

JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER

**NORTHERN WESTCHESTER HOSPITAL AND PHELPS HOSPITAL, MEMBERS OF NORTHWELL HEALTH,
SPONSOR TWO PROGRAMS AT THE JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER**

Sponsorship Supports Creative Culture and STEM on Screen

Pleasantville, NY – May 30, 2018 – Mount Kisco’s Northern Westchester Hospital and Sleepy Hollow’s Phelps Hospital, proud members of Northwell Health, have become sponsors of the Jacob Burns Film Center’s (JBFC) **Creative Culture** program and a new ongoing series, **STEM on Screen**.



Creative Culture is a fellowship and residency program that fosters a diverse community for filmmakers in the region, across the country, and around the world. Donor-funded



fellowships and residencies help to ensure that people from every economic background have access to this meaningful experience. Thanks to this new sponsorship, the JBFC is offering a **Northwell Health and Wellness Fellowship** this fall. The fellowship is open to applicants proposing a short film dealing with issues surrounding health and wellness.

The Northwell Health and Wellness fellow will have five months to produce their short film in a collaborative community that meets for weekly seminars and critiques. In addition to a stipend, the fellow will receive access to production equipment, postproduction workspace, mentorship, and JBFC’s industry network.

“We are proud and honored to have our community hospitals, Northern Westchester Hospital and Phelps Hospital as partners in our effort to champion diverse stories and storytellers,” said Sean Weiner, JBFC Director of Creative Culture. “We are especially excited to offer a fellowship to an emerging filmmaker who is interested in exploring health and wellness.”

“Northern Westchester Hospital is extremely proud to partner with the Jacob Burns Film Center as a sponsor of two innovative and forward-thinking programs. Film brings people together for a shared experience and contributes to healthy dialogue. We are pleased to have this opportunity to advance the creative use of film to educate, inspire and promote health and wellness in our communities. As part of Northwell Health, it is gratifying to embark on this journey together with Phelps Hospital,” said Joel Seligman, President & CEO, Northern Westchester Hospital.

Applications for the Northwell Health and Wellness Fellowship are being accepted through July 1, 2018. People interested in learning more about Creative Culture or applying for a fellowship should go to burnsfilmcenter.org.

The second component of the sponsorship is **STEM on Screen**, a new series of current, classic, and documentary films with lively conversations by notable figures from the world of science, medicine,

mathematics, and technology. The series, which will feature special film programs throughout the year, will launch in October 2018.

“This exciting new series will inform and engage people about the science of everyday living, from health and climate change to breakthroughs that change our understanding of the world around us,” said Brian Ackerman, JBFC Director of Programming. “It is wonderful to have local partners join us on such a global discovery. We look forward to illuminating and inspiring our community together.”

“Phelps is a proud sponsor of the Jacob Burns Film Center, and an enthusiastic supporter of the work Jacob Burns does in our community, said Daniel Blum, President and CEO of Phelps Hospital. “For many years, Phelps and Jacob Burns have shared common elements of mission. We both exist to improve the lives of the people who live in our community. We both work toward common goals of creating a healthier and more culturally enriched community through educational outreach and intellectually stimulating events.”

[Northern Westchester Hospital \(NWH\)](#), a member of Northwell Health, provides quality, patient-centered care that is close to home through a unique combination of medical expertise, leading-edge technology, and a commitment to humanity. Over 650 highly-skilled physicians, state-of-the-art technology and professional staff of caregivers are all in place to ensure that you and your family receive treatment in a caring, respectful and nurturing environment. NWH has established extensive internal quality measurements that surpass the standards defined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Hospital Quality Alliance (HQA) National Hospital Quality Measures. Our high-quality standards help to ensure that the treatment you receive at NWH is among the best in the nation. For more information, please visit www.nwhc.net and connect with us on [Facebook](#).

[Phelps Hospital](#), part of Northwell Health, is a full-service 238-bed acute care non-profit community hospital serving the residents of Sleepy Hollow, NY, and surrounding communities since 1956. With more than 1,700 employees and 500 medical staff members representing 60 medical specialties, Phelps offers one of the broadest ranges of community hospital services in Westchester County. Caring for the community is at the heart of what Phelps does. Patients benefit from distinguished physicians, many of whom are pioneers in their field, offering the most advanced procedures using the latest technology. www.phelpshospital.org. Phelps' primary and specialty care medical group, Phelps Medical Associates, has nearly 20 practices located on the hospital campus and in the surrounding communities. www.phelpsmedicalassociates.org

[Jacob Burns Film Center \(JBFC\)](#) 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 public schools throughout the region.

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