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Chagrin Documentary Film festival to Receive \$20,000 Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts

CHAGRIN FALLS, OHIO -- National Endowment for the Arts Acting Chairman Mary Anne Carter announced this morning it will award \$20,000 to the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival.

The grant is part of more than \$27 million in Art Works grants awarded for the first part of fiscal year 2019. Art Works is the Arts Endowment's principal grantmaking program. The agency received 1,605 Art Works applications for this round of grant making.

"The arts enhance our communities and our lives, and we look forward to seeing these projects take place throughout the country, giving Americans opportunities to learn, to create, to heal, and to celebrate," said Mary Anne Carter, acting chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Chagrin Documentary Film Festival will celebrate its 10th anniversary Oct. 2-6 at venues in and around Chagrin Falls. The Festival is a presentation of Fevered Dreams Productions, a non-profit organization with a mission to educate audiences, empower documentary filmmakers and to enhance the creative economy of Northeast Ohio.

CDFF Founder and Director Mary Ann Ponce commented: "It is especially meaningful in this milestone year for the Festival to receive recognition from the National Endowment for the Arts. We're honored and excited as we celebrate a decade of CDFF impact in 2019."

In just nine years, the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival has grown into one of the most acclaimed film fests in the United States – screening hundreds of documentary films for more than 70,000 film buffs and boosting the local economy by millions since its founding in 2010. The Festival has featured a number of films which have gone on to be nominated for or win the Academy Award.

In 2018, the festival presented 89 films from 31 nations, with 60-plus directors attending. More than 11,000 film fans streamed into the village during the festival's four-day run.

Named to [MovieMaker Magazine's Top 50 Film Fests Worth the Entry Fee](#) for six consecutive years for its "personal touch, which sets it apart," according to Max Weinstein, MovieMaker's associate editor, CDFF was selected from more than 7,000 film festivals world-wide.

CDFF is currently accepting submissions for the 2019 festival. The full rundown of accepted films will be announced in mid-August. The Festival schedule will be available in early September.

**For more information on this National Endowment for the Arts grant announcement, visit arts.gov/news.
For information on the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival, visit chagrinfilmfest.org**