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## MEDIA ALERT

# MONTCLAIR FILM RECEIVES 2018 GRANT SUPPORT

### Organization Receives Support from The New Jersey State Council On The Arts and The USA Today Network

#### Capital Campaign Close to Reaching Goal And Completion

**August 1, 2018, MONTCLAIR, NJ** - Montclair Film today announced that the organization has been awarded two grants that go to support the organization's year-round programs and mission. Both the New Jersey State Council on the Arts (NJSCA) and the USA Today Network, which is funded by the Gannett Foundation, provided significant support to Montclair Film through competitive grant opportunities.

Montclair Film received \$30,000 in general operating support for our 2018-2019 season from the NJSCA, the third and final award of a three-year grant cycle. Montclair Film was also one of only 46 organizations to receive the NJSCA's Citation of Excellence, an honor for NJ arts organizations, programs and projects that receive the highest possible assessment of their NJSCA grant applications by independent panels of their peers.

Montclair Film was also recently awarded a \$25,000 Fan Favorite grant from the USA Today Network, funded by the Gannett Foundation. With support from more than 285 donors in April and May, Montclair Film was one of four organizations nationally to receive Fan Favorite support for the A COMMUNITY THRIVES campaign on Crowdrise. Montclair Film was the only organization in New Jersey to receive a grant, and the only arts organization from more than 500 submissions. When combined with the more than \$40,000 donated online to Montclair Film's A Community Thrives campaign, the organization raised \$66,868 in support of the organization's Capital Campaign.

Montclair Film has also received tremendous support for the TAKE A SEAT CAMPAIGN, offering the unique opportunity to honor, remember, or celebrate a loved one by purchasing a seat (\$1,500) in Cinema505, the 65-seat micro-cinema for screenings and community events at the organization's home at 505 Bloomfield Ave in downtown Montclair. With only 20 chairs remaining, visit <u>www.MontclairFilm.org/captial-campaign/take-a-seat-campaign/</u> to learn more about naming opportunities in Cinema505.

Montclair Film's Capital campaign is now only \$20,000 from meeting its goal of \$2,700,000. A full announcement will be made once the campaign is completed.



#### 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 eighth annual Montclair Film Festival will take place from May 3-12, 2019. 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, Trembulak, McDonough, Golia & Trevenen, LLP; Chubb; Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage; William H. Connolly & Co.; The Nature Conservancy, and others. Our programs are made possible by funds from the New Jersey Department of State, Division of Travel and Tourism, as well as the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. For information about Montclair Film, visit www.montclairfilm.org

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