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South Arts Receives Grant From the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences

The Academy Foundation Awards \$5,000 to Support the Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers

Atlanta, Ga – The Academy Foundation, the educational and preservation arm of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, has awarded South Arts a grant of \$5,000 to support its 2011-12 season of the [Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers](#). The Southern Circuit program brings independent filmmakers into Southern communities to screen their films and engage audiences through post-screening Q&A sessions and blog postings while on tour. This is the third year that The Academy Foundation has supported the tour.

Southern Circuit is the nation's first regional tour of independent filmmakers, providing communities with an interactive experience of independent film. The tour connects audiences with filmmakers and encourages discussions about the films and their subjects as well as the technical aspects of filmmaking. Films are often shown in smaller, underserved communities that may not otherwise be able to offer these films and the opportunity to meet filmmakers.

South Arts is very grateful to receive this grant from The Academy and we look forward to another successful tour.

About South Arts

South Arts, a non-profit regional art organizations founded in 1975, creates partnerships and collaborations; presents, promotes and produces Southern art and cultural programming; and advocates for the arts and arts education. Working in partnership with nine state art agencies-

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