Dear Friends,

Our mailers are out, our website is updated and the feedback we have received is that this looks like a terrific program. I hope that you are all as excited as I am, and that you take that excitement to the box office.

I would like to highlight some things that are new this year.

We have extended the Festival to a second Sunday so we will be screening films from March 10 to March 18. This allows us to accommodate more afternoon screenings as well as allowing us to have an earlier start for our Closing Night. Our Closing Night film is a wonderful documentary about the creators of Curious George that you won't want to miss. See below.

Thanks to the generosity of the Morton-Kelly Charitable Trust, we are presenting two free admission programs featuring films about middle school age girls - Foreign Letters on Tuesday, March 13 at 4:00 pm at the Nickelodeon focuses on immigration and friendship, and Supergirl on Sunday, Mar 18 at 1:30 at the JCA focuses on sports and empowerment. Both are wonderful films for any age, but will be especially meaningful for girls and boys 12 and up and their parents. These programs are in addition to our free family, youth, seniors, and disability films.

And finally we are so thrilled to be showing films in more cities around Maine, making our programming available to a wider population. Click to download a complete list of our venues.

It's all coming in just a few weeks. so pick out your films, reserve your tickets and we'll see you at the movies!

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CLOSING NIGHT FILM & RECEPTION AT THE PMA:



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Monkey Business tells the surprising story of Hans & Margaret Rey, creators of the beloved *Curious George's* books. Characters in their own right, the Reys escaped the Nazis, eventually settling in a small town in N.H. After the film enjoy an hors d'oeuvres & dessert reception. Reserve Tickets.



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Foreign Letters looks at the immigrant experience through the eyes of two 12 year old girls. Based on the filmmaker's life, this bittersweet coming of age film explores the challenges of the immigrant experience and the effects of cultural differences. In the end, it is about the healing power of friendship. Admission is free but please reserve your tickets.



Imagine weighing just 97 pounds and being able to lift 250 pounds over your head. Naomi, the subject of *Supergirl* can do just that; the film is the story of the challenges she faces and what can be achieved when a little girl pushes herself farther than she

thinks she can go. Free admission but please <u>reserve your tickets</u>

The Maine Jewish Film Festival brings you the World Saturday, March 10 through Sunday March 18 VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE FILM LISTINGS

Our friends at the JCA are holding an event featuring author David Dalin in a discussion of Jewish Justices of the Supreme Court on Wednesday, March 7th. Click here for complete details.

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