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New Filmmaker Grants announced from Santa Fe Film Institute and Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area

SANTA FE, NM: March 7th, 2024—Santa Fe Film Institute (SFFI) and the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area (NRGNHA) are offering two new grants for filmmakers in 2024. The nonprofit Santa Fe Film Institute (SFFI) which presents the Santa Fe International Film Festival each October, and the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area (NRGNHA) which serves to sustain the communities, languages, cultures, traditions, heritage and environment of Northern New Mexico have established a new partnership to present two new grants specifically for local filmmakers, the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area Grant and the Los Luceros Grant.

These grants aim to highlight the rich and diverse cultures of Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, and Taos Counties, while also providing much-needed support to talented filmmakers in these communities. Filmmakers who reside outside of this region but graduated from a high school in these counties are eligible to apply for these new programs.

“The stories we tell through film have the incredible ability to shape and preserve our heritage and traditions,” says Santa Fe Film Institute President, Jacques Paisner. “By supporting local filmmakers, SFFI and NRGNHA will continue enriching northern New Mexico's film communities and ensure that our unique cultures are celebrated for generations to come.”

These grants have been created to support and encourage the production of films that reflect the vibrant cultures of northern New Mexico and also to support local filmmakers. These grants will benefit northern New Mexico’s film communities with an annual cycle each spring, and the first grant program will open Wednesday, March 20th, 2024.

Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area Grant

Filmmakers may apply for up to \$5,000 in the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area Grant. Both narrative and documentary projects will be considered, and filmmakers of any age and background may apply. However, filmmakers must reside in Santa Fe County, Rio Arriba County, or Taos County, or have graduated from a high school in one of these counties.

Los Luceros Grant

A \$10,000 grant will be awarded to a filmmaker dedicated to creating a film made at or about the Los Luceros site. Both narrative and documentary projects will be considered, and filmmakers of any age and background may apply. However, filmmakers must reside in Santa Fe County, Rio Arriba County, or Taos County, or have graduated from a high school in one of these counties.

About NRGNHA and SFFI:

The mission of the NRGNHA is to help sustain the communities, languages, cultures, traditions, heritage and environment of Northern New Mexico. The NRGNHA serves Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, and Taos Counties.

Santa Fe Film Institute's mission is to be committed to the advancement of independent film, filmmaking, support of the local community, and underserved youth.

These grant programs presented by SFFI and Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area are separate from Santa Fe Film Institute's Regional Grant for filmmakers, which will open its fourth cycle later in 2024.

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