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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.

SCENE IN VIRGINIA

Scene in Virginia (trademark pending) is our newest ongoing project. This monthly, Virginia-focused documentary & film screening series will be produced by Belltower Pictures and hosted at the historic Byrd Theatre in Carytown. The series creates a consistent platform for audiences to experience Virginia-made film and documentary work that may otherwise never be publicly screened, and it expands the “film night” into a community encounter that connects artists and audiences. We are putting the final touches on the procedures and processes and we will be reaching out soon to invite all Virginia filmmakers to submit their films to us for consideration.

SCENE IN VIRGINIA

Local films. Real stories. Powerful perspectives.

Movies are selected by a panel of experts from Emmy® Award Winning Belltower Pictures

2nd Thursdays of every month - 6:30 PM

The Byrd Theatre
2908 W. Cary St., RVA

\$9
Suitable for all audiences

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WORK IN PROGRESS



Belltower Pictures is providing fiscal sponsorship of a project from the Indie Artist Fund (Indie AF) whose goal is to assist independent artist by listening to their needs and providing the funding, support, and training necessary to bridge the gap from surviving to thriving. Their first production, *Forever Young*, was filmed in December. It outlines the vision of Indie AF and speaks with the artists behind the project and serves as a model for supporting future artistic projects in Richmond.

Belltower Pictures is also assisting the Alliance for Unitive Justice (AUJ) in the development of an introductory video to help promote and educate on a new theory and practice of justice. AUJ envisions a world where Unitive Justice Theory and Practice forms the foundation for fostering harmony across diverse communities. Their vision centers on affirming our shared humanity and helping people reach their highest potential by creating environments—whether in schools, workplaces, spiritual spaces, justice systems, or communities—where connection, understanding, and cooperation replace division and conflict. After spending twenty years as a trial attorney, Sylvia Clute, Esq. set out to develop a new way of justice and her program has achieved amazing results in the US and Uganda.



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**ANGEL
AMPEY**

Angel Ampey is a Senior Program Consultant in the Office of Economic Opportunity, Virginia Department of Social Service. She earned her BS in Sociology from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Masters in Education Management from Strayer University. She has extensive experience in non-profits in the Richmond area and her experience is an invaluable asset to our board. Angel is instrumental in developing governance policies and improving our organization with her input on Belltower's Governance Committee.



RVA FAITH & FILM FORUM

Our well attended events held the 3rd 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. Please join us! 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 Winter.

PITCH PARTY: RVA F&FF

We celebrated the Holiday Season with our newest tradition – a festive Pitch Party! With our community growing so beautifully, time for deeper conversations during regular meetings has become limited. Our holiday gathering gave us the chance to slow down, connect more personally, and dive into meaningful conversations about new ideas, creative projects, and the stories that inspire us. It was a morning filled with energy, collaboration, and the shared passion that makes our Belltower community so special.

Michael Thibodeau was our January featured guest. He is a creative director, and producer based in Richmond, Virginia. With a background in writing, theatre, improv, film and live entertainment, he's worked alongside a wide range of creative collaborators across disciplines. That experience shaped his approach as Creative Director of The Sunroom, a video production company known for taking on human stories in whatever form they're best told. Whether that's documentary, branded content, or live performance. Michael specializes in leading projects from concept to execution, building teams around strong ideas, and creating work that's flexible, collaborative, and rooted in real connection.



Landon Shroder was our February featured guest. He is the co-publisher of RVA Magazine in Richmond. He's a journalist, documentary photographer, filmmaker, and political consultant from Richmond who was also a writer and producer at VICE. Spending 20 years abroad, he's had a parallel career in threat intelligence, working in high threat and complex environments in the Middle East, Africa, and Europe, for the defense, security, and hydrocarbon sectors. In addition to VICE and RVA Magazine, his writing on foreign policy has been published in World Policy Journal, Chatham House, Small Wars Journal, War on the Rocks, and the Fair Observer, along with being a commentator in the New York Times on the Middle East.



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AND MEDIA PRODUCTIONS WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!!**



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

