

JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER ANNOUNCES FOUR NEW MEMBERS ELECTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pleasantville, NY – October 9, 2014 – The Jacob Burns Film Center (JBFC) announced today that four new members have been elected to serve on the organization’s Board of Directors. The new board members are: Caroline Brecker, Martin W. Gold, Theresa Beach Kilman, and Patrice Sobecki.

Executive Director Edie Demas and Board Chairman Hugh Price expressed great excitement for the appointments. “Both the JBFC board and staff are delighted to welcome our new directors. All four of these individuals have deep ties to our community, have been active JBFC members, and bring a depth of new experiences and perspectives. We look forward to what we can achieve together.”

Caroline Brecker is a Managing Director in the J.P. Morgan Private Bank. She has spent over 20 years in the financial industry. Before being recruited to join JPMorgan in 1997, she held positions with Bankers Trust and Chemical Bank covering institutional clients. Ms. Brecker holds a B.A. in Public Policy and an M.B.A. from Duke University. She is also a member of the “Women in Leadership” Steering Committee for the university and serves on the Advisory Board for the Center for Financial Excellence at the Fuqua School of Business. More locally, Ms. Brecker is on the Greenwich YWCA Leadership Council and on the board of The Breast Cancer Alliance.

Martin W. Gold founded and became President and CEO of Martin Scott Wines in 1989. He sold the company in 2013 to The Vintner Group of Virginia. Mr. Gold is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a degree in Business Administration. After graduating from college, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Infantry Reserves and was discharged with the rank of Captain. He is a Vice Chair of the New York City Ballet’s New Combinations Fund, is spearheading the NYCB Westchester Friends Initiative, and serves on the Finance Committee, Compensation Committee, and Audit Committee of the Katonah Museum of Art.

Theresa Beach Kilman chairs the Westchester Community Foundation Board of Advisors and serves on the Teatown Lake Reservation Board of Directors. Her community involvement includes Kids’ Club of Tarrytown & Sleepy Hollow, which she helped found and leads as Co-President. Ms. Kilman previously held volunteer positions at the Hackley School, which included being President of the Hackley Parents’ Association and co-chairing the Annual Fund. She serves on the Parent Boards of Carleton College and Bucknell University. Ms. Kilman received her undergraduate degree from Miami University and her M.B.A. from Columbia University.

Patrice Sobecki holds a Masters in Nursing Education from Mercy College. She is currently a clinical instructor in Community Health at Mercy College. She has been actively involved in the Pleasantville community as Past-President of the PTA, Co-Chair of Troop 12 BSA Advancement Committee, and Co-Founder of the Good Shepherd Religious Education program for children with special needs. She has volunteered in the JBFC See Hear Feel Film third grade program.

The Jacob Burns Film Center is a nonprofit cultural arts organization dedicated to: presenting the best of independent, documentary, and world cinema; promoting 21st century literacy, and making film a vibrant part of the community. Located on a 47,500 sq. foot, three-building campus in the center of Pleasantville, the JBFC is just 30 miles outside of New York City. Since opening in 2001, it has drawn over 2 million people to see over 5,400 films from 40-plus countries. The campus includes the 27,000 sq. foot Media Arts Lab, the JBFC’s state-of-the-art education center, a creative and educational community for storytellers in the digital age, offering one-time workshops, multi-week intensive courses, and weekend programs for children and adults of all ages. To learn more about the Jacob Burns Film Center and Media Arts Lab, visit burnsfilmcenter.org.

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