

MONTCLAIR⁺
FILM⁺
EDUCATION



Mission

- ✚ We are committed to providing all students with the tools to find their voices and tell their stories.
- ✚ We believe that stories build empathy and connect us with community and each other.
- ✚ We use the power of film to explore important social issues and offer programs that enable our students to look at and understand the world in new and different ways.



Montclair Film is a Creative Laboratory

- + **INSPIRING** students to find + refine their creative voices
- + Accessing tools, instructors + **MENTORS** that inspire students to tell their stories
- + Using the **POWER OF FILM** to spark socially + culturally relevant conversation in our schools + community
- + **SHOWCASING** imaginative talent + emerging voices
- + Developing 21st century **SKILLS** to excel in today's digital economy



Media Lab + Storytelling Studio

Where students of all ages come to

- + Learn new skills
- + Showcase their creativity
- + Connect with others who share their passion for film + storytelling

OFFERINGS INCLUDE

- + Intensive summer filmmaking camps
- + Afterschool + evening classes
- + Weekend workshops
- + Courses for homeschooled students

➤ **Scholarships offered to all students who show a financial need.**



1,000+
**Film students reached
since 2012**

Film Academy

Year-round workshops serving middle and high school students + adults

- + Filmmaking Bootcamp
(Narrative + Documentary)
- + Film Studies
- + Cinematography Intensive
- + Editing with Premier Pro
- + Improv
- + Podcasting
- + Screenwriting
- + Sketch Comedy Writing
- + Storytelling
- + Special Effects
- + Scoring for Film
- + Acting for Film + Television
- + SFX Make-Up

■ ■ We are dedicated to providing opportunities to access high quality film education. We look to continue fostering a love of film by bringing together passionate students, dedicated teachers, and industry professionals. ■ ■

EVAN DICKERSON, Curriculum Coordinator



Reel World Filmmaking

- + Students work with a professional filmmaker to create a short film for a community non-profit
- + Students learn documentary filmmaking and develop marketable filmmaking skills
- + Montclair Township Animal Shelter (2016)
- + Community Farm Coalition (2017)
- + Jazz House Kids (2018)



505 Films + Friends

- + Inclusive film club for young people with all levels of abilities
- + Led by a teaching artist and professional psychologist
- + Students meet new friends and engage socially
- + This program is designed to inspire creativity, build confidence, and empower members with important social skills

My son enjoys attending Film Club and always comes home with some interesting insights about the film and often about himself. The moderators do a wonderful job of engaging the participants during the discussion sessions, connecting themes to relevant topics of the day and/or lives of our young adults.

PARENT OF ATTENDEE



Sensory Friendly Screenings

- ✚ We lower the sound, raise the house lights, and give attendees the freedom to move, speak, and view films in a welcoming environment
- ✚ Screenings offered throughout the year
- ✚ We program films that candidly chronicle the lives of individuals living with special needs



Montclair Film in the Community

- ✚ Afterschool filmmaking workshops
- ✚ In-school filmmaking workshops
- ✚ Filmmaker in the school assemblies
- ✚ Field trips to the Montclair Film Festival
- ✚ Spotlight Series

PAST REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- ✚ Christ the King, Newark
- ✚ East Orange High School
- ✚ Immaculate Conception High School
- ✚ Montclair Cooperative School
- ✚ Montclair Public Schools



Montclair High School Field Trip



East Orange High School Filmmaking Workshop

Spotlight Series

Every year, Montclair Film, in conjunction with Montclair Cooperative School, uses film as a springboard to explore critical social issues including Media Literacy, Immigration, and Climate Change.

- ✚ Film screenings
- ✚ School assemblies with special guest speakers
- ✚ Interdisciplinary art projects + challenges
- ✚ Student social action
- ✚ Websites + curriculum guides



Behind The Screen

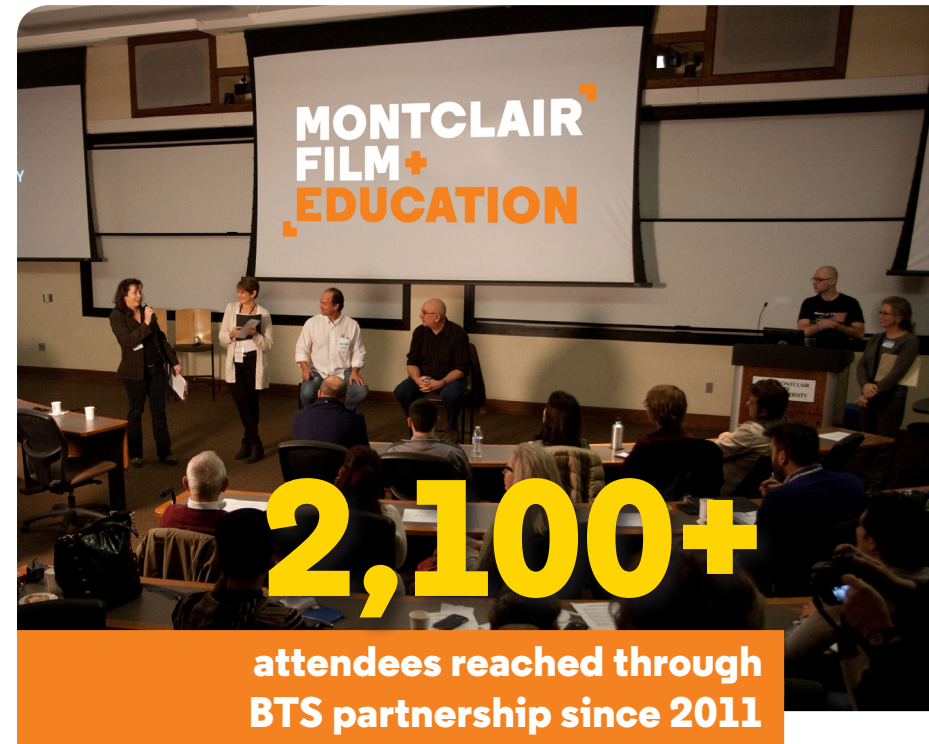
This free day-long program, in conjunction with the School of Communication & Media at Montclair State University, is designed for students and adults to learn from leading industry professionals about building a career in film and television.

PAST PROGRAMS HAVE INCLUDED

Acting + Animation + Casting + Cinematography
 + Content Creation + Costume Design +
 Crowdfunding + Development + Directing
 + Documentary Filmmaking + Editing + The
 Impact of Harassment + Pitching Non-Linear
 Storytelling + Performance + Production +
 Screenwriting + Set Design + Virtual Reality
 + Writing for Late Night TV

“This is a great event for film and communications students. Even as a graduate I was more than happy to come back and volunteer just to be in that creative space again.”

AMANDA A., MSU Graduate 2017, Riverside, NJ



attendees reached through
BTS partnership since 2011

Emerging Filmmaker Competition

- ✚ Annual program celebrating the work of filmmakers in 6th–12th grade from across the region
- ✚ Short films are adjudicated by a jury of local film professionals
- ✚ Winning films are screened during the Montclair Film Festival



■■ We are over the moon that three of our students won awards this year! I love that their hard work is recognized and we are so grateful for this meaningful program. ■■

JODY LAZARSKI
Video Production Teacher
Passaic County Technical Institute
Wayne, NJ

750+ student filmmakers engaged since 2012

Junior Jury

Teens apply to be selected as part of a special team that screens a range of films during our annual spring festival to learn the process of consensus building, film criticism, and adjudication from industry veterans.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS INCLUDE

Academy 360 + Barnstable Academy + Bloomfield High School +
 Bridgewater Raritan High School + Columbia High School + Gill
 St. Bernards + Glen Ridge High School + Indian Hills High School
 + Jackson Memorial + James Caldwell High School + Kent Place
 School + Livingston High School + Middletown High School South
 + Milburn High School + Montclair High School + Montclair
 Kimberley Academy + Morris Catholic High School + Mount Olive
 High School + Newark Academy + Newark Tech + Nutley High School
 + Parsippany Hills High School + Passaic County Tech + Ridgefield
 Park High School + St. Peters Prep + Summit High School + Verona
 High School + West Orange High School

☐☐ You celebrate the craft of film and become part of something big in the industry from this MFF experience... we all went out and talked about all the films we loved. Connecting with other young people who love film was my favorite part because the conversations were limitless! ☐☐

DOMENICK C., 17 years old, Roseland, NJ, Junior Juror 2018



**students from over 30 regional
high schools represented since 2015**

Emerging Voices Showcase

We provide a professional space to young artists who use film to tell their stories. Cinema505 is closed to the public and the filmmakers' family and friends are invited to an exclusive screening.

■■ Montclair Film has offered me countless opportunities as a young indie filmmaker, from inviting me onto the festival junior jury to hosting screenings of my films. I'm thankful for everything they've done for the local cinema scene, both as a filmmaker and a film lover. ■■

AIDEN C., 17 years old, Montclair, NJ



Interns + Volunteers

Montclair Film recruits, trains, and supports a diverse cadre of dedicated high school and university student interns and volunteers. Many of our interns have gone on to hold part- and full-time jobs in the industry, including here at Montclair Film.

■■ Volunteering for Montclair Film has not only given me the access into the industry I love but the confidence and space to grow. Years of working at the festival opened my mind to the opportunities our industry has to offer. It has definitely made an impact in my life and I have created friendships that will last forever. ■■

NICK JUZDAN, Manager, Media & Marketing, Ashley Stewart



2,080+
VOLUNTEERS

430+
**UNIVERSITY AND
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**Contributed to
our success**

Slam My Story! + Podcasting

High school students tell their stories LIVE in Cinema505 and record a podcast series in our Storytelling Studio. Free coaching is provided to those who want to enhance their presentation skills.

■■ The event last night was so wonderful. I was so honored to be a part of it, as it was really exciting to have such a welcoming platform for me to tell my story. Please let me know if you do any more events! ■■

DAVIDA T., Age 16, Montclair, NJ



Community Programs

Montclair Film's popular Summer Series of free outdoor screenings in public parks and downtown streets has become a favorite and affordable summertime "staycation" activity for families and audiences of all ages.



A T-Rex visited the audience during our screening of Jurassic Park!

130+ COMMUNITIES IN NJ + NY

**Atlantic Highlands + Avenel
 + Barnegat + Barrington + Belford +
 Belleville + Bergenfield + Berkeley Heights +
 Bloomfield + Branchburg + Bridgewater + Brooklyn +
 Broomall + Burlington + Caldwell + Cedar Grove + Cha-
 tham + Chester + Churchville + Cliffwood + Clifton + Colonia +
 Cranford + Cresskill + Demarest + Denville + East Brunswick + East
 Newark + East Orange + Elizabeth + Fair Lawn + Fanwood + Far Hills + Far
 Rockaway + Flanders + Florham Park + Forest Hills + Fort Lee + Garfield + Glen
 Gardner + Glen Ridge + Glen Rock + Green Brook + Guttenberg + Hackensack + Hack-
 ettstown + Hardyston + Harrison + Haskell + Hazlet + Hewitt + Highland Park + Highlands +
 Hillsborough + Hillsdale + Hoboken + Holmdel + Irvington + Iselin + Jackson + Jersey City + Kearny
 + Keasbey + Kinnelon + Lincoln Park + Lincroft + Linden + Little Falls + Livingston + Lyndhurst + Madison
 + Mahwah + Matawan + Maywood + Medford Lakes + Middlesex + Middletown + Millburn + Moorestown + Mor-
 ristown + Mount Laurel + Mount Royal + Mountainside + Mt. Tabor + New Providence + New York + Newark + Newton +
 North Bergen + North Brunswick + North Caldwell + North Haledon + Nutley + Oakhurst + Orange + Paramus + Passaic
 + Paterson + Pedricktown + Perth Amboy + Phillipsburg + Pilesgrove + Pine Brook + Piscataway + Plainfield + Port Saint
 Lucie + Randolph + Raritan + Red Bank + River Edge + River Vale + Robbinsville + Rochelle Park + Rockaway + Roseland
 + Rutherford + Scotch Plains + Secaucus + Shamong + Short Hills + South Orange + Sparta + Spring Lake + Springfield +
 Succasunna + Summit + Teaneck + Towaco + Township Of Washington + Union + Union Beach + Verona + Vincentown +
 Wallington + Watchung + Wayne + West Caldwell + West Deptford + West Orange + Westfield + Westwood + Whippany
 + Whitehouse Station + Woodland Park + Woolwich + Wyckoff**

Our Reach Beyond Montclair

Montclair Film is dedicated
 to stimulating creativity
 through film education.
 Our programs and
 screenings impact students
 from towns from across
 New Jersey and beyond.

Future Initiatives

We seek additional sources of support to pilot innovative new programs that will expand our offering to diverse audiences in filmmaking, media literacy, and storytelling.

- ✚ Scale our offerings to serve more under-resourced communities
- ✚ Initiatives focused on suicide prevention + mental health
- ✚ Career Institute in Filmmaking for at-risk and underserved high school students
- ✚ Teacher training workshops in filmmaking in the classroom
- ✚ Expansion of our scholarship program



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