



## Jacob Burns Film Center to Receive \$20,000 Grant from the National Endowment of the Arts

*Award-winning nonprofit film and education hub selected among a field of  
over 1,500 applicants for prestigious grant*

**Pleasantville, NY – May 15, 2019** — The [Jacob Burns Film Center](http://burnsfilmcenter.org) (JBFC), a nonprofit cultural arts center, has been awarded a \$20,000 Art Works grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in support of the JBFC's [Creative Culture](#) program, which provides 10-month-long fellowship experiences for emerging filmmakers looking to produce two short film projects in a collaborative community. Fellows receive access to production equipment and space, mentorship, and the JBFC's industry network.



Art Works is the NEA's principal grantmaking program. Acting NEA Chairman Mary Anne Carter approved more than \$80 million in grants as part of the Arts Endowment's second major funding announcement for fiscal year 2019, and though the agency received 1,592 Art Works applications for this round of grantmaking, only 977 grants were awarded in this

category – including the Jacob Burns Film Center.

"These awards, reaching every corner of the United States, are a testament to the artistic richness and diversity in our country," said Mary Anne Carter, acting chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. "Organizations such as the Jacob Burns Film Center are giving people in their community the opportunity to learn, create, and be inspired."

Upon receiving news about the grant, JBFC Executive Director Edie Demas said, "It is a significant honor to be recognized by the NEA. This grant will help a diverse and talented group of filmmakers hone their craft and deepen meaningful connections through Creative Culture fellowships and residencies."

For more information, visit [burnsfilmcenter.org](http://burnsfilmcenter.org), FB: [@JacobBurnsFilmCenter](https://www.facebook.com/JacobBurnsFilmCenter), Twitter: [@JBFC\\_ny](https://twitter.com/JBFC_ny) and Instagram: [@JBFC\\_pville](https://www.instagram.com/JBFC_pville).

*[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 discussions, 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 JBFC offers courses in filmmaking, screenwriting, animation, and more for students of all ages at our state-of-the-art Media Arts Lab, and develops media literacy curricula for schools throughout the region.*

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