Richmond, VA in April of 2025. At this event, local and state politicians, activist, and film makers will discuss why Virginia is leading the way in efforts to combat this modern day human slavery, what still needs to be done, and the importance of the film to help educate the public and law enforcement, and make it easier for other not-for-profit organizations to spotlight the problem. If you want to support or be involved, please reach out.



Panel Discussion with RIFF Art's Institute



In December, Belltower Pictures hosted a joint breakfast meeting with the Richmond International Film Festival's Arts Institute. Our large group was graciously hosted by In Your Ear Studio in downtown Richmond, VA.

The topic of discussion was Human Storytelling in the World of Artificial Intelligence. Our interesting panelist tackled a variety of topics related to how AI is changing our industry for better...and for worse.

Heather Waters and Craig Martin asked questions of our four knowledgeable guest panelist:

- Justin Laughter - Esq., Threshold Counsel, PC
- Andy Edmunds - Director, Virginia Film Office
- Will Willis - Board Chair, AI Ready RVA
- GINNA Lambert - Board Member, The Poe Museum

Our 2nd AI event is scheduled for April 21st 2025 - Stay in touch for details.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

RUSS PARKER

Russ Parker served as the CEO & President of prominent Richmond builder, Parker Lancaster Corporation, for 25 years. Prior to that Russ earned an MBA from the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia. He was board member and finance committee chairman of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority for eight years and currently serves on Belltower Picture's Finance committee and is our Philanthropy Committee Chairperson. Steve has been a board member since the inception of Belltower Pictures and he is a valued member of our organization.



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.



Melanie Cox, has been the President of Spang TV since 2002. She is a graduate of VCU and an active member of the local film community. She has grown Spang TV to national prominence by her ability to hire and empower those around her to be the best they can be. She discussed this and the variety of traits that make her productions unique to the film and commercial advertising business.



Micah White's enthusiasm and energy radiates wherever he goes. Over the span of his 25+ years in the entertainment industry, he has worn numerous hats, evolving from a stand-up comedian to a versatile host, keynote speaker, and philanthropist. Off the stage, Micah White serves as the Vice President of Business Development for the Metropolitan Business League (MBL). As a TEDx VA speaker, he has used his platform to address critical issues such as diversity, growth, and inclusion within corporations and organizations. Micah White's mission is elegantly simple yet profoundly impactful: to use comedy and entertainment as tools to bridge racial, religious, and political divides.

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.

