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MONTCLAIR FILM POSTPONES 2020 MONTCLAIR FILM FESTIVAL

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March 12, 2020, MONTCLAIR, NJ – Following guidance from The Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) for at-risk populations to avoid mass gatherings, in consultation with health officials in the Township of Montclair, and with an abundance of concern for the health and safety of our patrons, artists, partners, volunteers, and staff related to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Montclair Film today announced it will postpone all currently scheduled public programs, including classes, screenings, special events, and the 2020 Montclair Film Festival, originally scheduled for May 1-10, 2020.

Montclair Film has developed a production plan to launch the 2020 Festival program once public health and other officials advise that the public may safely attend public events. The organization remains fully engaged in the planning of the 2020 Festival, with films, venues, the annual Film Guide, and a full schedule of special events being readied for launch.

For the safety of patrons and students, all events and classes scheduled for March and April will be re-scheduled for a future date once public health officials determine it is prudent to proceed.

“With the unanimous support of our Executive Committee, Board, and staff, we are postponing the 2020 Montclair Film Festival because we are committed to the health and safety of our community, and we support and are grateful to our public



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health partners as they work to contain and fight COVID-19,” said Montclair Film Executive Director Tom Hall. “We look forward to hosting the 2020 Montclair Film Festival at a time when we can fully engage in the celebration of cinema, community, and conversation with all of our patrons, artists, volunteers, and sponsors feeling safe and welcome.”

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ABOUT MONTCLAIR FILM

Montclair Film, a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization connects filmmakers from around the region and world with audiences by presenting films and year-round programs that engage, educate, and entertain through the power of visual storytelling. The ninth annual Montclair Film Festival was originally scheduled to take place from May 1-10, 2020. 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, among many others. Montclair Film provides unique and meaningful ways to engage with diverse, creative, and sophisticated audiences and seeks sponsors for its signature spring film festival and other year-round programs that attract more than 46,000 annual attendees and generate more than 750 million media impressions yearly. For information about Montclair Film, visit www.MontclairFilm.org.

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