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FESTIVAL

October 17 -
October 26, 2025



MFF25... IT'S A WRAP!

- + **10** Days
- + **140** Films, Conversations, and Special Events
- + **23,240** Attendees
- + **42** Sponsors
- + **124** Advertisers
- + **11** Festival Partners
- + **6** Venues



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Thank you to our sponsors, donors, members, patrons, filmmakers, volunteers, community partners and everyone who helped make our 14th Annual Montclair Film Festival a success.



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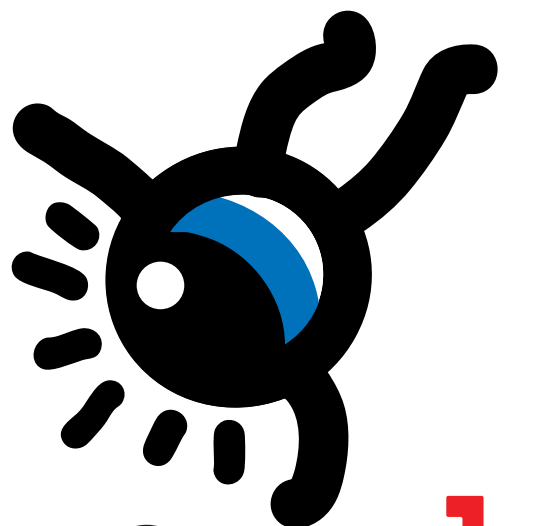
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PREVIEW PARTY

Co-Presented with Loopwell and Skopos Catering



MFF25 Festival Artist
Kariem Young



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OPENING NIGHT SCREENING

JAY KELLY at the Wellmont

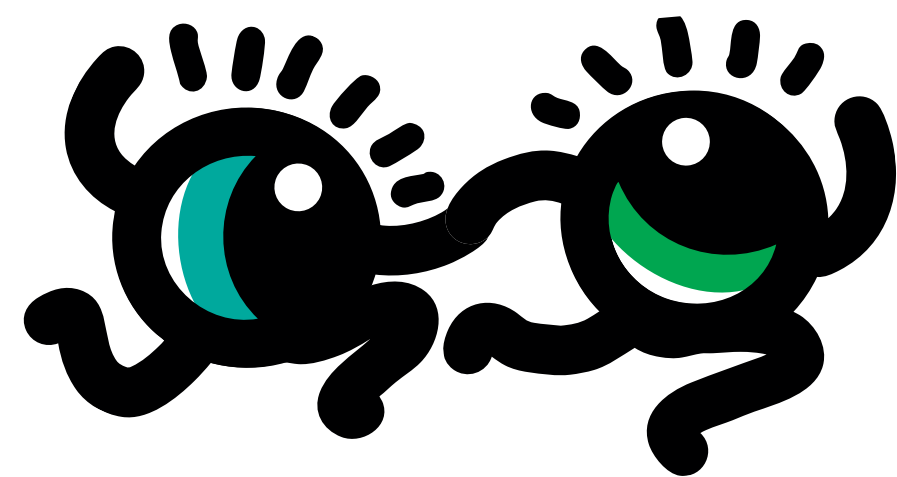


Nicholas Britell was honored with the 2025 Composer Award for his work on the Opening Night Film, JAY KELLY



Governor Phil Murphy, Tom Hall, Mary Ann Vaughn, Nicholas Britell, Caitlin Sullivan, Tricia Haggerty, Wenz, First Lady Tammy Murphy, Evelyn McGee Colbert and Stephen Colbert

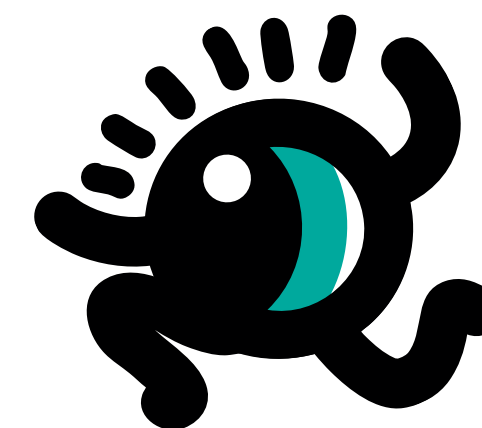
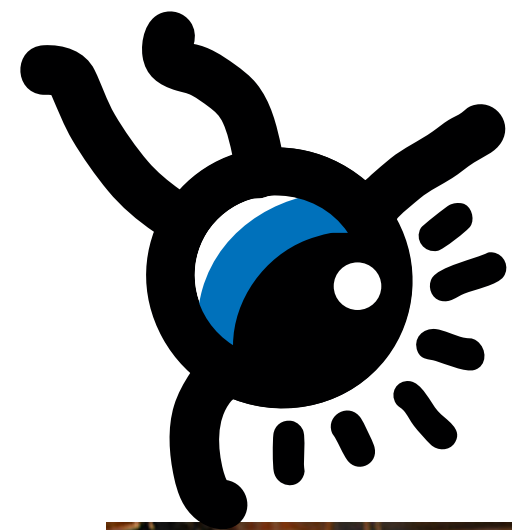
SOLD OUT!



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OPENING NIGHT PARTY

At The Montclair Mezzanine



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MONTCLAIR FILM FESTIVAL At The Clairidge



90 Screenings



The Clairidge is a Montclair Film non-profit cinema which re-opened in 2021.

6,827 Tickets sold!



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MONTCLAIR FILM FESTIVAL At The Bellevue

After being closed for more than 8 years, Montclair Film reopened The Bellevue Theatre to a sold out crowd with a screening of the beloved SOUND OF MUSIC.

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2,843 Tickets sold!

22 Screenings



Watching THE SOUND OF MUSIC in the same theatre in which we watched this film for the first time in 1965 was very emotional for us.
– Festival Patron



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FESTIVAL SPECIAL EVENTS



We had so much fun at the festival last year and this year was **EVEN BETTER!!!** Loved the international films we got to see this year, volunteers are wonderful, the Bellevue was gorgeous, everything was seamless. This year we started forcing our friends to come, and they were also blown away by the movies on offer and how accessible everything was! – Festival Patron



Co-Presented by New Jersey Beer and Ironbound Hard Cider



At the MC Hotel



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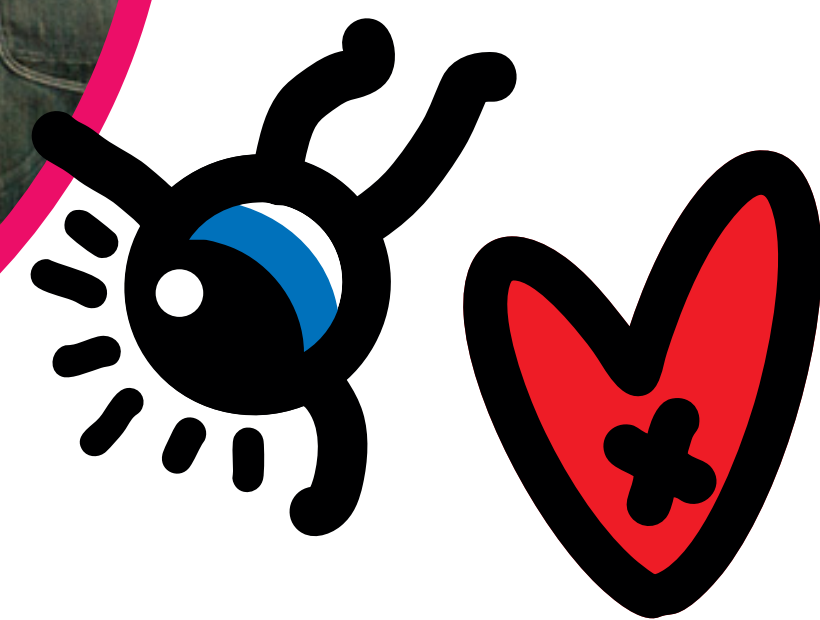
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT PROGRAM



Being a PA for the festival has been the most rewarding experience, and has given me such a great outlook on how the festival is run and operated, and how organized and efficient it is managed. Working with you has been such an illuminating experience, and I am so glad that I was given this chance. – MFF25 PA



Eight Production Assistants worked at Montclair Film to prepare, execute, and wrap up the 14th Annual Montclair Film Festival. They learned event logistics, marketing, artist services, fundraising and more.



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AUDIBLE STORYTELLER SERIES



Warner Brothers Motion Picture Group Co-Chair and CEO Pamela Abdy in conversation with Tom Hall

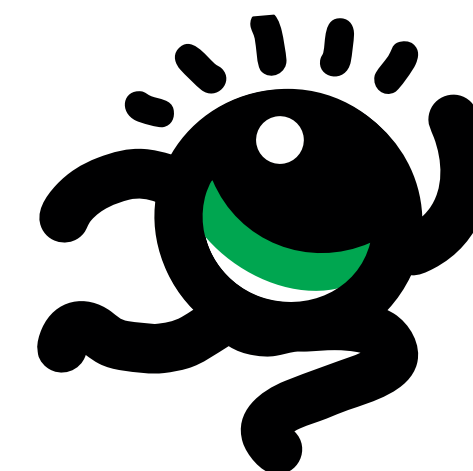


Stephen Colbert Conversation with Spike Lee

The Storyteller Series
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Stephen Colbert, Tig Notaro, Evie Colbert, Director Ryan White, and Producer Jessica Hargrave of COME SEE ME IN THE GOOD LIGHT

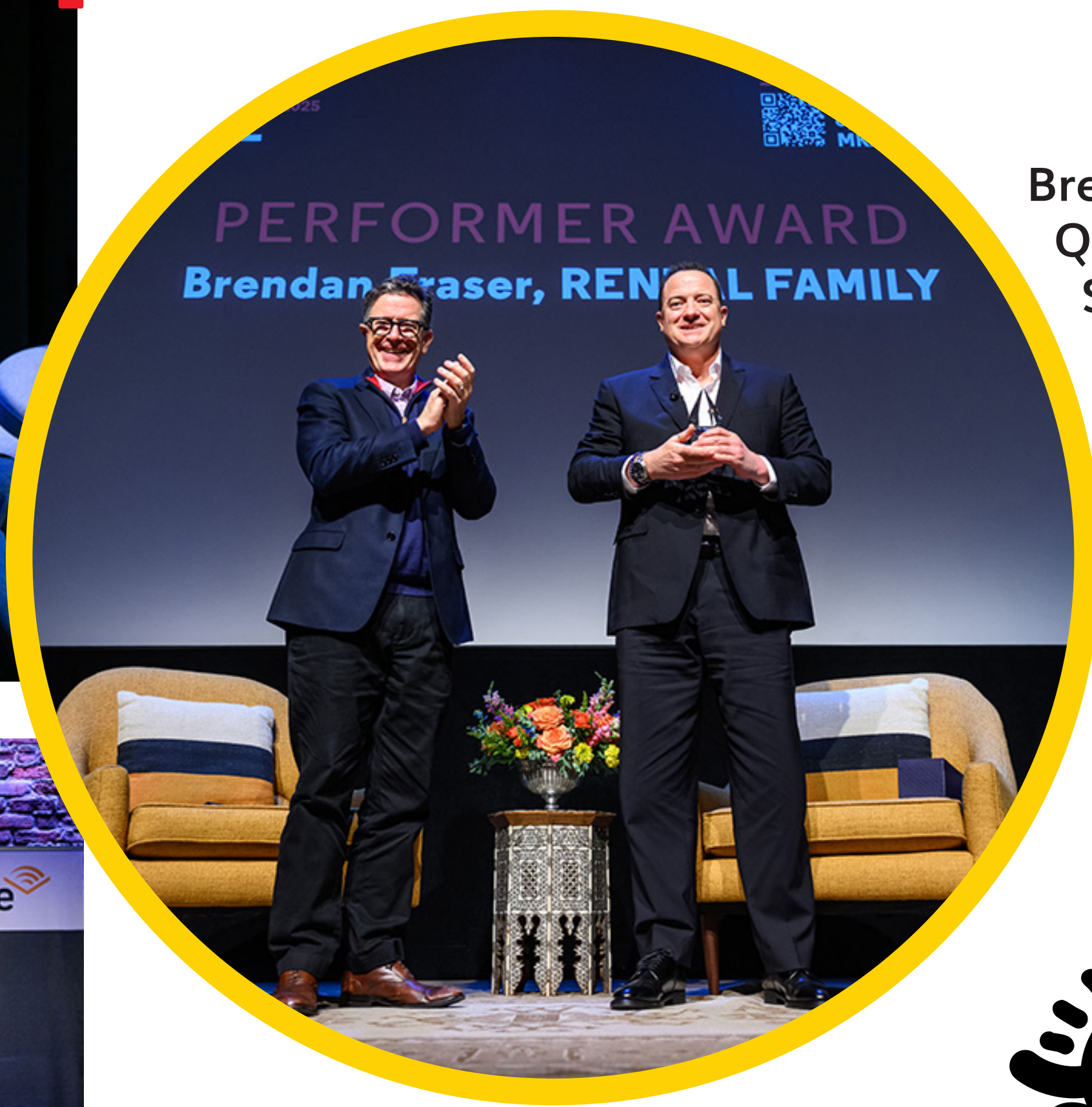


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Q & A with E. Jean Carroll and Director Ivy Meeropol



Brendan Fraser
Q & A with
Stephen
Colbert

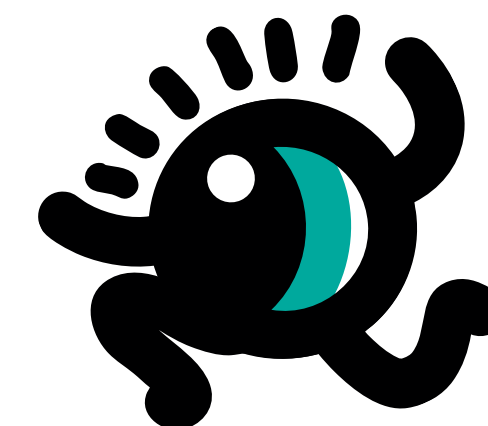


The
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In Conversation:
Bobbi Brown



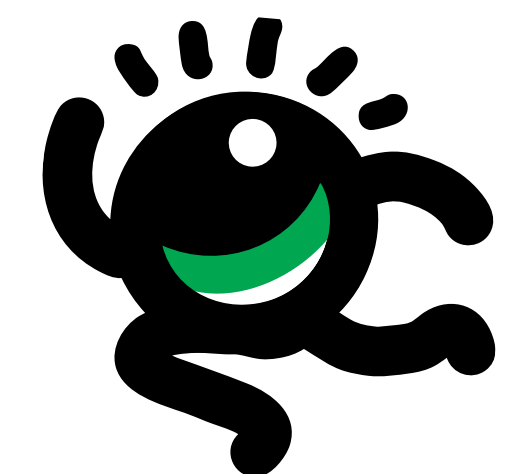
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AUDIBLE LISTENING LOUNGE

Located At The Montclair Mezzanine



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INDUSTRY PANELS

at The Montclair Mezzanine and Cinema505

- + **Annual Report:
State of the Film Industry**
Presented by The Ankler
- + **Audiences, Awards, and the
Future of Movie Marketing**
Presented by The Ankler
- + **Lights, Camera,
Everyone in Action!**
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- + **Stories That Sell:
Marketing, Branding, and
the Next Wave of Film**
- + **Technology and the
Art of Visual Storytelling**
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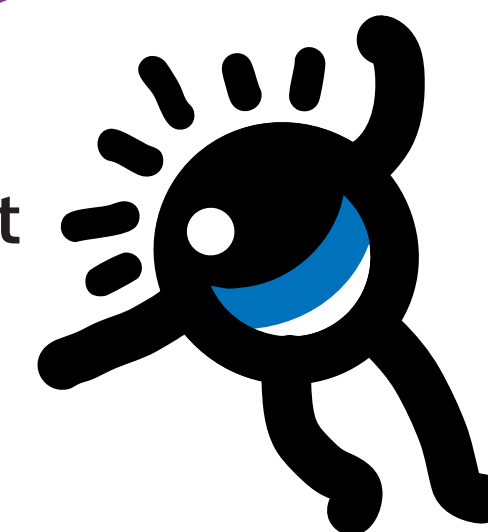
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VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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The Karen Campbell Kindness Award went to MFF volunteer Kay Anderson



More than 200 volunteers helped with the 2025 Montclair Film Festival working more than 500 volunteer shifts.



It is a pleasure and rewarding to volunteer in support of Montclair Film's good works for our community.

– MFF25 Volunteer

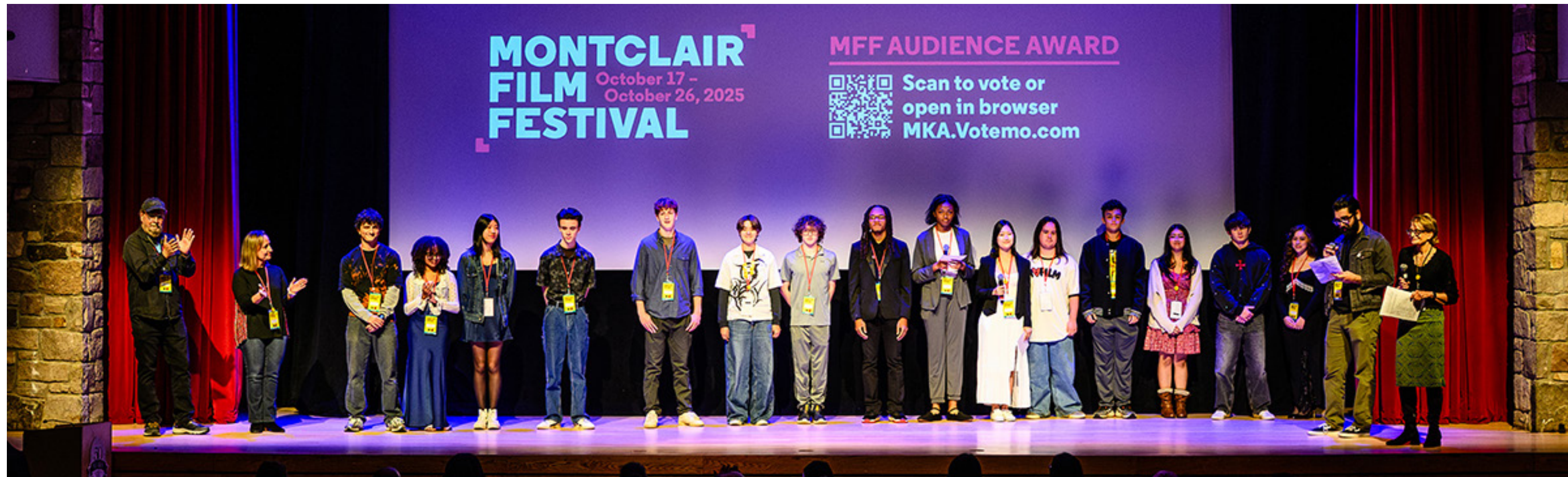


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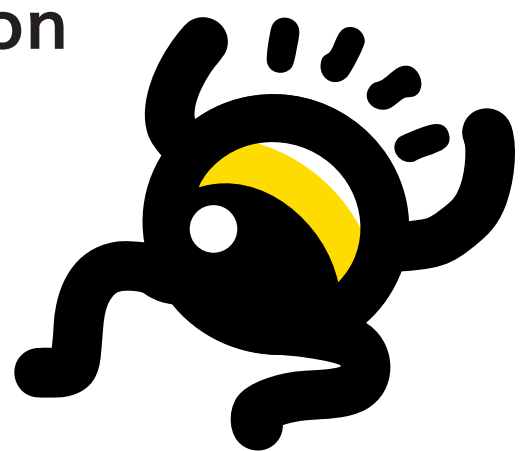


JUNIOR JURY

The Junior Jury, made up of 15 area high school students representing 12 schools, awarded its top prize to BUGONIA directed by Yorgos Lanthimos. A Special Jury Prize for Debut Feature went to Akinola Davies Jr. for MY FATHER'S SHADOW.

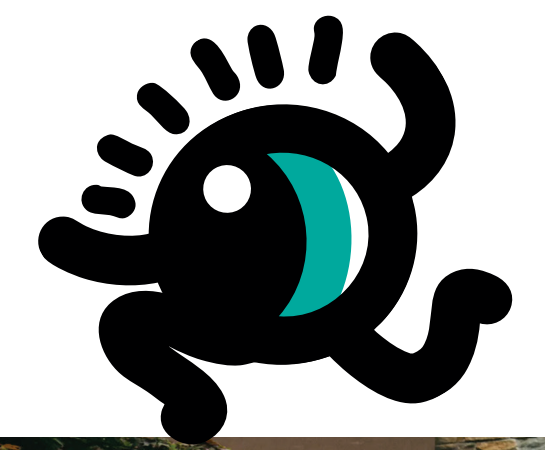


This year's Junior Jury included students from Montclair High, Bloomfield High, Seton Hall Prep, Newark Academy, and other area schools.



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AWARD-WINNING FILMS



This year's festival featured three competitive categories: Fiction, Documentary, and Future/ Now. Additionally, the Fiction and Documentary juries also awarded films for the festival's Short Film competitions. The MFF also announced the festival's 2025 Audience Awards and Junior Jury prizes.



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PRESS WRAP

The 14th Annual Montclair Film Festival attracted more than 352 million media impressions

ONLINE

Total Online Impressions: 325,907,858

- + **The Ankler**
- + Awards Radar
- + Black Enterprise
- + The Contending
- + Daily Mail
- + Discover Jersey Arts
- + **Deadline**
- + Ground News
- + **The Hollywood Reporter**
- + Indiewire
- + Montclair Girl
- + Montclair Local
- + New Jersey Family
- + NJ Stage
- + New Jersey Arts
- + New Jersey Star Ledger
- + New Jersey isn't Boring
- + New Jersey Leisure Guide
- + **New Jersey Monthly**
- + NJ Arts Maven
- + Visit New Jersey
- + New York Post
- + North Jersey.com
- + Patch
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- + **Variety**
- + Visit New Jersey
- + This Washington Post
- + World Atlas
- + WFLA

SOCIAL

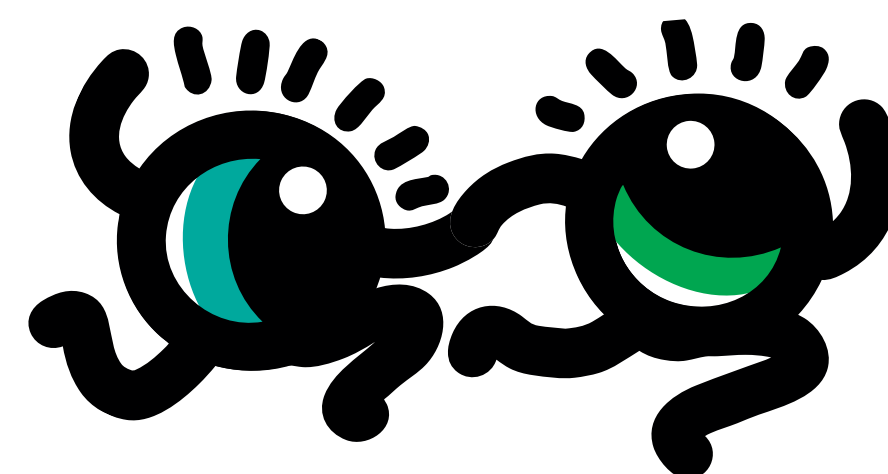
Total Social Impressions: 741,513 Followers

- + CINEMAWAVEMEDIA
- + Culture Wave Media Network
- + The Montclair Girl
- + Movie Rec By Lex
- + NJDOTCOM
- + NJ STAGE
- + NORTHJERSEY.COM
- + WEAREMONTCLAIR

PRINT

Total Print Impressions: 600,077

- + New York Post
- + New Jersey Monthly
- + Montclair Times
- + Montclair Local



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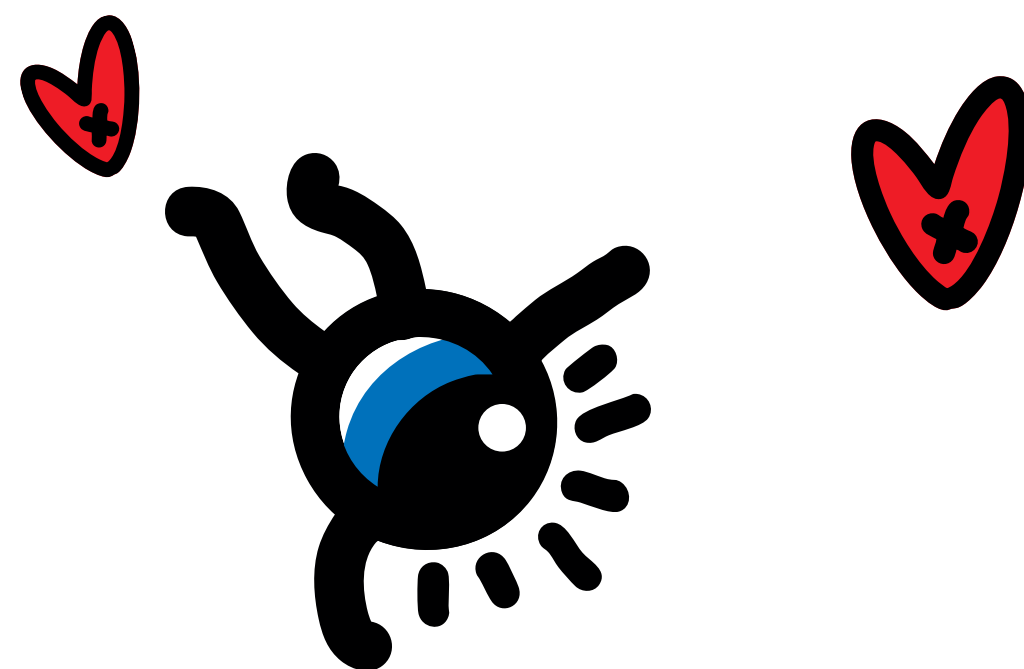
SOCIAL MEDIA

INSTAGRAM

- + 863,321 Views
- + 14,968 Interactions
- + 15,039 Followers
- + 803 New Followers

FACEBOOK

- + 1.5m Views
- + 14.4k Interactions
- + 10.7k visits
- + 1,000 New Followers



Numbers for October 2025

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Reel insights

Legendary director Spike Lee shares his Knicks pre...
October 18 · Duration 0:27

426 13 44 9 19

Overview ⓘ

Views	10,879
Instagram	7,156
Facebook	3,723
Watch time	7h 29m 35s
Interactions	410
Profile activity	5

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Reel insights

Lucy Liu, Eric Lin, and Marilyn Fu join #MFF25 to sh...
October 21 · Duration 0:42

594 23 81 18 29

Overview ⓘ

Views	12,640
Instagram	11,499
Facebook	1,141
Watch time	1d 1h 33m 13s
Interactions	710
Profile activity	13

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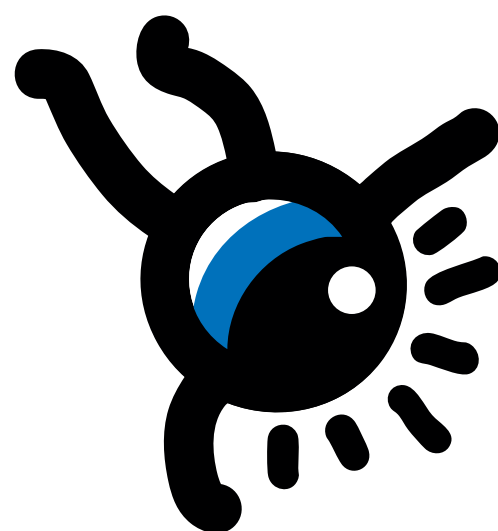
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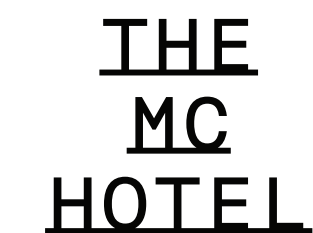
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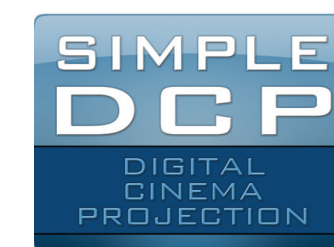
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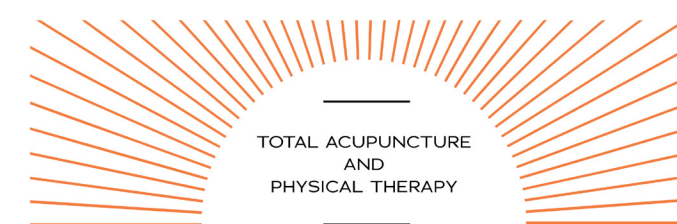
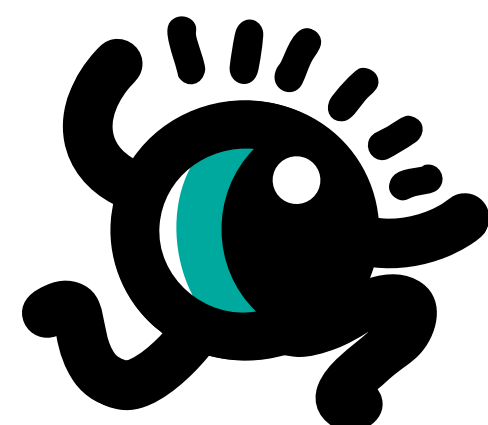
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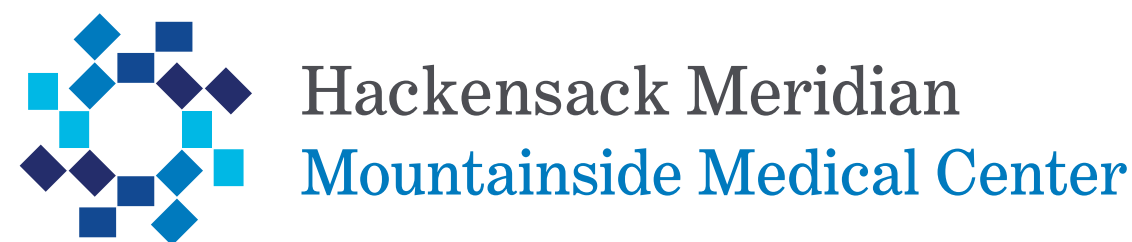
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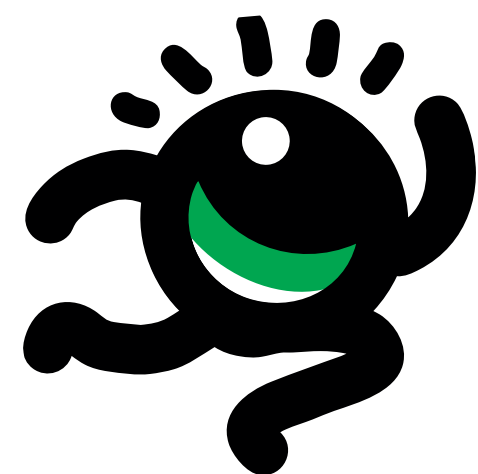
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