

JFI to receive prestigious Art Works grant from the National Endowment for the Arts

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[San Francisco] - National Endowment for the Arts Acting Chairman Mary Anne Carter has approved 1,187 grants totaling \$27.3 million for arts organizations in every state across the country, as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, including \$1,730,000 for 72 organizations throughout the Bay Area as part of the Arts Endowment's first major funding announcement for fiscal year 2020.

Included in this announcement is an Art Works grant of \$20,000 to the Jewish Film Institute for the 40th Anniversary San Francisco Jewish Film Festival. Art Works is the Arts Endowment's principal grantmaking program.

Recipients included literary, dance, theater, music, visual arts, and both film and film festival organizations. All of the projects “connect people through shared experiences and artistic expression,” NEA chair Mary Anne Carter said in a statement.

JFI is thrilled to receive this support from The National Endowment for the Arts in our 40th anniversary year. They have funded JFI for 30 of our 40 years, a testament to the depth of their commitment to support diverse cultural communities in the Arts. - Lexi Leban, Executive Director, JFI

For more information on this National Endowment for the Arts grant announcement, visit [arts.gov/news](https://www.arts.gov/news).

About the Jewish Film Institute

The Jewish Film Institute (JFI) is the premier curatorial voice for Jewish film and media and a leading arts and culture organization in the Bay Area. Presenter of the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival, JFI catalyzes and inspires communities in San Francisco and around the world to expand their understanding of Jewish life and culture through film, media, and dialogue. Year round, the Jewish Film Institute promotes awareness and appreciation of the diversity of the Jewish people through multiple mediums - including original online programming that reaches a global audience of over 2.3 million views. All of these services, along with artists' support and educational initiatives, give audiences around the world even greater access to Jewish culture and the visionaries who shape it.

About the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival

The San Francisco Jewish Film Festival (SFJFF), presented by the Jewish Film Institute, is the largest and longest-running festival of its kind and a leader in the curation and presentation of new film and media exploring the complexities of Jewish life around the world. Presenting more than 65 films and 135 individual screenings, performances and events in five Bay Area cities (San Francisco, Palo Alto, San Rafael, Oakland, Berkeley), SFJFF attracts more than 40,000 filmgoers and industry professionals to its 18-day program.

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