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JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER RECEIVES \$55,800 GRANT FROM ARTSWESTCHESTER AND WESTCHESTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR FILM AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Pleasantville, NY – October 27, 2011 – The Jacob Burns Film Center (JBFC) has been awarded \$45,800 in Basic Program Support for its 2011-2012 season by ArtsWestchester and Westchester County Government. An additional \$10,000 Challenge Grant was awarded and successfully matched by the JBFC.



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The Basic Program Support award and Challenge grant make it possible for the JBFC to offer its education programs to nearly 12,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 throughout Westchester County each year. More than 50 percent of the students come from underserved communities, including Mount Vernon and Yonkers. These students participate completely free of charge in programs that give them the knowledge and skills to fully engage in the digitally and globally connected 21st century.

The funds also help the JBFC to present over 450 films and speaker events each year that inspire audiences through entertaining and thought-provoking programs. In addition to showing first run, independent, classic, and documentary films from around the world, the JBFC presents a number of annually curated series, including “Global Watch: Crisis, Culture & Human Rights”, “Classic Italian Cinema”, “Jazz Sessions: The Greats on Camera”, “Frameworks: Art on Film”, “Focus on Nature”, and “Westchester Jewish Film Festival”, among others. The Jacob Burns Film Center also offers programs specifically designed for teens, seniors, and families.

The Jacob Burns Film Center 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 4,500 films from more than 40 countries. The campus includes the 27,000 sq. foot 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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