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## **Cucalorus Film Foundation to Receive \$25,000 Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts**

Wilmington, NC—Cucalorus is pleased to announce it has been approved by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to receive a Grants for Arts Projects award of \$25,000. This grant will support the 29th annual Cucalorus Film Festival happening this November 15-19 in downtown Wilmington. This project will support filmmakers and performers who will be showcasing new work at the annual multi-disciplinary festival. This grant is one of 1,251 Grants for Arts Projects awards totaling nearly \$28.8 million that were announced by the NEA as part of its first round of fiscal year 2023 grants.

“The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support arts projects in communities nationwide,” said NEA Chair Maria Rosario Jackson, PhD. “Projects such as this one with Cucalorus Film Foundation strengthen arts and cultural ecosystems, provide equitable opportunities for arts participation and practice, and contribute to the health of our communities and our Economy.”

Cucalorus Executive Director Dan Brawley shared, “We feel so fortunate to be recognized in this way by the NEA. Funding from the national level really inspires regional and local organizations to get involved and so the energy just builds every year from this announcement forward. Funding from the NEA allows us to provide direct financial support to artists and we know from experience that nothing creates a more vibrant arts community than money in the hands of the bold storytellers who share their work at Cucalorus throughout the year.”

The 29th annual Cucalorus Film Festival will include 70+ events from film screenings to expanded cinema and performances. More than 200 artists will come to Wilmington to share their work, joined by thousands of cultural leaders and explorers who came from 243 global zip codes in 2022 to celebrate bold, original storytelling. Want to get involved as a sponsor? Email

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For more information on other projects included in the NEA's grant announcement, visit [arts.gov/news](http://arts.gov/news).

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