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Ohio Humanities to sponsor Chagrin Documentary Film Festival

CHAGRIN FALLS, OH— Ohio Humanities and Chagrin Documentary Film Festival are pleased to announce a three-year partnership with the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival. In addition to serving as a lead sponsor of the annual festival, the partnership will involve the inclusion of Ohio Humanities-sponsored films for distribution and awards at the festival, free public access across the state to sponsored films and panel discussions, and the development of the *Big Watch* initiative encouraging Ohioans to watch, discuss, and be inspired by documentary films.

“For fifty years, Ohio Humanities has had a rich history of supporting documentary film projects that tell Ohio’s stories or are produced by filmmakers with roots or connections to our state,” said Ohio Humanities Executive Director Rebecca Brown Asmo. “We are so excited to continue this tradition through our partnership with the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival.”

Founded in 2010, the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival is dedicated to educating audiences and empowering talented filmmakers to tell their stories. A five-day celebration of the art of documentary film, at venues in and around the century village of Chagrin Falls, the festival has premiered numerous Academy Award nominees and winners and, in 2021, its audience exceeded 36,000.

“We are truly honored by this partnership with Ohio Humanities,” said Chagrin Documentary Film Festival Founder and Director Mary Ann Ponce. “Both of our organizations have a strong commitment to empowering documentary filmmakers and to sharing their important stories.”

Ohio Humanities is a statewide nonprofit which shares stories to spark conversations and inspire ideas by hosting programs and awarding grants that support storytellers statewide, from museums to journalists to documentary filmmakers. For more information, please visit the Ohio Humanities website at ohiohumanities.org.

To learn more about the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival, become a member, or volunteer, visit chagrinfilmfest.org. This year’s festival will take place at in person venues around the century-old Village of Chagrin Falls October 5-9, and on the CDFP on Demand Streaming Platform October 9-16.

About the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival

Founded in 2010 to honor the filmmaking spirit of Chagrin Falls High School Alumnus David Ponce, the Festival is designed to create a family-friendly and educational environment with the backdrop of beautiful Chagrin Falls. In 2021, The Festival audience exceeded 36,000 demonstrating Northeast Ohio's compelling interest in the individual voices of documentary filmmakers. CDFF has premiered numerous Academy Award nominees and winners, eight times has been named to as a MovieMaker Magazine "Top 50 Film Fests Worth the Submission Fee".

The Chagrin Documentary Film Festival is a program of Fevered Dreams Productions, a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to educating audiences and empowering talented filmmakers to tell their stories.

To learn more about the Festival, become a Festival member, or volunteer, visit www.chagrinfilmfest.org, call the Festival office at 440-247-1591.

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