



MONTCLAIR
FILM October 18 –
FESTIVAL October 27, 2024

MFF24... IT'S A WRAP!

- + 10 Days
- + 130+ Films, Conversations, and Special Events
- + 18,000 Attendees
- + 180 Filmmakers
- + 44 Sponsors
- + 95 Advertisers
- + Hours of Meaningful Dialogue

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Thank you to our sponsors, donors, members, patrons, volunteers, community partners and everyone who helped make the 13th Annual Montclair Film Festival a success.



“My partner and I recently moved to Montclair and were so excited to attend the Film Festival for the first time! We had so much fun and wound up seeing 9 movies, all of which we greatly enjoyed. We are so appreciative to the staff/volunteers for putting on such an amazing event and will definitely be back next year!” – Festival Attendee

“We've been coming to the festival since its inception—love seeing it expand and grow. All of the movies this year really seemed exceptional and I liked the intros explaining why the staff chose to include them, which made them seem truly personally vetted. Great job!” – Festival Attendee



“This year's festival was excellent. The sheer breadth, variety and volume of films was outstanding.” – Festival Attendee

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PREVIEW PARTY



Co-presented with Loopwell and Skopos Catering



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OPENING NIGHT 2024 Montclair Film Festival

CONCLAVE



Q&A with Director Edward Berger



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FESTIVAL SPECIAL EVENTS



FILMMAKER BREAKFAST
Co-Presented by Shine Global



FILMMAKER PARTY
Co-Presented by Porta



INDUSTRY PARTY
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COMMUNITY BREAKFAST



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IN CONVERSATION With Ina Garten



“Sometimes, if you're lucky, the person sitting next to you at a dinner party turns out to be really interesting, and you have a lively conversation that makes you think, I want to know more.”

— Ina Garten, *Be Ready When the Luck Happens: A Memoir*



Be Ready When The Luck Happens: A Memoir
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Q&As with Directors, Writers, and Talent



Top row:
Mary Baxter and
Catherine Gund from
PAINT ME A ROAD OUT
OF HERE, Marielle Heller
from NIGHTBITCH, and
Contessa Gayles from
SONGS FROM THE HOLE
Bottom row:
Maggie Doyne and
family from BETWEEN
THE MOUNTAIN AND
THE SKY, and Asif
Kapadia from 2073.



MONTCLAIR FILM FESTIVAL at The Clairidge

- + 109 Screenings
- + 7,369 Patrons



The Clairidge is a Montclair Film Nonprofit Cinema



“The excitement was palpable at the theater! I miss that feeling.”
– 2024 Film Festival Attendee



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PANELS SPONSORED BY THE ANKLER

Providing Industry, Entertainment and Media Updates



ANNUAL REPORT: STATE OF THE FILM INDUSTRY

Moderated by Sean McNulty

HOLLYWOOD AWARDS SEASON: WHO WINS AND WHY IT MATTERS

Moderated by Katey Rich

ARTISTS, AUDIENCES & ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Moderated by Ashley Cullens

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NJPAC

An Evening with Jon Bon Jovi and Stephen Colbert

This special event raises important funds for Montclair Film Programs including Education



“I know I wouldn’t be here without Montclair Film and the incredible people who helped me explore my passion. I never thought that someone like me could be a part of the endlessly fascinating film industry, and my mentors at Montclair Film showed me I could.”

– Trey, a Montclair Film Education Alumna

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MONTCLAIR FILM'S VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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- + 160 volunteers worked over 400 shifts for a total of 1,300 hours
- + Volunteers ranged in age from 15 to 85



Volunteer Appreciation Party at Porta



The Karen Campbell Kindness Award went to mother and son volunteers Kathy Mytaras and Niko Ioannou

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PRODUCTION ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Providing Industry work experience to young professionals



10 college students worked on-site at Montclair Film to prepare, execute and wrap up the 13th Annual Montclair Film Festival. They learned event logistics, marketing, artist services, fundraising and more.

“I had so much fun learning about the behind-the-scenes work that goes into creating a successful festival and witnessing firsthand the passion and dedication everyone brings to each project. I gained valuable insights and developed skills that have truly enriched my understanding of the film industry. I am especially thankful for the guidance and encouragement each team member offered along the way—your willingness to share your expertise and enthusiasm.” — **Nick, Production Assistant**

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JUNIOR JURY

14 students representing 10 schools across New Jersey were selected to participate in a behind-the-scenes intensive to view, adjudicate, and vote for the festival's top films. Additionally, they were able to meet and participate in Q&As with some of the filmmakers.



“Getting accepted into The Montclair Film Festival Junior Jury felt like winning the lottery... I won an unforgettable experience where I met and spoke to a multitude of filmmakers, made incredible connections with my peers, and of course, watched many many films” – Xavier

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CLOSING NIGHT FILM

The Piano Lesson



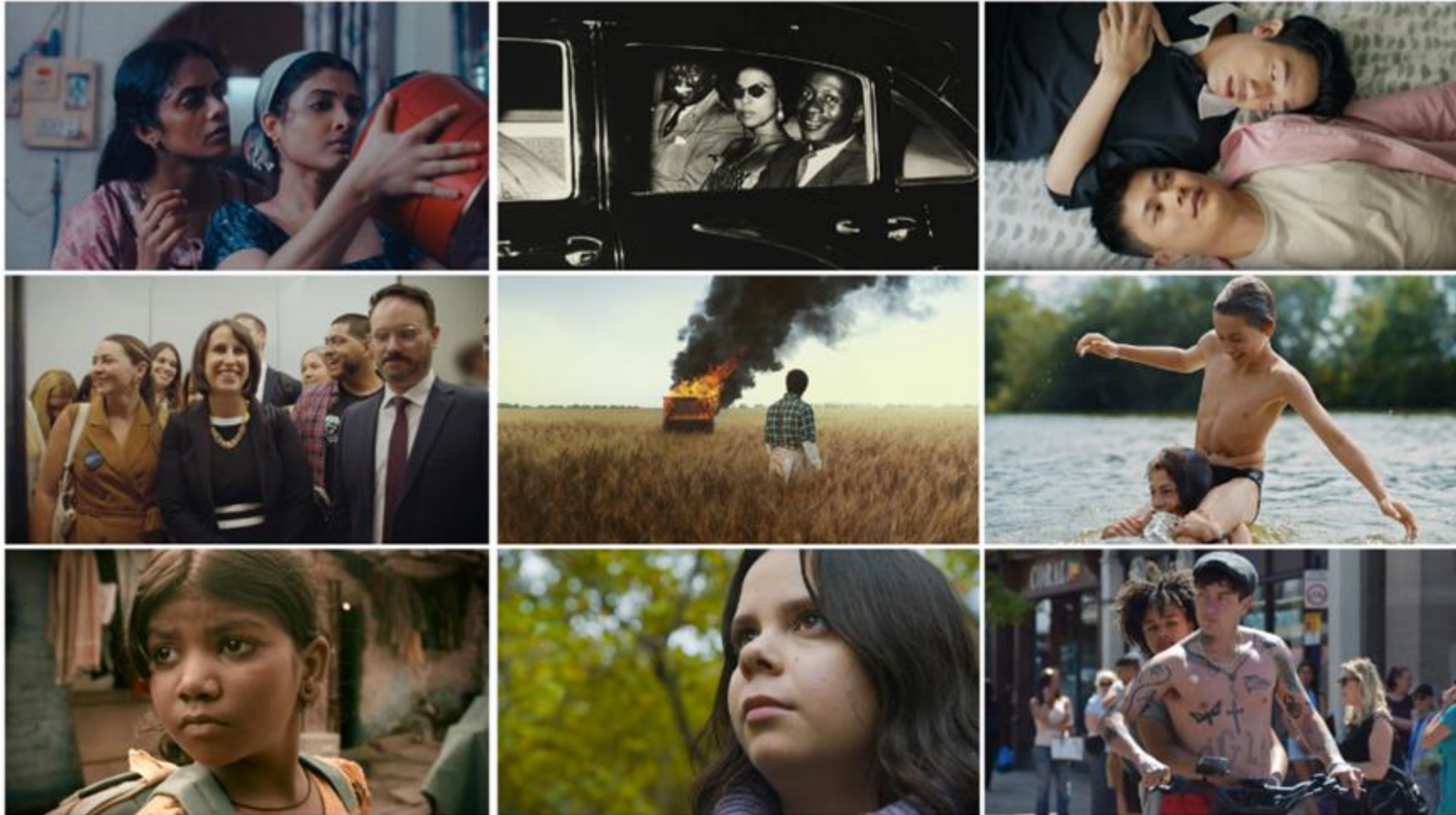
Audible Storyteller Series: Q&A with Malcolm and John David Washington with Stephen Colbert



2024 Breakthrough Director: **Malcolm Washington**
2024 Performance Award: **John David Washington**

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Award Winners



This year's festival featured four competitive categories: Fiction, Documentary, Future/Now, and New Jersey Filmmaking. Additionally, the Fiction and Documentary juries also awarded films for the festival's Short Film competitions. The MFF also announced the festival's 2024 Audience Awards and Junior Jury prizes.

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PRESS WRAP

The 13th Annual Montclair Film Festival attracted **more than 260 million media impressions!**



BROADCAST COVERAGE

- + E! News
- + Pix11
- + The Late Show with Stephen Colbert

PRINT

- + Star Magazine

ONLINE

- + The Ankler
- + Asbury Park Press
- + Awards Daily
- + Awards Radar
- + Awards Watch
- + Billboard
- + Deadline
- + E! News
- + Experience Montclair
- + FilmFest Report
- + Hollywood Reporter
- + Indiewire
- + Live For Film
- + Media Play News
- + Montclair Girl
- + Montclair Local
- + Montclair State University Radio
- + New Jersey 101.5
- + New Jersey Digest
- + New Jersey Monthly
- + New Jersey Stage
- + New York Daily News
- + New York Post
- + New Jersey Arts
- + NJ.COM
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- + Today.com
- + Variety
- + WMSC I Heart Radio

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Instagram

- + 1,545 New Followers
- + 401K Views on Reels and Stories
- + 9.4K Interactions
- + 105.9K Reach
- + 7.8K Profile visits

Facebook

- + 200 New Followers
- + 372.2K Views on Reels and Stories
- + 4.6k Interactions
- + 127.7k Reach
- + 4.3k Profile visits

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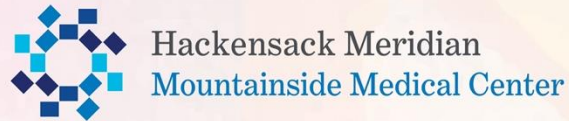


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STUDIO



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