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**BERKELEY FILM FOUNDATION EXPANDS
2013 GRANT PROGRAM
TO FIVE EAST SHORE CITIES**

BERKELEY, Calif., April 22, 2013 –The Berkeley FILM Foundation (BFF) announced that it is accepting applications for its 2013 film and video grant program. Celebrating its fifth anniversary, the BFF is proud to award over \$550,000 to projects in the production, post-production and distribution stages in support of independent filmmakers whose work combines intellectual clarity with creative use of the medium.

“More great films are submitted each year and we are impressed with their scope and quality, including work in the special student category,” said Abby Ginzberg, president of the BFF board of directors. “We are extremely proud that several films funded by the BFF have found audiences at the Sundance Film Festival, Mill Valley Film Festival, DocuWeeks, and Silver Docs, and one has garnered an Oscar nomination,” she added.

The Berkeley FILM Foundation, is a 501(c)3 grant program for independent filmmakers funded by the City of Berkeley, Wareham Development, and the Saul Zaentz Company with a mission to nurture, sustain and preserve the thriving local film community while attracting the next generation of filmmakers. The BFF focuses on supporting the ideals reflected in Berkeley culture: social, historical and innovative documentary and dramatic works.

Applicants may submit one project for consideration per funding cycle. Previous grant award winners may not reapply for one year. The BFF has expanded include emerging or established independent filmmakers who live or work in the East Shore communities of Berkeley, Emeryville, Albany, El Cerrito or Richmond. Student applicants must live in one of the qualified cities and be enrolled in an accredited school.

For all the details, grant guidelines, and to apply for a 2013 grant, visit <http://www.berkeleyfilmfoundation.org> and click on the Apply tab. Complete applications must be received on or before 3:00 p.m. Friday, May 31, 2013.

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