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## MONTCLAIR FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES CALL FOR APPLICANTS FOR 2018 JUNIOR JURY

## Program brings students together from local schools to adjudicate films at the 2018 Montclair Film Festival

**February 5, 2018, MONTCLAIR, NJ** - Montclair Film announced today that it is accepting applicants for the 2018 Montclair Film Festival Junior Jury. This program offers students in grades 10 to 12 the opportunity to meet industry professionals and will learn how to analyze and adjudicate films. Participants will receive year-round student memberships and VIP treatment at the festival, with free access and reserved seats for select films. After deliberating and selecting the best film in the Junior Jury Competition category, students will present the Junior Jury Award to the winning film as part of the Montclair Film Festival's Award Ceremony, held on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Students in Grades 10-12 are welcome to apply, but must be available to attend an orientation on April 24th, to screen five select films during the film festival, and to participate in jury deliberations and the award ceremony on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. This program is free and open to all eligible students.

"Our Junior Jury program provides students with an exceptional opportunity to learn about and participate in the Montclair Film Festival's film programming," said Montclair Film Education Director Sue Hollenberg. "By developing criteria for the adjudication of films, and by engaging in a robust conversation with fellow students and film professionals about the aesthetic and narrative merits of the selected films, students become deeply engaged in understanding visual storytelling in new and exciting ways."

Applications will be accepted through March 18, 2018 and the final Jury selection will be announced on April 2, 2018. To apply, please visit <u>http://www.montclairfilm.org/Jury18</u>



## ABOUT MONTCLAIR FILM

Montclair Film, a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, nurtures and showcases the talents of filmmakers from around the region and world. Montclair Film unites, empowers, educates, and celebrates our region's diverse cultural heritage and robust artistic community by presenting engaging programs and events all year long. The seventh annual Montclair Film Festival will take place from April 27 through May 6, 2018. Montclair Film's year-round and festival programming is made possible through generous support from Investors Bank; Audible; Hackensack Meridian Health; the Horizon Foundation for New Jersey; Ashenfelter, Slous, McDonough, Golia & Trevenen, LLP; Chubb; Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage; and William H. Connolly & Co., and others. Our programs are made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey Department of State, Division of Travel and Tourism and New Jersey State Council on the Arts. For information about Montclair Film, visit www.montclairfilm.org

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