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Surreal Comedy *The Other You* Premieres at DCIFF

Finalist at DC Independent Film Forum in the Narrative Feature category

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The Other You, an independent feature film produced by Robin's Nest Media and Butterfly Films, will premiere at the DC Independent Film Forum on Thursday, February 13 at 8:00pm at the Avalon Theater, 5612 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20015. Tickets are available [here](#).

The film follows Annie -- a writer, wife and mom of three -- who discovers a tiny door in her closet that leads to what appears to be a better version of her life: a sweet and perfect doppelganger of a husband, well-behaved and helpful kids, and a writing mentor who lives next door. But as these “Closet” family members begin to reveal their flaws, Annie’s place in this new world is challenged by the Closet version of herself. “Our film sheds light -- in a surreal and funny way -- on what it’s like to be a woman balancing family and creative work,” director Shoshana Rosenbaum says. “In the culture right now, we’re seeing a lot of women exploring midlife coming-of-age stories, like Miranda July’s book *All Fours*, and Marielle Heller’s movie *Nightbitch*. We hope our film becomes part of that conversation.”

In a male dominated industry, the film is unique in that its lead creatives (writer, director, producers, cinematographer and art director) are all women over 40, most of whom, like their main character, are moms themselves. Many of them met through [Women in Film and Video-DC](#), a vibrant local organization. Shot in Alexandria, VA, with a cast and crew almost entirely based in the Washington, D.C. area, *The Other You* is also a notable entry in the area’s independent film scene, highlighting the exceptional talent and creativity available locally within the DMV film community. To finance the project, the filmmakers gratefully received the Honfleur Women in Arts grant from ARCH Development Corporation, a D.C.-based organization.

The Other You stars [Beth Hylton](#), a company member at Everyman Theater in Baltimore, as well as [Kris Arnold](#), [Stacie Dickerson](#), [Vivienne Sievers](#), [Dennis Courtis](#) and [Jules Kanarek](#), who has appeared recently in Keegan

Theater's *Merrily We Roll Along* and understudied for Studio Theater's *Fun Home*. The film's score was written by indie musician [Nyles Lannon](#).

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