

Events Committee Annual Report (December 9th, 2020)

This past fiscal (2019-20) saw the start of our planned series of networking events focussed around celebrating our membership's diversity and generously sponsored by Matrix Production Services.

We began with a social mixer targeting introverted individuals. It was hosted at The Birds & The Beets café and saw attendees participate in quiet activities such as knitting, coloring, snacking and sipping beverages. Of course quiet conversations were had, along with an insightful Q&A discussion with filmmaker Baljit Sangra (Because We are Girls).

Next up was the Spotlight Awards on July 2nd. The event was a nod to "Classic Black Tie" with the amazing jazz trio, Jen Hodge All Stars providing entertainment. The hilarious Morgan Brayton hosted the classy affair where some the most impactful and inspiring members of our industry were honoured.

Summer brought the return of the Matrix Mixers with a much more raucous event (August 15, 2019). A themed "Speed Networking" event was held at Andina brewery, hosted by Vanessa Lever. The event saw a huge turnout, where people indulged in craft beer, South American cuisine and timed, quick conversations with each other.

Our next event, and the most ambitious yet, was our Halloween Murder Mystery party on October 23, 2019. We released a secret location to registered participants and teased clues about a fictional murder they were invited to solve. At the secret location, attendees were encouraged to mingle with "planted" actors, all suspects with clues to who the real murderer was. It was a thrilling night with wine and candy and lots of intrigue!

Our last event of the fiscal was a kick-off party for VIWFF on February 20, 2020. This was hosted at M'Bar (Moxies on Georgia). It was a wonderful time for our members – new and old – to meet and chat about the upcoming festival. We had a raffle sponsored by Sandman and released the programs for the festival.

Due to the COVID pandemic, this was our last event of the fiscal. Although we aren't able to continue with the Matrix Mixer events this current fiscal, we are happy and proud with the success we had with this initiative in reaching new members, engaging our current membership and celebrating the fun ways in which we can get together as a community.

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