



## The Montclair Film Festival Emerging Filmmaker Competition Now Open

*Film submissions now being accepted in multiple creative categories from students in Grades 6-12*

**November 7, 2017, Montclair, NJ**— Montclair Film today announced that submissions are now open for the annual Emerging Filmmaker Competition (EFC), open to students from around the world interested in submitting short films in the Narrative, Documentary, Comedy, and Experimental film categories. EFC also offers special Social Impact Awards for young filmmakers who engage with social issues in their work. This year's competitive divisions are:

**Storytellers**, for filmmakers in Grades 6-8

**Visionaries**, for filmmakers in Grades 9-12

Submissions will be accepted starting today until March 4, 2018, with the selections announced on March 26, 2018. Selected films will be screened at the 2018 Montclair Film Festival (MFF), April 26-May 6, 2018, with awards distributed and a special filmmaker reception held during the MFF. For complete rules and to submit your film, please visit [montclairfilm.org/EFC-2018](http://montclairfilm.org/EFC-2018)

In order to encourage and support young filmmakers, Montclair Film + Education has been presenting filmmaking classes, programs, and workshops throughout the year, including Filmmaking 101, Screenwriting, SFX Make-up, Improv, Intro to Editing with Adobe Premier Pro/After Effects, and more. Montclair Film + Education also works with schools and qualified community organizations for groups of 12 students or more who are interested in hosting a workshop.

"The Emerging Filmmaker Competition was the first education program ever launched at Montclair Film and it remains vital to our mission," said Montclair Film Education Director Sue Hollenberg. "By giving young filmmakers a platform to share their cinematic ideas, we hope to foster an enduring passion for filmmaking in young people of all backgrounds, and foster an ongoing conversation about the power and value of storytelling."

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For examples in each category and to view past winners, please visit:

<http://montclairfilm.org/events/emerging-filmmakers-competition-2017/>

## **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](http://www.montclairfilm.org)

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