

JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER

Greetings from the JBFC!

For almost twenty years, the Burns has been an institution dedicated to human connection. Human connection through film. And for all of that time, that meant being in the same room together. That's the underlying magic of the community we've all had a role in creating—together.

For the moment, we are apart. We've each retreated into our own spaces, feeling separate and sometimes alone, but....we're not. We are still connected, still a community, and we'll be together again. With all the uncertainty, that much I do know.

And when that day comes—and it will come, I promise—the JBFC will be here flourishing with experiences and discussions and evenings around the heavenly world of film, and the wondrous ways it opens our senses to the world and enriches our lives. Yes, film does that like nothing else.

But to get there will be a significant challenge. Like every arts organization, the JBFC is facing a deep crisis. The financial burden of sustaining our programs and campus without earned income is enormous.

The biggest strength of the JBFC is our community, the thousands of wonderful film lovers who help make it all possible every year—each in their own way. And one of our beautiful members (who wishes to remain anonymous) has stepped forward and **pledged to match all contributions to [JBFC TOGETHER](#) dollar for dollar up to \$100,000**. We are incredibly moved and inspired by this generous gift.

I'm stepping out of my role here just a bit by asking you to help us meet the match with a gift over and above your membership support, but I cannot think of a better or more necessary moment.

No gift is too small and, believe me, every gift counts. And all gifts are tax-deductible. Please reach out to our Director of Development, Judy Exton, at jexton@burnsfilmcenter.org if you would like further information or to discuss your contribution.

We so look forward to seeing you all back home at the JBFC, when it's right, for all of us.



Brian Ackerman
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