

ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
Creativity and Community
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015



**JOHN PIZZARELLI AND CHRISTINE PEDI TO PERFORM AT
JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Interactive Media Installations to be Part of the Evening Celebrating Creativity and Community

Pleasantville, NY – June 15, 2015 – The Jacob Burns Film Center's (JBFC) Anniversary Celebration will take place on Monday, June 22 on the JBFC campus. The evening will feature jazz guitarist, vocalist, and longtime JBFC supporter John Pizzarelli and award-winning cabaret performer and Sirius XM radio personality Christine



Pedi. Ms. Pedi will be accompanied on piano by Tedd Firth, recognized for his work with Tom Wopat, Lee Ann Womack, Maureen McGovern, and others. Interactive Media installations created by JBFC students and innovators are also a featured part of the evening.

A highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the JBFC Leadership and New Lens Awards. The 2015 Leadership Award will be presented to Judith and Andrew Economos of Scarsdale for their commitment to both the JBFC and the Pleasantville community. They are both artists who have spent many years creating and collecting together. A selection of their works will be exhibited in the Jane Peck Gallery on the third floor of the Jacob Burns Film Center starting on June 23.



The 2015 New Lens Award will be presented to filmmaker Noah Hutton for his burgeoning talent and creative spirit. Mr. Hutton is a former JBFC student, house staff member, and was part of the JBFC World Crew team that went to Uganda during the summer of 2007. He has directed four feature films, three of which, *Deep Time*, *Crude Independence*, and *King For Two Days*, screened at the JBFC. Learn more about Noah Hutton in [this short clip](#).

Proceeds from the Anniversary Celebration will support JBFC's film, education, and outreach programs. For additional information contact Kim Turner at kturner@burnsfilmcenter.org or visit burnsfilmcenter.org.

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 50,185 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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