



CANYON CINEMA

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Canyon Cinema Foundation seeks an energetic founding Board of Directors.

Canyon Cinema Foundation is a new nonprofit in the state of California that will be seeking federal 501(c)3 status. The Foundation is in the process of absorbing the assets and operations of the former Canyon Cinema Inc., an experimental film distributor that was founded in 1961 as a charitable organization, without the 501(c)3 status. The Foundation requires a new Board of Directors in order to apply for nonprofit status with the IRS.

A transitional Board and Advisory Board is in place to assist the election of a new Board. More information can be found here:

<http://canyoncinema.com/about/board-of-directors/>
<http://canyoncinema.com/about/advisory-board/>

Canyon Cinema Foundation Bylaws

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Canyon Cinema Foundation Mission

Canyon Cinema Foundation is an advocate for artist-made, independent films. We support artists by promoting their work, educating the public and helping to sustain this culture of inspiration and creativity.

The Foundation was created to expand upon the activities of the former Canyon Cinema Inc. (1961-2012) ensuring the legacy and public availability of the works in this unique collection.

About Board Service

Board participation includes both 'big picture' thinking and 'hands on' work. There will be many opportunities for directors to engage with the San Francisco and International experimental and artist-made film communities. Board Directors represent *Canyon to the community* – sharing information about our mission, programs and events, attracting new supporters and donors. They also will *represent our community* of experimental filmmakers to Canyon – ensuring that multiple perspectives are recognized and that the organization is constantly responsive to the constituency it serves.



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Key Roles and Responsibilities:

- Regularly attend board meetings and important related meetings in person or by Skype conference call.
- Make a serious commitment to participate actively in committee work (for ex) Fundraising, Grants, Technology, or Educational outreach committees)
- Volunteer for and willingly accept assignments and complete them thoroughly and on time.
- Stay informed about committee matters, prepare well for meetings, and review and comment on minutes and reports.
- Build a collegial working relationship with other board members that contributes to consensus.
- Participate in Canyon Cinema Foundation's annual evaluation and planning efforts.
- Participate in fund raising for Canyon Cinema Foundation.
- The role of Board Member is key to the organization. Board members are expected to contribute to Canyon by attending regular events in their community and otherwise supporting Canyon's work.
- Minimum financial giving of \$1,500 annually, whether through a personal contribution or solicited from individuals/foundations/corporations.

Time commitment:

Approximately 10 hours per month initially, including meetings, committee work, and online communication. This will likely decrease once a strategic plan for the organization is in place. Currently meetings are every 2-3 months by Skype for approximately 2 hours at a time convenient for all.

Term limit:

Term limits are determined by the Board's bylaws and policies. Canyon Cinema Foundation asks Board Members for a one-year commitment, but does not currently have term limits.



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Desired Skills & Experience

Skills and Abilities Required:

- Strong strategic thinking and reasoning.
- Ability to effectively fundraise
- Excellent evaluative skills.
- Sophisticated interpersonal skills.
- Honesty and integrity, respect for fellow board members.
- Board service on at least one other non-profit organization, or similar advisory committee.
- Leadership experience within professional or volunteer work.
- Experience with or strong desire to learn about experimental, independent, artist-made films, research, preservation and educational accessibility to this work.

Desired Skills should include at least one:

- Fundraising and nonprofit grant-writing
- Finance
- Volunteer/Pro-bono Management
- Professional Non-profit Experience
- Entrepreneurship
- Media and technology literacy

Please send a C.V. and letter of interest introducing yourself to:
board@canyoncinema.com

Please do not contact the staff in the office.

Thanks so much for your interest!