



PRODUCTIONS

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OCTET PRODUCTIONS

About Us

Established in 2015, OCTET Productions (OCTET) is a full-service film and television production company owned and operated by Chuck and Bree West, an African-American husband and wife based in Washington, DC. Since its inception, OCTET has been committed to producing exceptional, quality content that can rival all others in the field. After achieving national success with continued high viewership and industry accolades, the company has embarked on domestic and international expansion. OCTET's diverse portfolio encompasses feature films, episodic series, theatrical production, plays, music videos, specials, and exclusive event productions.

OCTET's meticulous attention to detail is fundamental to ensuring the delivery of top-notch projects. The success of OCTET projects has garnered domestic and international attention. With over 50 years of combined experience in the film and entertainment industries, our leadership is dedicated to crafting exceptional projects that elevate the viewing experience. Our signature 'OCTET Pretty' mantra showcases our dedication to excellence and sets the standard in top-tier independent films.



PURPOSE

OCTET Production's purpose is to curate and produce exceptional projects that exemplify the highest standard of storytelling and are visually pleasing. With a commitment to ensuring each project meets the 'OCTET Pretty' standard, we maintain rigorous attention to detail and craftsmanship throughout the production process. As perfectionists in this realm, we strive for excellence in every aspect of production.

From concept creation to project delivery, OCTET takes great pride in raising the bar with every project. While the company's expertise amplifies diverse narratives, OCTET takes satisfaction in its versatile portfolio, which spans various genres and collaborations. Through our commitment to production excellence and global cooperation, we aim to deliver engaging and impactful content that resonates with audiences worldwide while constantly exceeding quality standards in the entertainment industry.

OUR MISSION

▶▶ GENERAL MISSION STATEMENT

At OCTET Productions, our general mission is to share diverse stories and produce aesthetically pleasing, quality, substantive content. OCTET takes pride in its ability to “edu-tain” (a term we coined) effectively.

▶▶ GLOBAL MISSION

OCTET's global mission involves bringing the diaspora together and fostering collaboration within universal black spaces to enhance opportunities, representation, and cultural understanding on a global scale. We aim to connect international cultures to educate people while advancing our projects around the world. Our primary focus is increasing representation within the black community, globally and domestically, and providing cultural exposure regarding the diaspora.

Core Values

→ Teamwork

OCTET prioritizes its team, recognizing its pivotal role in bringing projects to fruition. Our brand ethos extends beyond aesthetics; we prioritize ensuring our talent and crew feel valued, heard, and understood. Collaboration is at the heart of our success, underscoring the belief that teamwork is integral to realizing our creative visions.

→ Project Excellence

As a film, television, and event production team, we are committed to delivering projects that epitomize OCTET's signature style. Our unwavering dedication to achieving '**OCTET Pretty**' projects, which are visually stunning and captivating, underscores our focus on creating experiences that evoke excitement and anticipation in our stakeholders.

→ Education

We collectively engage in teaching initiatives within local schools and universities, such as American University, Howard University, and Bowie State University.

We also had the opportunity to teach a master class at the Johannesburg Film Festival in 2023, engaging in topics mainly aimed at promoting and recognizing the significance of representation in the film industry. OCTET's leadership also served as panelists at the 2023 Durban Filmmart Film Festival. The company firmly believes that representation is a form of education that fosters growth and understanding within our industry.

→ Mental health

Our commitment to the well-being of our team is unwavering. During productions, we go the extra mile by providing on-site therapy services and even having a masseuse on set. This comprehensive mental health support accentuates our dedication to fostering a supportive and nurturing work environment. Additionally, as the official production team of the Borris L Henson, A mental health and wellness foundation founded by Taraji P Henson, we continuously provide infinite support to this objective.

→ Opportunity

We take pride in nurturing emerging talent and offering growth opportunities to writers, actors, and film industry professionals. Our commitment to continuous growth and support for the OCTET Family is a testament to our belief in the school of thought that we are stronger together.

→ Trust and Loyalty

In an industry where dedication and perseverance are the cornerstones of a thriving team, trust and loyalty among our team members is critical to our growth and success. By fostering solid bonds among our team members, we create an environment where collaboration flourishes, and individuals feel valued and supported. This sense of unity not only enhances our current team's morale and productivity but also strengthens the bonds of our Octet Family.

→ Future Filmmakers

OCTET's commitment to aspiring and rising filmmakers is a top priority. In addition to lectures and teaching, OCTET has undertaken to assist future filmmakers with the opportunities to intern, train, and learn on actual film sets. The company has partnered with the heads of departments to provide exposure to individuals desirous of gaining the hands-on experience needed to get started and thrive in the production world. OCTET understands this field's exclusivity and competitive nature. It has committed to opening doors that may often be shut so that the next generation of filmmakers can more easily navigate the film industry.

CHUCK & BREE

West

OCTET Executives



CHUCK *West*



CHUCK'S IMDB LINK

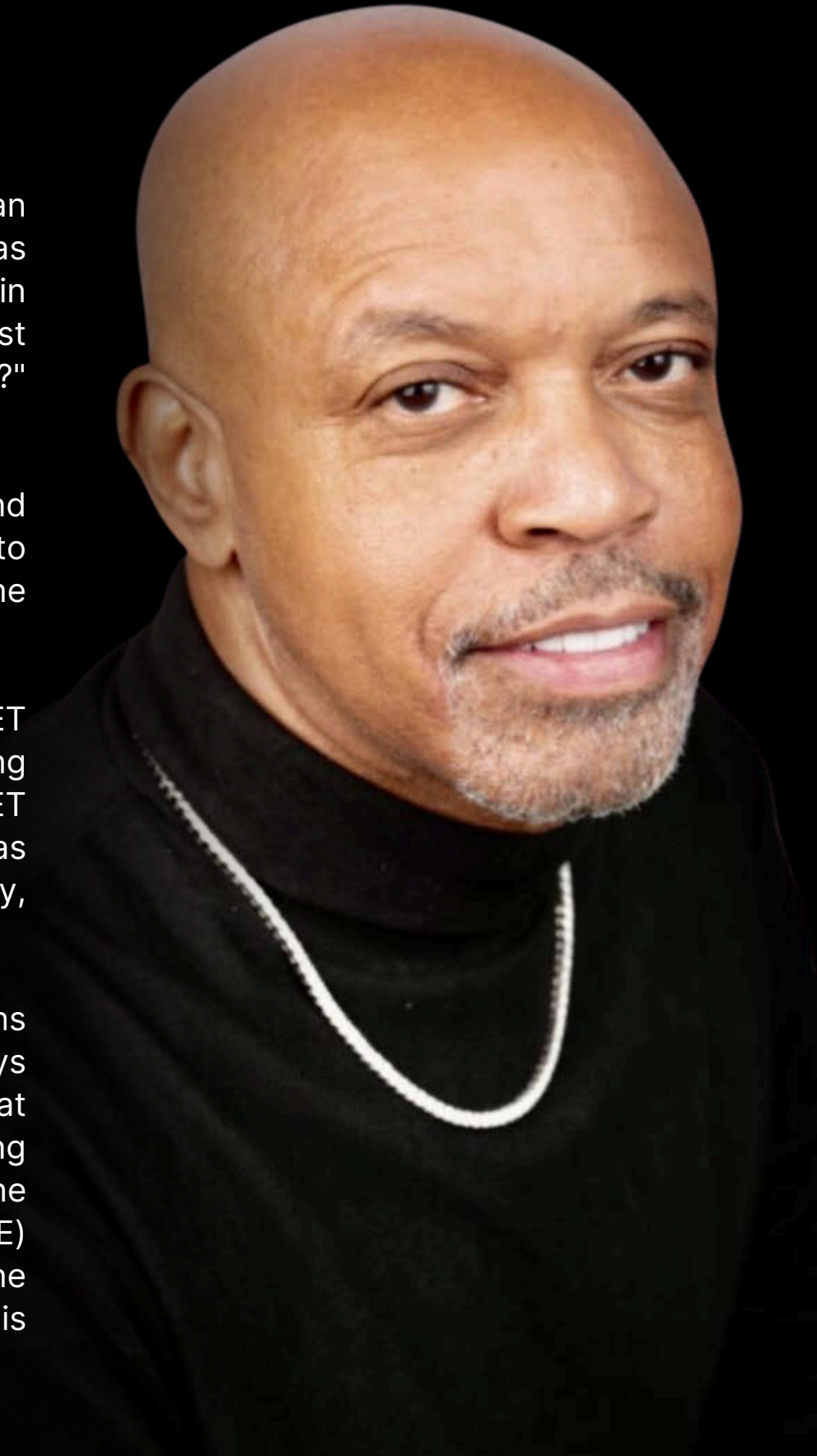
President and CEO, Executive Producer Executing Producer, Showrunner

In addition to his current titles at OCTET, Chuck West is a nationally acclaimed producer in Broadway and Urban Theater. He is a former American University basketball star, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Finance with a concentration in Accounting. Chuck commenced his career as a financier and partner, producing the landmark plays of the acclaimed playwright, screenwriter, and director David E. Talbert. During his time in the theater, he was responsible for national tours for "Bring In The Noise, Bring In The Funk," "Lord of The Dance," "Rent," and "Jesus Christ Superstar." In addition, he produced over a dozen David E. Talbert theatrical productions, including "He Say, She Say... But What Does God Say?" starring Kirk Franklin.

Through the years, Chuck quickly became a standout industry leader, specializing in the urban market while creating universal standards and procedures for industry professionals. His love for his community and commitment to education led him to provide countless hours of service to others. In the early 2000s, Chuck teamed with Duke Ellington School of the Arts to bring students to Dakar, Senegal, to experience the arts on the continent. In addition, he set up internships and classes to expose students to the theater.

In 2015, Chuck's love for the arts expanded to film and television production when he partnered with his wife, Bree West, to form OCTET Productions. Since entering the film space, He has accumulated over thirty film and television credits. His primary focus remains educating students worldwide by ensuring they have the opportunity to engage in the film industry. Chuck facilitates this by having students shadow OCTET Productions' department heads to garner experience working with different production line items and gaining experience in filmmaking. Chuck has given lectures at colleges, universities, and high schools, including Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Howard University, Bowie State University, American University, and most recently, Lebone II College of the Royal Bafokeng.

In addition to his professional and community achievements, Chuck West is a dedicated husband and father. With four boys – two biological sons and two nephews he and his brother raised like brothers and four girls who stole his heart from the moment he met his wife, Bree. He often says that his tribe is "blended to perfection." Chuck's greatest treasure is his unconditional love for and dedication to his family; he takes none of that for granted. As a Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated member, Chuck West was inducted into the Maryland Hall of Fame for his Outstanding Achievement in High School Football. Chuck has gained entry into the 1000-point club for his basketball pursuits at American University, and he was acknowledged as the Filmmaker of the Month by the District of Columbia Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (OCTFME) in January 2020. Chuck West was the 2023 recipient of the Pigskin Award, a prestigious honor awarded to him for his dedication to servicing the community. Recently, Chuck received The Prince George's County Superintendent's Hall of Fame Humanitarian Award. Chuck's commitment to his family, community, and the arts is his most outstanding achievement, and his mission in life is to be a blessing to others.



BREE

West



BREE'S IMDB LINK

Executive Producer, Chief Creative Officer, Producer, Writer, Director, Showrunner

Bree West is an NAACP Image Award-nominated writer, Showrunner, film and music video producer, and director with work broadcasted on networks such as BET, BET+, TVOne, Lifetime, ALLBLK, Amazon Prime, and Apple TV networks. Bree started her film career in 2015 when she co-executively produced "The Real MVP: The Wanda Durant Story" with Flavor Unit Productions, a production company owned by Queen Latifah and Shakim Compere. She then began developing and producing film content with her husband and producing partner, Chuck West. Together, they established OCTET Productions, a full-service film, television, and event production company, in 2015. Today, Bree is the creative producer and COO of OCTET Productions. OCTET's first creative efforts focused on producing and filming theatrical plays for broadcast, digital, and home entertainment distribution. For projects such as: "You Can't Hurry Love" (2016) and "Addicted to You." (2017).

In 2019, OCTET produced its first scripted film, "Angrily Ever After," a romantic comedy starring Jasmine Burke, Ta'Rhonda Jones, Tyrone Marshall Brown, and Terayle Hill, directed by Terri J. Vaughn. Angrily Ever After premiered on BET and BETHHer. OCTET's next film, "'Twas The Chaos Before Christmas," starring Cynthia Kaye McWilliams, Sherri Shepherd, Affion Crockett, and Victoria Rowell, premiered on BET and BETHHer. The film was a rating hit, viewing in 1.2 million homes on premiere night, making it the highest-rated holiday film in BET Networks' history. In 2020, Bree produced "Love on A Two-Way Street," a unique theatrical production that premiered first on ABFF Play, the American Black Film Festival's OnDemand portal, during the Biden-Harris Presidential Inauguration of 2021. OCTET produced a virtual gospel concert event, "The 2021 Inaugural Gospel Celebration," hosted by Anthony Anderson, with special appearances by Taraji P. Henson, Morris Chestnut, Lamman Rucker, and Pastor Shirley Caesar. Bree went on to executive produce the celebrated suspense thriller entitled "Stalked Within." To date, Bree has amassed over twenty project and film credits and is just getting started!

Bree and her husband/business partner Chuck West are fully committed to their blended family consisting of eight talented, young adult children and giving back to the community. She is also a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. In addition, they prioritize mentoring the next generation of filmmakers by providing them with hands-on experience during production. Bree has taught students at Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Howard University, Bowie State University, and American University. She takes pride in OCTET's ever-expanding partnership with Bowie State University and works diligently to help advance the careers of young, aspiring filmmakers. Most recently, Bree addressed students at Lebone II College of The Royal Bafokeng Nation. In addition, Bree, alongside Chuck by the Black Impact Foundation, speaks as a panelist on behalf of African American Filmmakers at the 2024 Global Black Impact Summit in Dubai. When producing films, Bree aims to tell accurate stories of our cultural experiences during the periods they capture, with an assurance that OCTET projects will be used to demonstrate how we lived at the time. Bree firmly believes that it is our responsibility to tell our authentic stories. In March 2022, Bree West was awarded the OCTFME Filmmaker of the Month. In 2023, Bree was nominated for an NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Writing in a Television Movie or Special for the first film she ever wrote, "A Wesley Christmas," and again in 2025 for its third installment, "A Wesley South African Christmas," which was filmed in South Africa. Since then, Bree has written many movies and episodes for OCTET's celebrated series, "HUSH." Bree's passion for the arts drives her creativity, and her commitment to the future drives her philanthropy.



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NOTABLE *Projects*

A Wesley Christmas Franchise

**A Wesley Christmas, A Wesley Christmas Wedding
& A Wesley South African Christmas**

This heartwarming Christmas movie trilogy portrays the love, joy, and challenges within a close-knit Washington, DC Metropolitan family during the holidays. The trilogy revolves around the Wesley family's gatherings during the holidays to celebrate Christmas with their parents, Bryan and Sylvia. The movies highlight their familial bond amidst laughter, tears, defeat, and triumphs.

3X NAACP IMAGE AWARD NOMINEE

2022 OUTSTANDING
WRITING in TV
MOVIE/SPECIAL

2022 OUTSTANDING ACTOR
in TV MOVIE/SPECIAL

2024 OUTSTANDING
WRITING in TV
MOVIE/SPECIAL

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NOTABLE *Projects*

HUSH (TV SERIES)

2 Seasons

A captivating TV series that follows the life of Dr. Draya Logan, a renowned marriage and sex therapist known as a 'relationship fixer.' Dr. Logan's life takes a dramatic turn as she is entangled in a complex web of deceit, passion, and danger. The series, filled with lies, intrigue, and murder, keeps viewers on the edge of their seats.



NOTABLE *Projects*

WAKE

A thrilling journey that follows a narcoleptic professor who becomes convinced she witnessed a murder in her neighbor's home committed by a rapper. The professor's determination to uncover the truth sets her on a relentless pursuit, putting her life at risk.



NOTABLE *Projects*

'Twas The Chaos Before Christmas

Two contrasting families, the affluent Mitchells from New York City and the working-class Russells from North Carolina, unintentionally book the same luxurious holiday rental in Washington, DC, for Christmas. Chaos ensues as their holiday plans and traditions clash, forcing them to navigate cultural differences and find common ground amidst the festive season.



NOTABLE *Projects*

BIG FIFTY: The Delrhonda Hood Story

DelRhonda "Big Fifty" Hood rises from the streets of Detroit to become a formidable figure in the city's underworld, building her drug empire. But as she climbs to the top, she learns that power comes with a price, and her past may catch up to her. Del Rhonda soon discovers that wealth can't shield her from betrayal and danger, forcing her to rely on her wits and resourcefulness to outmaneuver her enemies and the law.



NOTABLE *Projects*

Stalked Within

Gary, a troubled home security operator, becomes fixated on Sarah, a single mother, using his access to surveillance cameras to invade her privacy. As his obsession deepens, Gary's fantasies turn sinister, putting Sarah and her family in grave danger. Caught in a deadly game of cat and mouse, Sarah must uncover the identity of her stalker before it's too late, relying on her resilience and determination to protect her loved ones from the shadows that threaten to consume them.



Recent Accolades and Accomplishments

2025

NAACP IMAGE AWARD NOMINATION

Bree West and Chazitear were nominated for OUTSTANDING WRITING IN A TV MOVIE/SPECIAL for “A Wesley South African Christmas” at the 56th NAACP IMAGE AWARDS.

2025

MVAFF OFFICIAL SELECTION

OCTET’s independent film “THE CLASS REUNION” gets selected as an Official Selection at the 23rd Martha’s Vinyard African American Film Festival.

Recent Accolades and Accomplishments

2024

OCTET FILMS IN KWAZULU NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA

OCTET ventured to KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, to film "A Wesley South African Christmas." This film project is the third installment of the three-picture deal OCTET secured with VIACOM networks. It is the first project that fully merged an African American cast, crew, and production team with a South African cast, crew, and producers. OCTET takes great pride in having completed this production undertaking. In addition to the film, OCTET produced an original song that combined Afrobeats, Amapiano, and hip-hop to blend the cultures. It also successfully shot a music video to complement the project.

Most recently, OCTET received news that the network desires to renew "HUSH" for a third season.

2024

2024 Essence Film Festival

OCTET's upcoming film project, "A Kismet Holiday," a romantic comedy set during two different Christmas holidays, was identified as an official selection of the 2024 Essence Film Festival.

2024 Essence Film Festival

OCTET's upcoming film project, "A Kismet Holiday," wins Best Feature Jury Award at the 2024 Essence Film Festival.

2023

IMDB'S TOP 50 LIST

OCTET's film, "A Wesley Christmas Wedding," earned the number 11 spot on IMDB's top 50 list of Christmas movies worldwide and was the first African-American-focused film. This achievement cements the fact that OCTET productions resonate with all people.

Recent Accolades and Accomplishments

2023

OCTET x Edmonds Entertainment Collaboration

OCTET Productions collaborated with Tracey Edmonds and Edmonds Entertainment to produce "Wake," a suspense thriller featuring notable talents. "Wake" achieved the highest number of viewers of any BET+ movie despite being released during the SAG-AFTRA strike, during which time talent was forbidden from promoting the project.

2023

HUSH SEASON 2

OCTET's second season of its acclaimed series, "HUSH," garnered the highest viewership for its first five weeks. It celebrated tremendous success as the top-viewed scripted series in its second season, second only to a project completing its fifth season.

2020

NAACP NOMINATION

OCTET received its first NAACP Image Award nomination for its first Christmas movie entitled, "Twas The Chaos Before Christmas."

2022

NAACP NOMINATION

OCTET Productions debuted two BET+ Original projects: a Christmas movie entitled "A Wesley Christmas" which garnered two NAACP Image Awards nominations.

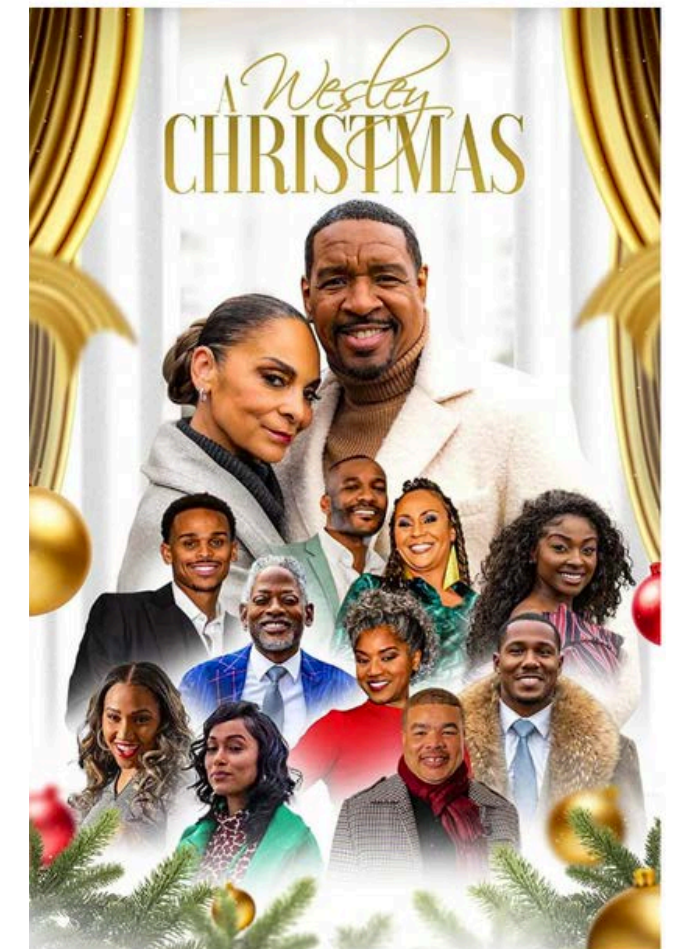
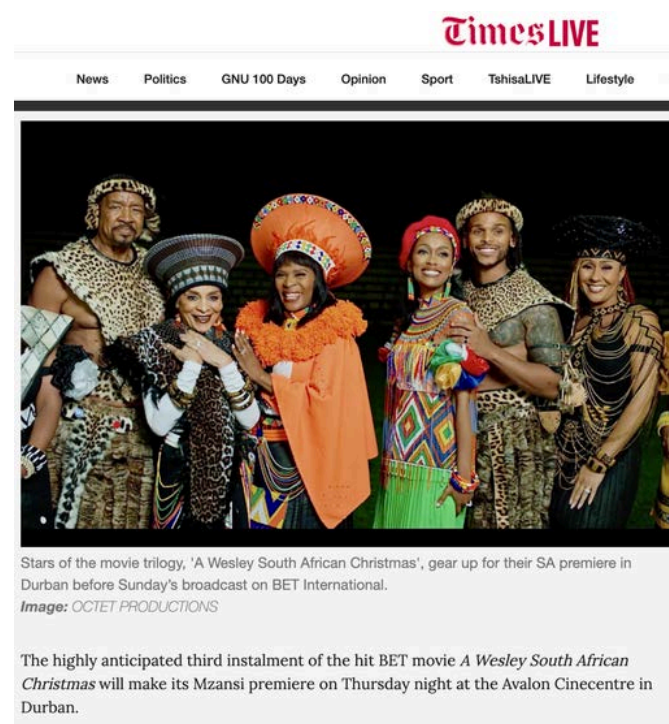
2022

Inaugural TV series

OCTET's inaugural TV series, "HUSH," premiered on AMC Networks' streaming platform ALLBLK, quickly becoming the #1 top-rated new show on the service and a leading series on Apple TV.

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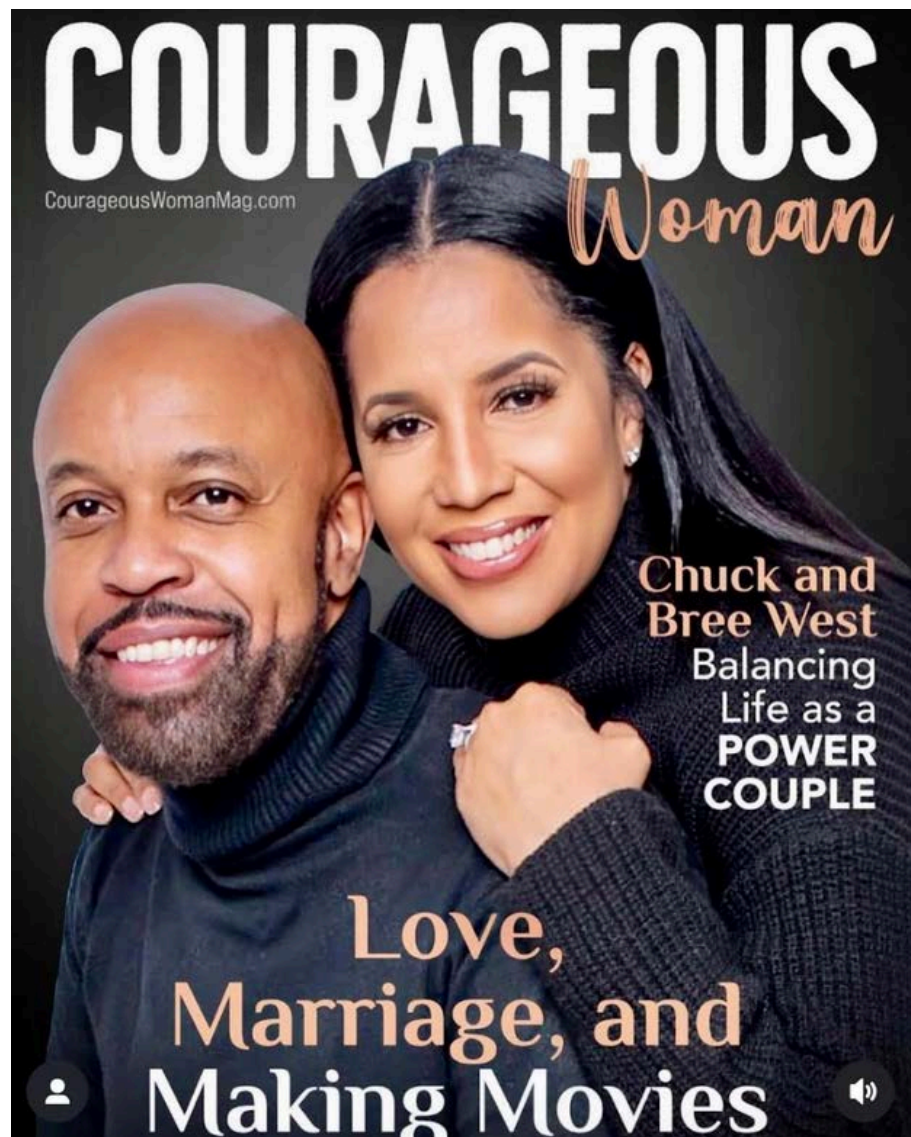
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RECENT PRESS *Coverage*

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Discover the truth behind 'Wake': Octet Productions collaborates with Edmonds Entertainment on intriguing murder mystery film

Tracey Edmonds, CEO & President of Edmonds Entertainment, and Chuck & Bree West, founders of Octet Productions, talk about upcoming film "Wake."

WJLA / Oct 12, 2023



OCTET Productions Announces New Family Holiday Film Franchise "A Wesley Christmas"; Opens BET's Christmas Movie Series on BET+, No...

DC-based film production company OCTET Productions announces the upcoming debut release of its new holiday film, "A Wesley Christmas," starring Jasmine...

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#BlackExcellence in Film and Television: Chuck West to Provide Insights at Global Black Impact...

Chuck West is the President and CEO of OCTET Productions

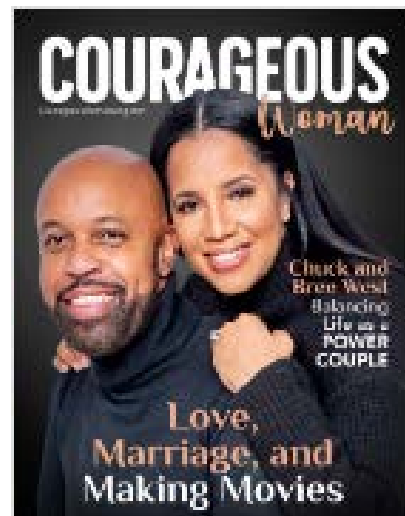
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Chuck and Bree West

Chuck and Bree West are the lead producing duo of OCTET Productions. Founded in 2015, OCTET Productions is a full-service production company based in the District ...

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Producers Chuck and Bree West Talk 'A Wesley Christmas' – Holiday Film with...

Meet Chuck and Bree West, the creative force behind OCTET Productions, a thriving film a...

Courageous Woman Magazine / Mar 8, 2024

OCTFME RECOGNIZES BREE WEST AS THE MARCH 2022 FILMMAKER OF THE MONTH

Washington, DC – The District of Columbia Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (OCTFME) is pleased to recognize BREE WEST as the March 2022 Filmmaker of the Month.

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OCTFME Recognizes Chuck West as the January 2020 Filmmaker of the Month

The District of Columbia Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (OCTFME) is pleased to recognize Chuck West as the January 2020 Filmmaker of the Month.

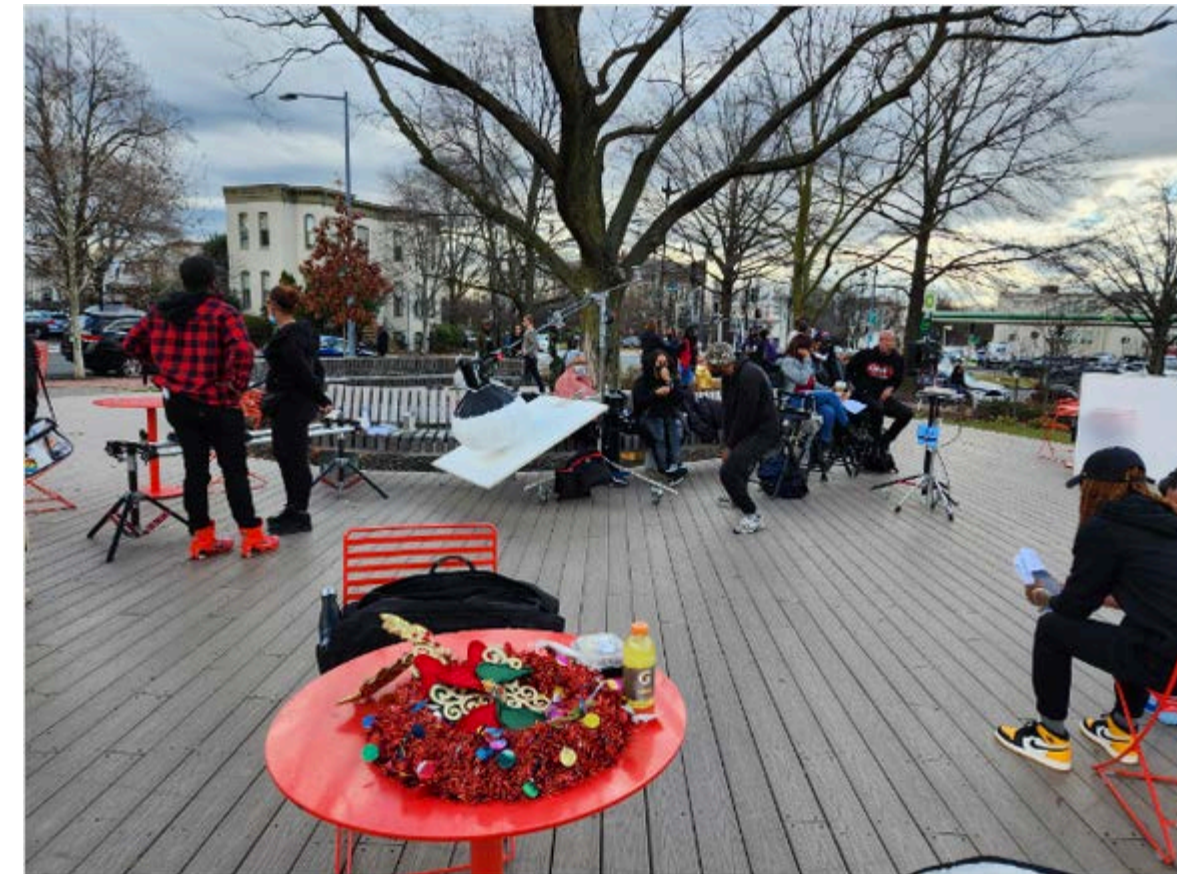
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New Family Holiday Film Franchise 'A Wesley Christmas'

DC based film production company, OCTET Productions announces the upcoming debut release of its new holiday...

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Romantic Movie Will Feature Eastern Market Metro Plaza

Octet Productions sets up on the NE quadrant of Eastern Market Metro Plaza to film a scene from A Kismet Holiday. Octet Producers Chuck and Bree West (center and right) confer during a break in the...

CAPITOL HILL CORNER / Jan 7, 2023

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PODCAST *Features*

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PRE- PRODUCTION *Services*



PRELIMINARY MEETINGS

Initial consultations to understand project needs and goals.



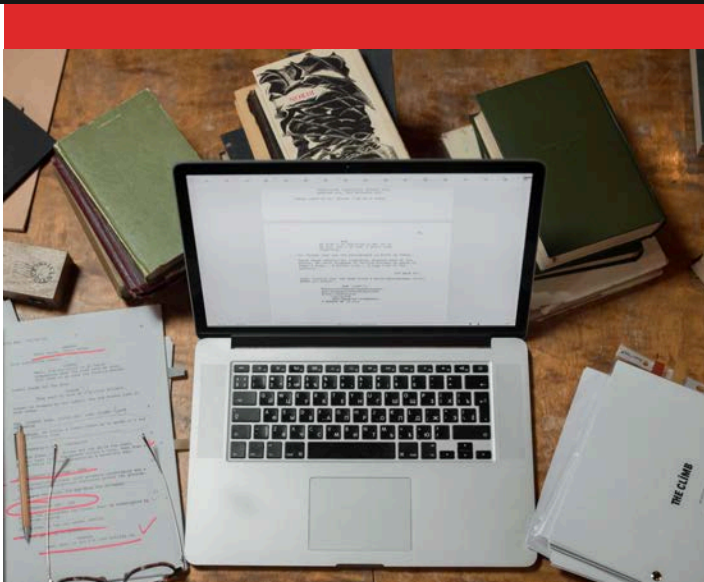
COORDINATING LOGISTICS

Presentations are communication tools.



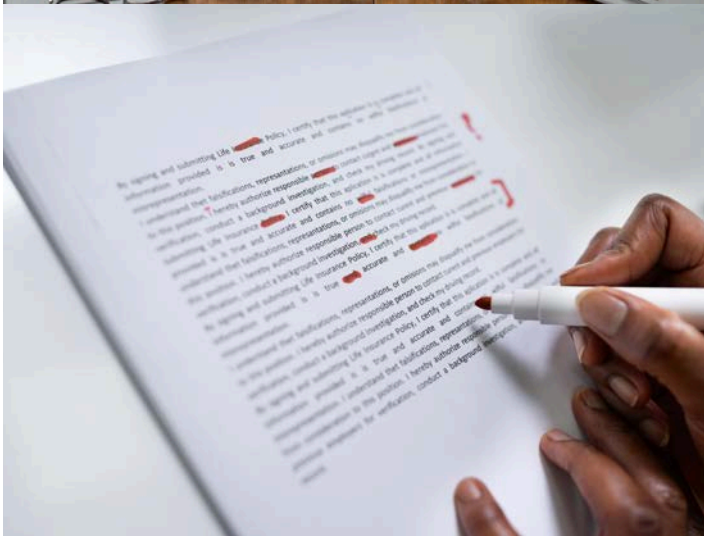
BUDGETING

Detailed financial planning to ensure cost-effective production.



SCRIPT DEVELOPMENT

Assisting in the creation and refinement of the script.



SCRIPT CONSULTATION

Providing expert feedback to enhance script quality.

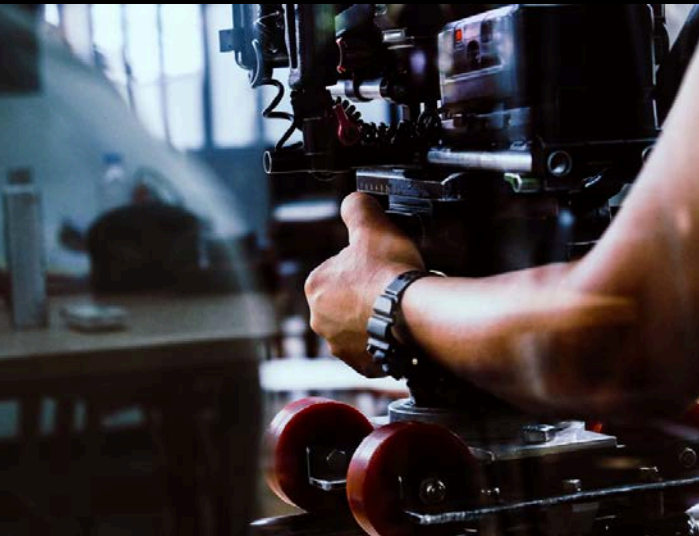


PRODUCTION *Services*



HIRING PRODUCTION TEAM

Selecting skilled professionals for camera, sound, and lighting.



FILMING

Managing the shooting process to capture high-quality footage.



LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT

Overseeing all logistical aspects to ensure smooth operations.

Post Production



POST - PRODUCTION *Services*



EDITING

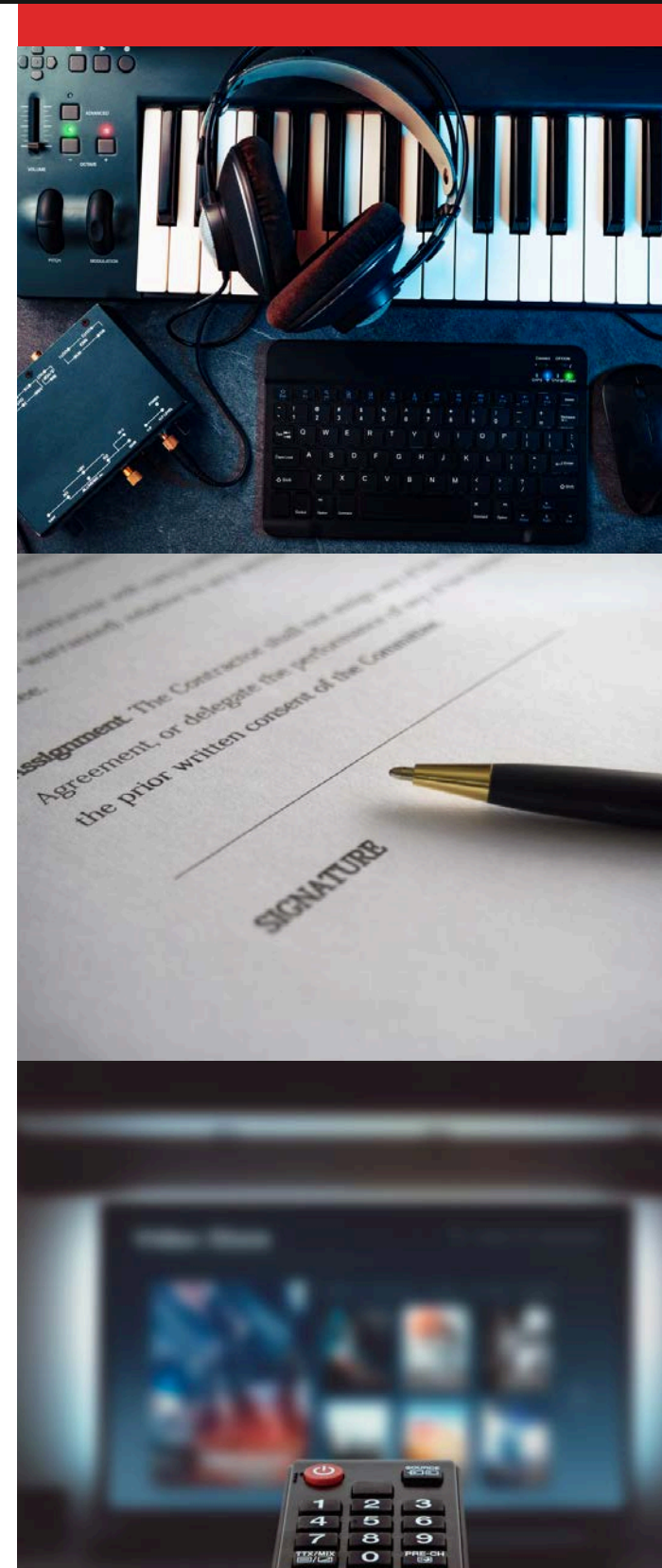
Cutting and assembling the footage into a coherent and engaging story.

COLOR GRADING

Enhancing visual aesthetics through color correction and grading.

SOUND DESIGN

Creating and integrating audio elements to enrich the viewing experience



MUSIC

Selecting music to complement the visual content.

DISTRIBUTION BROKERING

Facilitating distribution deals (available for an additional fee).

FINAL DELIVERY

Ensuring the completed project is delivered in the required formats.

PRODUCTION SERVICE *Catalog*

At OCTET Productions LLC, we specialize in producing a wide range of high-quality content, including:

MOVIES

We bring captivating stories to life on the big screen, delivering feature films and documentaries with unparalleled craftsmanship.

MUSIC VIDEOS

We collaborate with artists to produce visually stunning music videos, enhancing their music through dynamic storytelling and striking visuals.

EPISODIC SERIES

Our team creates engaging television episodes across various genres, providing compelling narratives that resonate with diverse audiences.

EVENT PRODUCTION

From corporate events to music festivals, we offer comprehensive event production services, capturing every moment with meticulous attention to detail.

UNSCRIPTED CONTENT

OCTET is currently in post-production for its first unscripted series, "Pivot." This series captures the behind-the-scenes experience of the OCTET team while filming its first international project, "A Wesley South African Christmas."



WHAT SETS US *Apart*

LARGEST INDEPENDENT PRODUCTION COMPANY IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

As a leading independent film production company in the DC area, we leverage extensive resources and expertise to deliver exceptional projects.

EXCEPTIONAL CONTENT AND AESTHETICS

Renowned for our phenomenal visual style, we consistently exceed expectations, setting new benchmarks for quality and innovation in the industry.

DIVERSE EXPERIENCE

Our extensive portfolio spans multiple genres and formats, showcasing our versatility and ability to tackle any project with creativity and confidence.

COLLABORATIVE EXCELLENCE

We excel in collaboration, working closely with clients, partners, and talent to ensure each project reflects our shared vision and commitment to excellence.



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