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MONTCLAIR FILM CELEBRATES
BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH 8th ANNUAL
FREE COMMUNITY SCREENING

UNITED SKATES to screen at Glenfield Middle School on February 23

Montclair Film Honored with Charity Navigator Platinum Seal Of Transparency
Receives New Round of Funding For Program and Capital Campaign Support

Montclair Film Hosts 2nd Annual Volunteer Fair

January 21, 2019, MONTCLAIR, NJ—Montclair Film today announced the organization's 8th annual celebration of Black History Month, which features films that honor the African American experience. This year, Montclair Film's annual free community screening will showcase *UNITED SKATES*, directed by Dyana Winkler and Tina Brown and edited by Montclair's own Katharine Garrison, who will attend the screening for a post-film Q&A with the audience. More special guests will be announced soon.

The screening takes place on Saturday, February 23rd at 4:00 PM at the Glenfield Middle School auditorium. Tickets for this screening are free but required, and are available by visiting montclairfilm.org. All tickets and seating are available on a first come, first served basis. Patrons without reserved tickets may arrive 15 minutes before showtime and will be welcome to take any available seats on a first come, first served basis.

Featuring music and interviews with Salt-N-Pepa, Reggie Brown, Coolio, Vin Rock, Alonzo Williams, Queen Latifah, and more, *UNITED SKATES* is an examination and celebration of the African American roller skating community, a phenomenon that has been overlooked by the mainstream for generations, yet has given rise to some of the greatest musical talents of our time. When America's last standing roller rinks are threatened with closure, a community of thousands battle in a racially charged environment to save this underground African American subculture.

Montclair Film's programs are made possible through the generous support of our sponsors and donors.

Montclair Film recently received a 2019 Cooperative Marketing Grant in the amount of \$20,500 from the NJ Division of Travel and Tourism to help market our festival and ongoing programs to audiences from across New Jersey and beyond. In addition, Montclair Film received a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey. The

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grant will help to fund the spring film festival, as well as our popular Summer Series and free Behind the Screen program, a day of master classes at Montclair State University.

“This grant from the Horizon Foundation for New Jersey will enable Montclair Film to continue our important work in bringing entertaining and educational film programming to a diverse audience across our community,” said Tom Hall, Executive Director of Montclair Film.

“We are pleased to support Montclair Film,” said Jonathan R. Pearson, Executive Director of The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey. “The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey works closely with grantees who share our commitment to improving the health and communities we serve throughout New Jersey.”

The Montclair Foundation made a grant of \$5,000 to complete their multi-year pledge of \$10,000 to support the campaign to build a new home for Montclair Film. The Hyde and Watson Foundation, also provided a \$10,000 grant to help renovate Montclair Film’s new home in downtown Montclair. These generous grants were some of the final gifts to help complete the \$2.6 million Capital Campaign, one that was supported by hundreds of donors with donations both large and small.

Montclair Film is also proud to announce that Investors Bank will return as the Title Sponsor of the 8th Annual Montclair Film Festival, and Audible returns as the Signature Sponsor of the spring festival. These leadership supporters are joined by scores of other corporate and business donors who are committed to supporting the arts and enjoy engaging with Montclair Film’s sophisticated, diverse and creative audience.

Businesses and organizations interested in learning more about customizing a sponsorship for the 8th Annual Montclair Film Festival (May 3-12, 2019) should contact Development Director Aran Roche at aran@montclairfilm.org before March 1st to ensure you can take advantage of all the valuable benefits including corporate entertaining.

This year, we are proud to report that Montclair Film has achieved the 2018 Seal of Transparency on Guidestar, an honor that helps donors and potential donors evaluate our work to engage, educate, and entertain through the power of visual storytelling. We are committed to the highest level of transparency. To learn more, visit www.GuideStar.org.

Finally, Montclair Film announced today that it will be holding its second annual **Volunteer Fair on Sunday, February 3rd, 2019 from 11AM until 1PM** at the Investors Bank Film & Media Center located at 505 Bloomfield Avenue in Montclair.

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Members of the public are invited to attend the Fair and meet representatives of area non-profit organizations who are seeking volunteers. Participating organizations include: Communities Promoting Animal Welfare NJ (CPAW NJ), IMANI, In Harmony Montclair, Kinder-Smile Foundation, Luna Stage, Montclair African American Heritage Foundation, Montclair Art Museum, Montclair Film, Montclair Literary Festival, Montclair Make Music Day, Montclair Public Library, The Montclair Orchestra, Opera Theatre of Montclair, Outpost in the Burbs, Side Door, Studio Montclair, Studio Playhouse, Van Vleck House and Gardens, and Vanguard Theater Company.

“We have been lucky enough to have talented and dedicated volunteers from the start. So, we decided to host an event where anyone who is interested in volunteering can meet with local non-profit organizations in person,” said Montclair Film Board Vice President, Community Relations, Sarah Barrack. “We hope that those interested in serving the community will find opportunities that inspire them and that we can create a rich network of service for Montclair’s thriving non-profit organizations.”

The Volunteer Fair is free and open to the public.

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; The Bravitas Group; 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

ABOUT THE HORIZON FOUNDATION FOR NEW JERSEY

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