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## JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER TO RECEIVE \$20,000 GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

### *Funding will support the Power of Film: Engagement & Dialogue*

Pleasantville, NY—February 4, 2021— The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has announced that the Jacob Burns Film Center (JBFC) a nonprofit cultural arts center, was chosen to receive a \$20,000 Grants for Arts Projects award to support the **Power of Film: Community Engagement & Dialogue in 2021**.

The grant will support a collection of curated film series that bring awareness to important issues, encourage cross-cultural awareness, and serve as a catalyst for social change. By creating engagement opportunities and connecting audiences with special guests, the Power of Film strengthens JBFC's commitment to building a stronger and more inclusive community.

"The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support this project from the Jacob Burns Film Center," said Arts Endowment Acting Chairman Ann Eilers. "Jacob Burns Film Center is among the arts organizations across the country that have demonstrated creativity, excellence, and resilience during this very challenging year."



"We are grateful to the NEA for their generous support of such important series as **Remix: The Black Experience in Film, Media and Arts**; **Contemporary Arab Cinema**, **Westchester Jewish Film Festival**; **Focus on Nature**; and **Global Watch: Crisis & Social Action**," said Brian Ackerman, JBFC Founding Director of Film Programming. "It's more important than ever to build connections, spark dialogue, and promote mutual understanding through the power of film."

*Cane River Q&A Executive Director of The Luminar Theater Curtis Caesar John and actress Tommye Myrick, moderated by JBFC Programmer Saidah Russell*

JBFC's project is among 1,073 projects selected across America, totaling nearly \$25 million during this first round of fiscal year 2021 funding in the Grants for Arts Projects funding category. For more information on projects included in the Arts Endowment grant announcement, visit [arts.gov/news](https://www.arts.gov/news).

The [Jacob Burns Film Center](https://www.burnsfilmcenter.org/) 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, the JBFC offers educational experiences for students of all ages at our state-of-the-art Media Arts Lab, including curricula for public schools and a fellowship and residency program for professional filmmakers.

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