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Governor Bill Richardson Ensures Survival of The Screen

SANTA FE-Governor Richardson today announced that he is moving to keep the local Santa Fe art-house cinema scene alive by allocating \$150,000 to support and enhance programming at The Screen, and possibly relocate the struggling program to a new home at the Jean Cocteau theatre from its present location at the College of Santa Fe.

"My intent is to ensure the continued vitality of this unique cultural resource," Governor Richardson said. "I think The Screen program is a vital asset not only to the community at large but, with the addition of the educational and interactive components, to our growing local filmmaking community. I want to make sure this program continues as the overall situation with the College of Santa Fe sorts itself out."

The Screen will continue to offer a unique palette of films from around the world and will expand its services to include educational components, such as public lectures, filmmaker Q & A sessions, and educational series. This will provide additional assets for New Mexico filmmakers and the public.

Its proximity to the RailRunner will also encourage filmmakers and film aficionados from Albuquerque, Bernalillo and other areas outside of Santa Fe to benefit from the exceptional film curation that has long been the legacy of The Screen. Since its inception in 1998, The Screen has featured contemporary foreign and American-made art and independent films, and as well as classic European and American movies. With funding from Governor Richardson and in response to the public outcry, this venerated cultural venue will be preserved.

The Screen program and educational series will be run in conjunction with the state Department of Cultural Affairs.

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