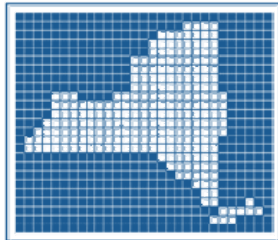

JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER AWARDED THREE GRANTS FROM NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

*\$99,500 Grants Received for General Operating Support, MINDS IN MOTION
Education Program, and Capital Projects*

Pleasantville, NY – August 24, 2010 – The Jacob Burns Film Center (JBFC) has been awarded three grants totaling \$99,500 from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA).

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A \$28,500 grant through NYSCA's Electronic Media and Film program will provide general operating support for JBFC's film and educational initiatives. These funds will support programming for more than 425 films and 150 speakers a year, as well as education initiatives engaging nearly 12,000 students in 21st century literacy programs.

The second grant is from NYSCA's Arts Education - Community-Based Learning program in support of MINDS IN MOTION. This animator-in-residence program gives 9 -12 year olds the opportunity to create animated films and present them to the community at Red Carpet premieres held at the JBFC Theater. The grant will offer the after-school and summer component of this program to approximately 125 children at eight community organizations in under resourced areas of Westchester County. Established in 2003, the MINDS IN MOTION curriculum helps children become successful participants in 21st century society by introducing them to the grammar of visual language and teaching them the skills to create an animated film. To date, more than 3,500 children have had the opportunity to engage in this innovative program.

Through NYSCA's Capital Projects program, the JBFC received a \$50,000 grant to replace HVAC heating/air conditioning equipment on the roof of the Theater. The existing HVAC units have been in place for almost 10 years and are approaching the end of their useful life. The new units will greatly improve air quality conditions in the two largest theaters. In addition, the updated HVAC units will use a more environmentally friendly refrigerant and allow for more efficient use of heating and cooling systems. This project will facilitate the eventual greening of the entire JBFC campus.

The monies are public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts which is celebrating 50 years of building strong, creative communities in New York State's 62 counties.

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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