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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION ANNOUNCED BY THE JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER

Holen Sabrina Kahn will be responsible for course structure at JBFC's Media Arts Lab

Pleasantville, NY – March 2, 2010 – Holen Sabrina Kahn was named the first Director of Educational Innovation for the Jacob Burns Film Center's Media Arts Lab, which is dedicated to fostering lifelong learning and teaching 21st century communication. Kahn will work closely with Founder and Executive Director Stephen Apkon and Director of Education Programs Emily Keating, as well as other JBFC Faculty to continue to forge new approaches to teaching, learning, and storytelling in the digital age. She will be responsible for short and long-term creation and strategic design of curricula, as well as represent the JBFC and Media Arts Lab at education and 21st century literacy conferences, nationally, and internationally. In addition, Kahn will oversee course consistency and compatibility, working with over 20 educators who teach at the Media Arts Lab.



The Media Arts Lab offers on-going semester long classes, one-time workshops, intensive workshops, and weekend programs for children and adults of all ages. Professional faculty lead courses in animation, editing, acting, scoring, cinematography, and more.

Kahn received a BA in 1995 from Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, an MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2002, and has had fellowships at the Whitney Museum of American Art Independent Study Program, Yale University's Genocide Studies Program, and the Banff Centre for the Arts in Alberta, Canada. An award-winning filmmaker, she has worked as a producer and editor on numerous films, videos, and multi-media projects. She has taught at City University of New York's College of Staten Island, the University of California, San Diego, and Hampshire College.

The Jacob Burns Film Center (JBFC) is a nonprofit cultural arts organization dedicated to: presenting the best of independent, documentary, and world cinema; promoting 21st century literacy, and making film a vibrant part of the community. Located on a 47,500 sq. foot, three-building campus in the center of Pleasantville, the JBFC is just 30 miles outside of New York City. Since the opening in 2001, over 1,000,000 people have seen over 3,000 films from more than 40 countries. The campus includes the 27,000 sq. feet Media Arts Lab, the JBFC's state-of-the-art education center, a creative and educational community for storytellers in the digital age, offering one-time workshops, intensive courses, and weekend programs for children and adults of all ages. To learn more about the Jacob Burns Film Center and Media Arts Lab, visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

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