

# BERKSHIRE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

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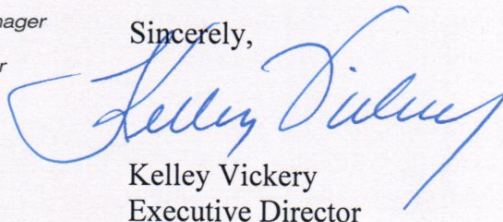
The Berkshire International Film Festival (BIFF) is celebrating our 10 Anniversary this year. Over the past decade, we have grown from a boutique film festival in the Spring, to a truly international Festival all year round, screening over 100 films annually, to an audience of over 3000 people each year.

Naturally, this kind of growth creates an increasing demand for spaces to screen films, hold receptions, talk-back's, etc. In South Berkshire Country, such spaces are very hard to come by, which is why Saint James Place is so eagerly anticipated. BIFF has an immediate need for what this facility will offer, and we will be eager to rent space here as soon as soon as it's available.

We will use Saint James Place for screenings, receptions and panel discussions, not only during the Festival, but also throughout the year. It's location, in the heart of downtown Great Barrington, means that Festival attendees can continue to walk to different screenings throughout town without having to get in their cars, maintaining the Festival spirit. This has been, and will continue to be, important to the vitality of the Festival, and an economic boon to the Great Barrington business community.

I urge the Massachusetts Cultural Council to approve Saint James Place's application to the Cultural Facilities Fund Grant Program.

Sincerely,



Kelley Vickery  
Executive Director

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS