

## JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF TWO NEW THEATERS

*Phase One of the Campaign is Completed; Phase Two is Underway*

**Pleasantville, NY – March 6, 2015** – The Jacob Burns Film Center (JBFC) announced today the unveiling of two new theaters, bringing the total number of screens in the cinema complex to five. The completed construction marks the end of the first phase of Jacob Burns Film Center’s campaign *Building on Success, Fulfilling a Promise to our Community*. The theaters will officially open to the public on Friday, March 6.

“This is a dream come true, inspired by our community – members, filmmakers, students, and teachers – who are eager for more,” said JBFC Programming Director Brian Ackerman. “Five



**Adam R. Rose and Peter R. McQuillan Theater**

Photo: Russell Peborde

theaters allow us to present many more dynamic new films, while developing innovative programs curated by JBFC staff, international fellows, emerging artists, and partnering organizations.”

The new theaters, which have a combined seating capacity of 72, are located upstairs adjacent to the Jane Peck Gallery. In celebration of a generous leadership gift, one of the theaters has been named the Adam R. Rose and Peter R. McQuillan Theater. “Adam and Peter have been with us from day one and have

remained by our side every step along the way,” said JBFC Executive Director Edie Demas. “They have made so many programs possible over the years, including ‘Out at the Movies’ and ‘Jazz Sessions.’ So it is quite fitting and most wonderful to recognize Adam and Peter in this meaningful and exciting way.”

“Thanks to all of our early lead donors, we have raised over \$3.4 million toward our \$4.3 million campaign goal,” said JBFC Board Chair Hugh Price. “Our continued success will be the result of the generosity of hundreds of individuals at all financial levels who embrace our commitment to broaden the shared Burns experience, foster discovery, and encourage dialogue and connection.”

Phase Two of the campaign includes a café and community gathering space for members and the public on JBFC's third floor. The final piece of this creative expansion will be to replace all of the original seats in the three existing theaters. Both of these projects are expected to be completed by spring 2016. The Jane Peck Gallery will remain open until construction begins in late 2015.

"We are developing a number of innovative ways to engage our community throughout this important stage of the campaign," said JBFC Executive Director Edie Demas. "In addition to broad financial support, we are looking for ideas and feedback that will ultimately help us build a creative, interactive, and welcoming gathering space."

To learn more about the campaign, contact JBFC Development Director Judy Exton at [jexton@burnsfilmcenter.org](mailto:jexton@burnsfilmcenter.org) or 914.773.7663, ext. 414.

The [Jacob Burns Film Center](http://burnsfilmcenter.org) 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](http://burnsfilmcenter.org).

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