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Jacob Burns Film Center to Receive \$30,000 Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts

*Funding will support **The Power of Film: Community Engagement & Dialogue Initiative***

Pleasantville, NY – February 7, 2018 —The [National Endowment for the Arts](https://www.arts.gov) (NEA) just announced that the [Jacob Burns Film Center](https://www.jacobburns.org) (JBFC), a nonprofit cultural arts center and one of the most successful suburban film houses in the country, was chosen to receive an Art Works grant of \$30,000. The grant money will support the **Power of Film: Community Engagement and Dialogue** initiative, a group of curated film series that bring awareness to issues of local and international significance by integrating special guests and audience engagement. In shedding light on marginalized communities and lesser-known issues, **The Power of Film** underscores JBFC's commitment to discussion, discovery, and cross-cultural awareness through five specific series:

- REMIX: the Modern Black Experience in Film, Media, and Art;
- Community Matters: Local Issues, Discussion, Action;
- Global Watch: Crisis and Social Action;
- Contemporary Arab Cinema;
- Greenhouse: New Documentary Voices from North Africa and the Middle East

NEA Chairman Jane Chu has approved more than \$25 million in grants as part of the NEA's first major funding announcement for fiscal year 2018. The Art Works category is the NEA's largest funding category and supports projects that focus on the creation of art meeting the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and/or the strengthening of communities through the arts.

"It is energizing to see the impact that the arts are making throughout the United States. These NEA-supported projects and institutions, such as this one for the Jacob Burns Film Center, are good examples of how the arts build stronger and more vibrant communities, improve well-being, prepare our children to succeed, and increase the quality of our lives," said NEA Chairman **Jane Chu**. "At the National Endowment for the Arts, we believe that all people should have access to the joy, opportunities, and connections the arts bring."

"The JBFC is so honored to receive their eleventh year of funding from the NEA. Since opening in 2001, JBFC's mission has been to educate, entertain, and inspire change among people of all ages through the power of film. This meaningful support allows us to continue to serve our 10,000 members and over 200,000 visitors each year and create new, innovative programs for our fellows and students," said JBFC Executive Director **Eddie Demas**.

For more information on projects included in the NEA grant announcement, visit [arts.gov/news](https://www.arts.gov/news).

[Jacob Burns Film Center](#) is a nonprofit arts and education hub located on a three-building campus in the New York Metro area. The JBFC brings the transformative power of film to the surrounding community through unique programming and discussion, shared experiences, and educational initiatives. Since opening in 2001, over 3,000,000 people have enjoyed the best of current American and foreign cinema, unique film series, and special events at the five screen theater complex. A pioneer in visual literacy education, the Jacob Burns Film Center offers courses in filmmaking, screenwriting, and animation for students of all ages at our state-of-the-art Media Arts Lab and develops curriculums for schools throughout the region.

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