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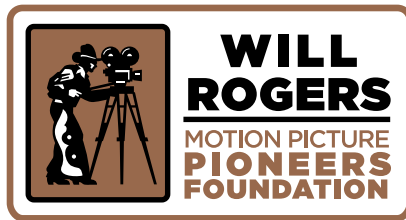
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# Welcome

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation, thank you for attending the 2015 Pioneer of the Year Dinner. This is our 74th annual dinner, and our honoree tonight, Mr. Jim Gianopulos, is a very well-deserving one.

The Pioneer of the Year award is bestowed upon an esteemed and respected member of the motion picture industry whose corporate leadership, service to the community and commitment to philanthropy is exceptional.

Tonight we honor a visionary leader, a proven champion of the motion picture art form, and a man who gives tirelessly of himself to our industry and to charity—Jim Gianopulos.

The Pioneers Assistance Fund is the only industry program that provides both short-term and Quality of Life grants (long-term) to veterans of the motion picture industry who are encountering an illness, injury, or life-changing event.

Please enjoy yourself tonight, as we pay tribute to a true pioneer. Thank you for donating generously to our industry charity—hopefully you will never need to call on the Pioneers Assistance Fund, but if you do, we will be here to help.

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**JAMES N. GIANOPULOS**, Chairman and CEO of Twentieth Century Fox, is one of the world's largest producers and distributors of motion pictures, consisting of Twentieth Century Fox, Fox 2000, Fox Searchlight Pictures, Fox Animation Studios, Blue Sky Studios and Fox International Productions. These studios have annual revenues in excess of \$8 billion and operate in more than 100 countries worldwide.

As Chairman and CEO since 2000, Mr. Gianopulos is one of the longest-tenured studio chairmen in the film industry. He oversees all feature film production, marketing, and global distribution of film and television content in all media. Mr. Gianopulos has been involved in the evolution of new entertainment media and technologies for more than 30 years, and has been recognized as an industry leader while guiding the studio to the forefront of the digital revolution.

During his time as Chairman and CEO of Fox (until 2012 with Tom Rothman), the studio has had its most profitable years ever, and in 2014, it broke the all-time industry global box-office record, earning more than \$5.5 billion. This eclipses by more than \$350 million the previous record set in 2011. The domestic box office total of \$1.8 billion was the studio's best year ever and the highest domestic box office of all studios in 2014. Fox International, which distributes in over 130 countries, has had the highest grossing box office for all studios for the fourth time in the past six years, another industry record.

During his tenure at the studio, Mr. Gianopulos has overseen a broad range of successful films, including *X-Men: Days of Future Past*, *Kingsman: The Secret Service*, *Life of Pi*, *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*, *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes*, *The Fault in Our Stars*, *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, *Gone Girl*, *the Night At The Museum* pictures, the *Taken* series, *The Simpsons Movie*, *Borat*, *The Day After Tomorrow*, *Walk the Line*, *the Star Wars Trilogy: Special Edition*, *Minority Report*, and *Moulin Rouge*, among many successful films. He has the unique distinction of having championed two of the biggest gambles, and the two highest grossing films of all time: *Avatar* and *Titanic*.

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Under his leadership the studio's animation division, Blue Sky Studios, produced many successful films, such as the *Ice Age* and *Rio* series. Fox Searchlight Pictures, the studio's specialized division, produced and distributed commercial and critical successes, such as the Oscar-winning films *Birdman*, *12 Years a Slave* and *Slumdog Millionaire*, as well as *The Descendants*, *Black Swan*, *Juno* and many others.

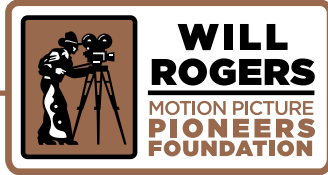
Upcoming 20th Century Fox films include *Spy*, a comedy from director Paul Feig (*Bridesmaids*, *The Heat*); *Paper Towns*, adapted from the best-selling novel by John Green (*The Fault in Our Stars*); and *Fantastic Four*, a contemporary reimagining of Marvel's longest-running superhero team. Among the films in production are *X-Men: Apocalypse*, *The Peanuts Movie*, *Joy* (directed by David O. Russell, starring Jennifer Lawrence), *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* (directed by Tim Burton), a sequel to *Independence Day*, and in preproduction, three new *Avatar* films from director and writer James Cameron.

Prior to his current post, Mr. Gianopulos served as President of Twentieth Century Fox International, a position he held from 1994-2000. Among the many notable successes during Mr. Gianopulos' tenure at Fox International are the Oscar winners *Titanic* and *Braveheart*. At one point Fox International had four of the five top grossing pictures of all-time internationally: *Titanic*, *Star Wars: Special Edition*, *Independence Day* and *Star Wars: Episode 1-The Phantom Menace*.

Before joining Twentieth Century Fox, Mr. Gianopulos held senior management positions at Paramount and Columbia Pictures following his career as an attorney specializing in entertainment.

Mr. Gianopulos is a member of the Board of the USC School of Cinematic Arts and is a Trustee of Carnegie Mellon University, as well as a Trustee of the American Film Institute. He is involved in a number of civic and philanthropic activities including serving on the National Entertainment Advisory Council for the Anti-Defamation League and the Board of the X-Prize Foundation. In 2013, the Simon Wiesenthal Center bestowed him their highest honor, The Humanitarian Award.

Mr. Gianopulos attended the Master's program at the New York University School of Law, the Fordham School of Law (Juris Doctor, 1976) and Boston University (BA, 1973). He resides in Los Angeles with his wife Ann and their three daughters.



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Congratulations on receiving the 2015 Pioneer of the Year award, Jim.

Cheers,

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22 April 2015

**Statement of John Fithian in Honor of Jim Gianopulos,  
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Jim Gianopulos' career defines leadership and compassion for all of us in the entertainment industry. NATO's international members in eighty countries around the world first grew to respect Jim in his work leading international distribution for 20th Century Fox. As he rose to become Chairman and CEO, theater owners in North America also benefitted from his partnership and his love for theatrical exhibition. NATO's leaders also appreciate very much the role Jim plays as an active board member of the MPAA.

Jim cares deeply about excellence in all aspects of our industry, from the way a movie is made to the technologies used to bring it to life on our screens. That is why the most significant filmmakers in the world - like Jim Cameron - trust Jim G with their movies. Jim's passion for excellence also explains how a single studio can gross five billion dollars at the global box office in a single year.

Jim's success as a business leader has no equal. The work he does as a humanitarian, though, makes Jim the ideal person for recognition by the Motion Picture Pioneers. His philanthropic efforts at the Motion Picture and Television Fund and the Pioneers have raised millions of dollars to help the most needy in our community. Tonight's dinner is but the latest commitment to charity of this truly compassionate leader.

On a personal note to Jim and his wife Ann, from Maria and me:

Jim συγχαρητήρια για την μεγάλη σου επιτυχία. Δίνεις το παράδειγμα σε όλους μας με όσα έχεις καταφέρει. Σ'ευχαριστώ για την φιλία σου.

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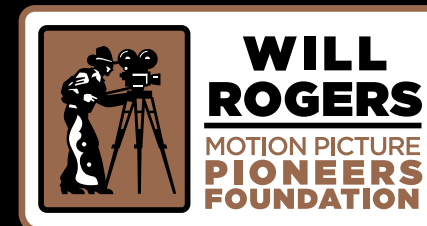
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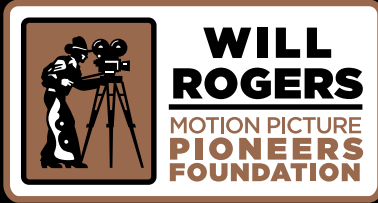
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In 1951 the organization formalized its purpose, its meaning and its direction, and was determined to provide a helping hand to all veterans of the motion picture industry who needed financial aid and assistance.

The rest is history. Since that time, the PAF has used available funds to further its outstanding record of helping industry veterans in need of financial or medical aid. Understandably, many of the cases must be handled in a delicate manner and confidentiality is of the utmost importance. Often, concerned members of the PAF play a vital role in seeking out those who need assistance but who are not yet aware of this program, an effort through which Pioneers truly are helping their own. When an individual is identified as one in need of help, the Pioneers Assistance Committee moves into action, selflessly devoting hours into an investigation of the person's background and unique situation.

The PAF works in such an unassuming manner that its acts of quiet generosity are often hidden, eclipsed by the desire to maintain anonymity and preserve the dignity of those whom it helps. The PAF has sought little publicity and has shied away from the limelight. The appreciation of those in need is the most treasured reward possible, and the letters of thanks are most heartwarming.

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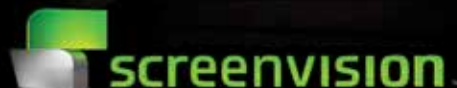
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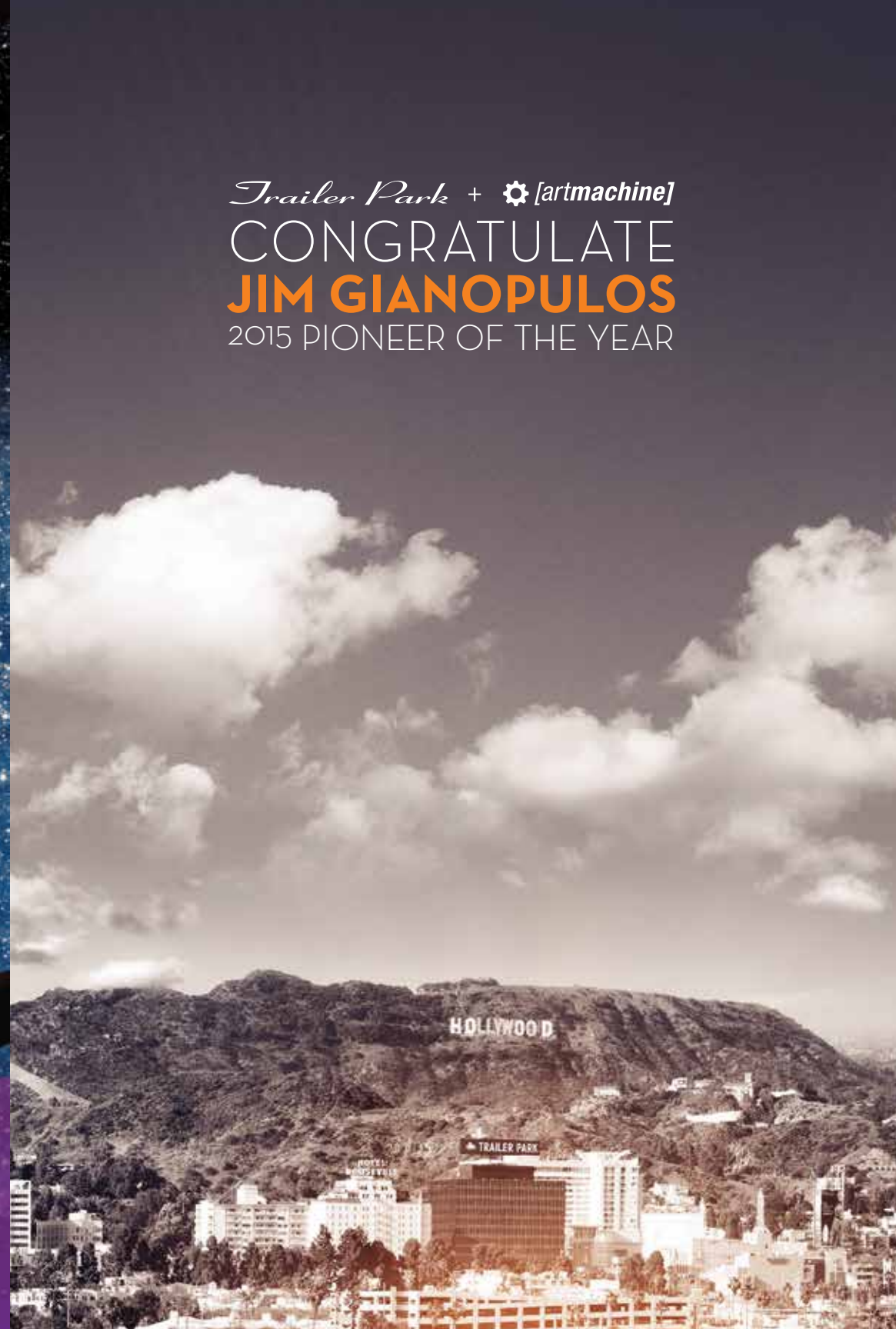
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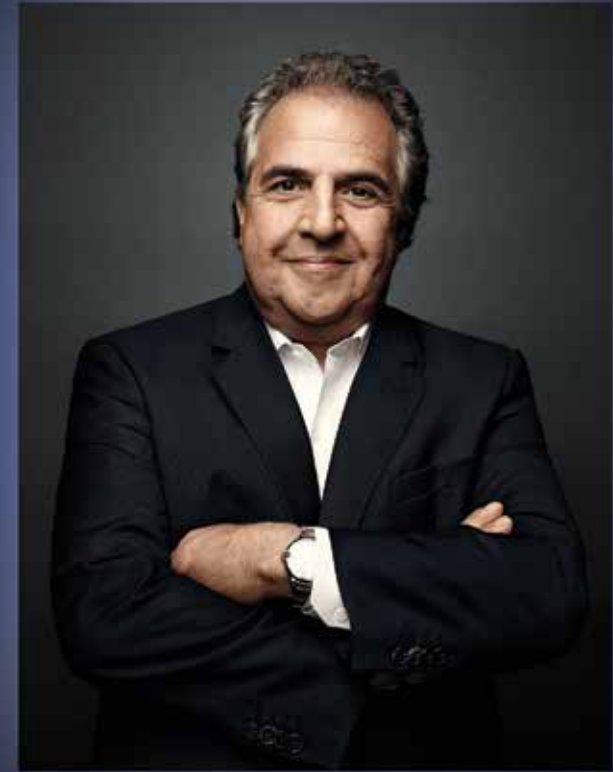
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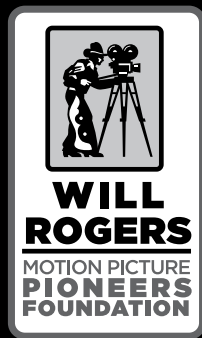
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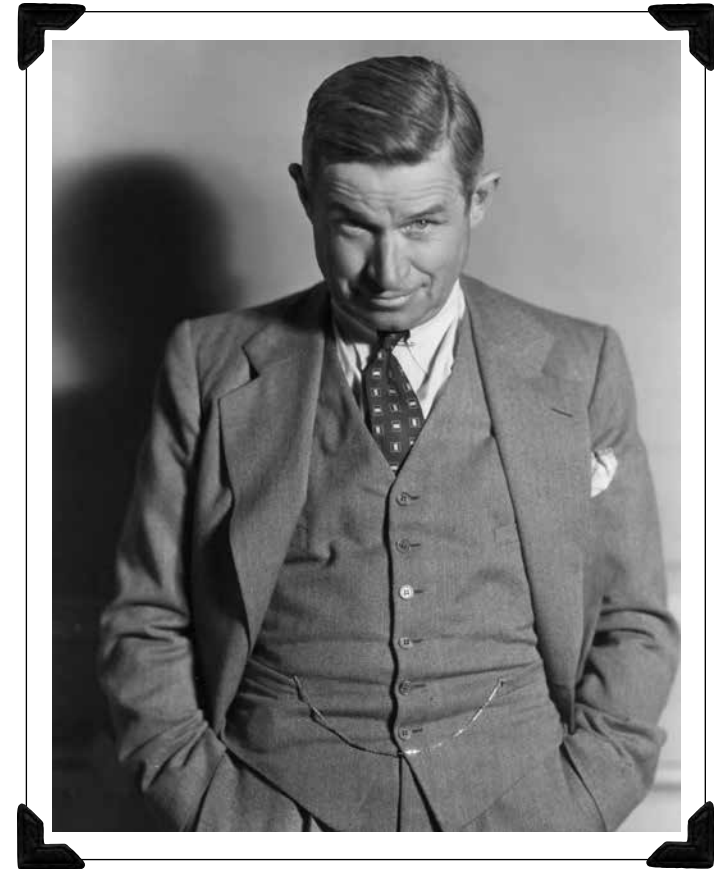
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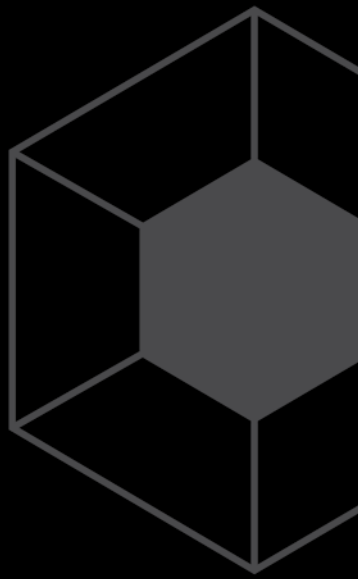
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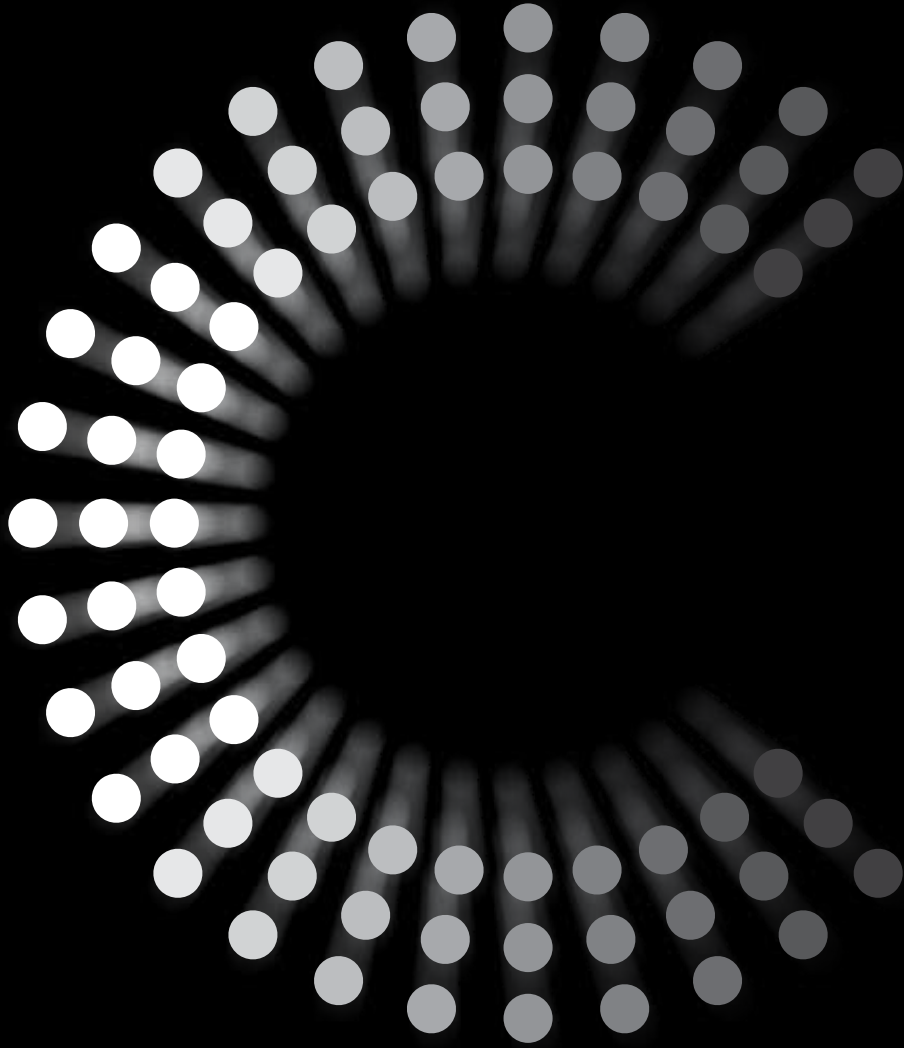


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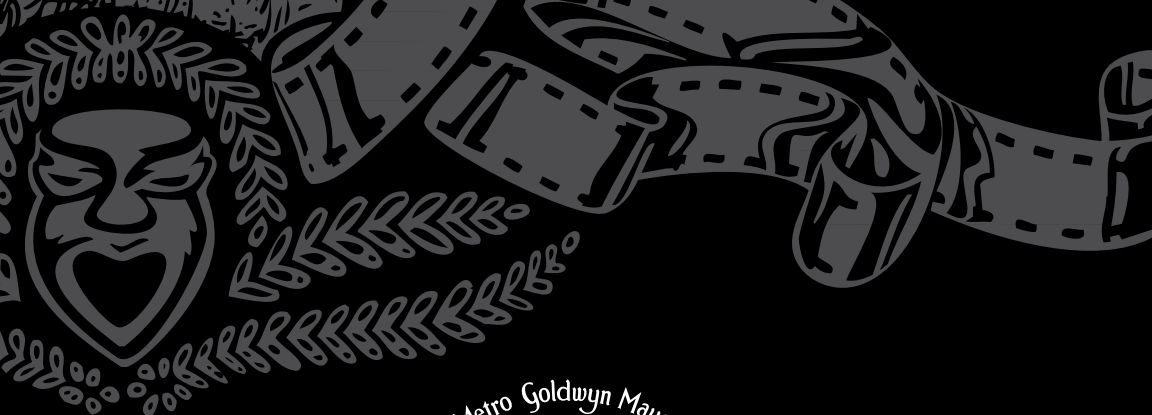
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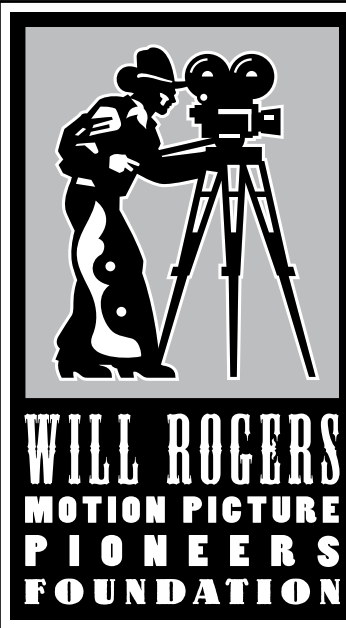
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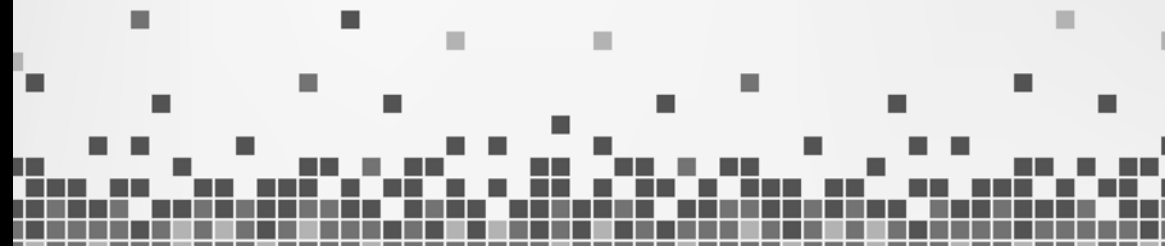


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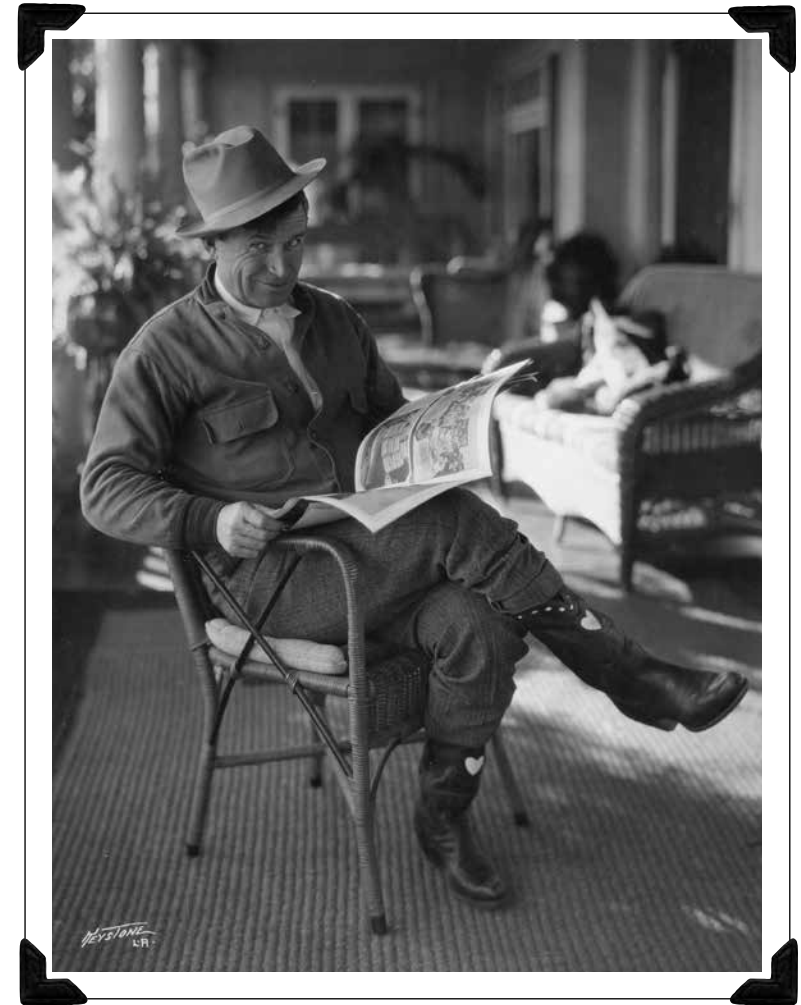


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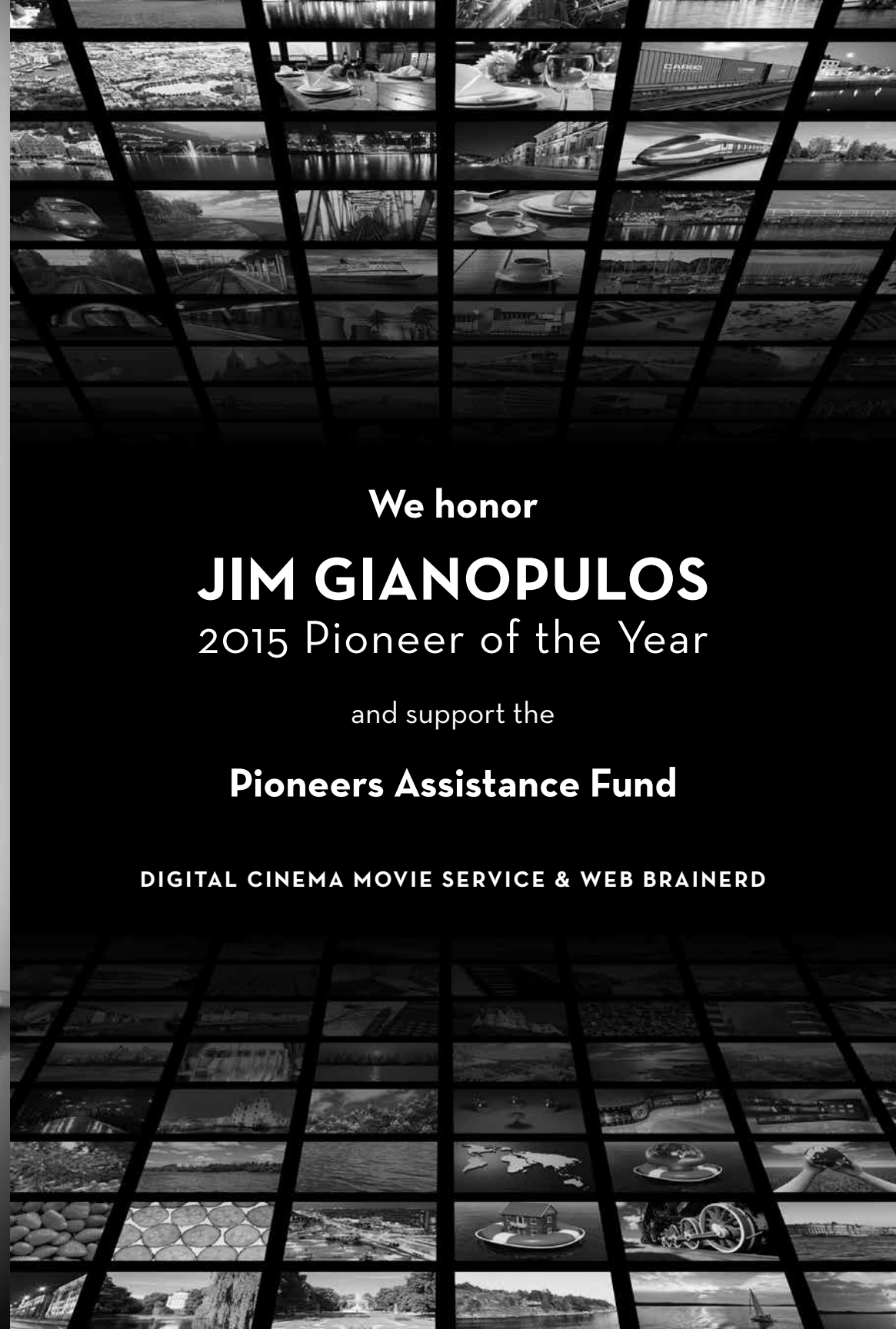
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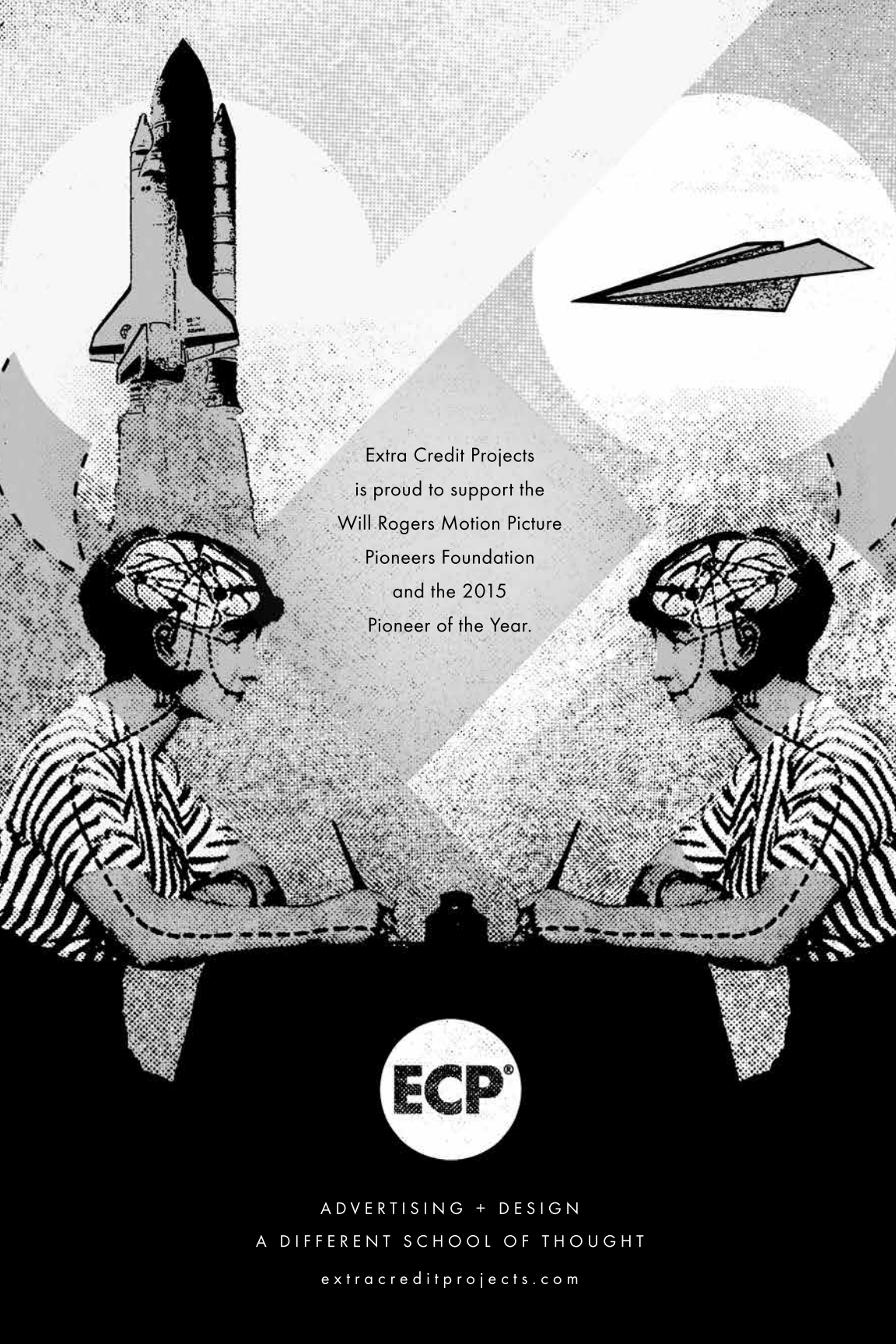
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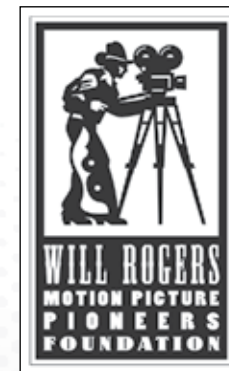
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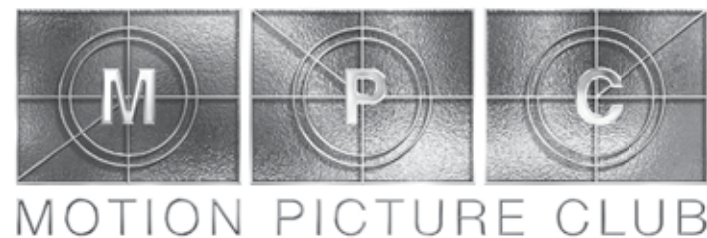
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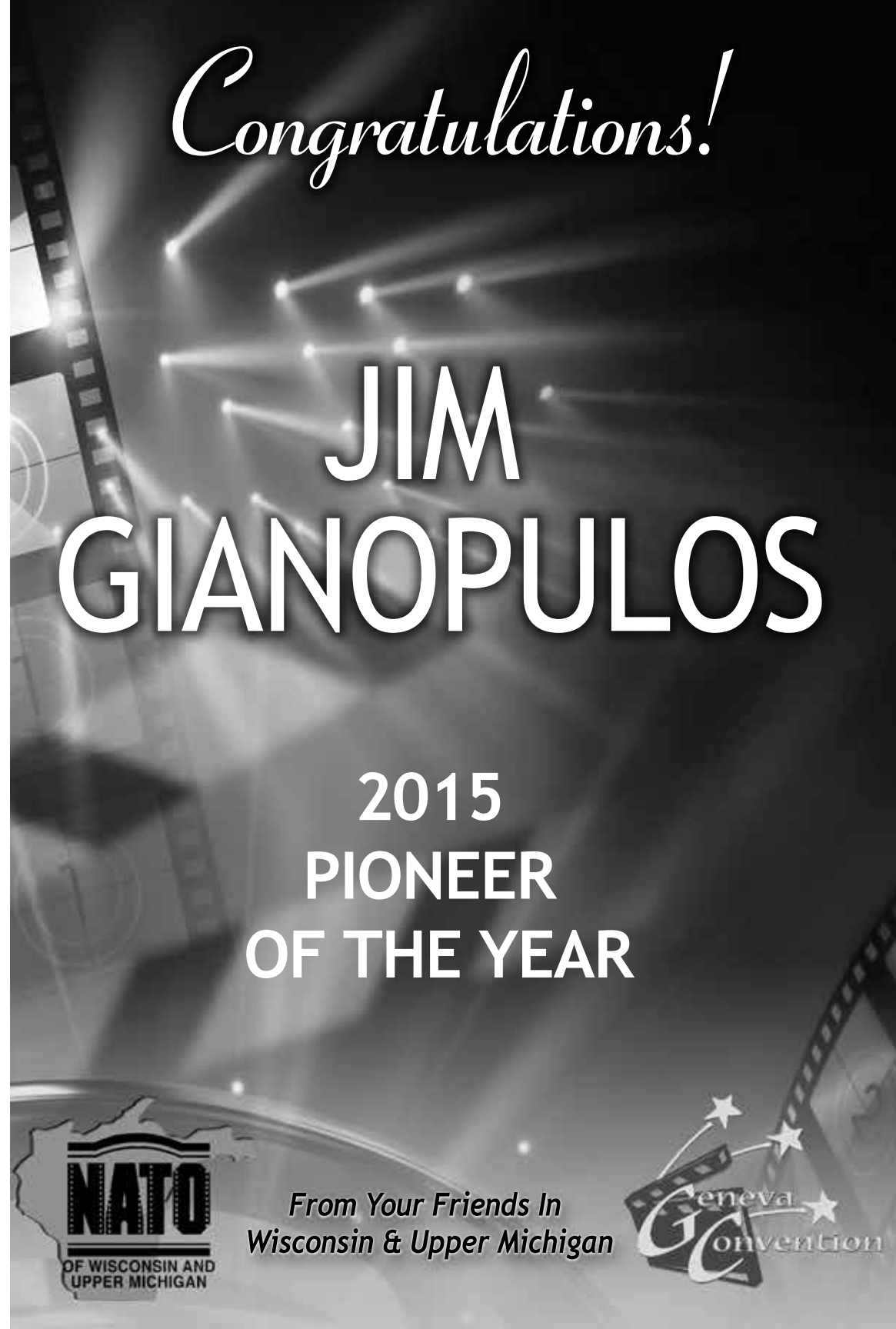


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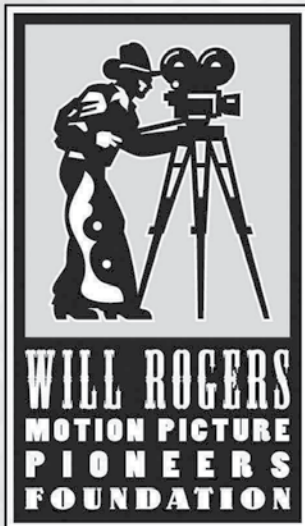
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**The Pioneers Assistance Fund (PAF)** program provides financial assistance and supportive counseling for film industry veterans nationwide in trade services (IATSE), exhibition, and distribution who are experiencing hardship due to illness, accident or underemployment.

The PAF staff of skilled social workers is knowledgeable about agencies and services nationwide and is here to provide information, regardless of eligibility.

Our website, [www.wrpioneers.org](http://www.wrpioneers.org), includes a comprehensive national directory with helpful information and resources. We also provide a variety of brochures and publications to guide members through life issues.

### Social Service Consultations: When Life Is Challenging

Whether you are in need of financial assistance or not, give us a call for a free, confidential consultation. Here are just a few examples of ways we can help:

- Supportive counseling
- Health insurance Advice
- Elder care guidance
- Bereavement counseling
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- Vocational counselors
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## Assistance Programs: When Income and Assets Are Limited

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Depending on eligibility, we can assist with financial grants that pay for unexpected medical costs and/or assistance with cost of living expenses. Visit [wrpioneers.org](http://wrpioneers.org) for a full list of services, or call one of our social workers today to find out how we can help.

### MEDICAL GRANTS

Medical grants can pay for the following services (minimum of 5 years employment in the film industry):

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- Medications
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### EMERGENCY GRANTS

Emergency grants can pay for the following (Minimum of 10 recent years of employment in the film industry):

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- Vocational assistance

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Recently named after Tom Sherak, film industry icon and past president of the Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation, this grant provides long-term assistance for industry veterans with a minimum of 25 years in exhibition and distribution. Please call for eligibility of program guidelines.



## Pioneers Assistance Fund

### Be A Little Better Everyday

The PAF, in addition to providing short- and long-term assistance, is dedicated to encouraging everyone to feel the best they can by following the **5 Tenets for Living Well** by offering free educational brochures to the public. Please visit our website [www.wrpioneers.org](http://www.wrpioneers.org) or call us at (800) 994-3863 to receive free educational brochures that can help you find balance in your mental, physical and financial health by integrating the 5 Tenets listed below.

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- **Keep Moving:** We know exercise improves cardiovascular health, builds muscle, and keeps us looking good, but research is showing that it also boosts brain health by sharpening our memory, improving cognition and even alleviating anxieties.
- **Manage Bad Habits:** You've heard it before, but quitting smoking and reducing alcohol can really improve your quality of life. We all have our vices, but science is discovering how we can effectively change long term habits and triggers that don't do us any good by understanding what makes us do the things we do. Get curious!
- **Keep Stress in Check:** We know you know that too much stress leads to poor health outcomes, but did you know that it can also accelerate the aging process, suppress our immune systems, and leave us feeling fatigued and depressed. Our brochures cover the gamut of stressful events in our lives—from long term health care, plans for retirement, and even end of life decisions. Empowering ourselves with knowledge can make our lives more manageable and hopefully, better.
- **Rest Well:** Adequate sleep is pivotal in a balanced, healthy lifestyle. Sleep plays a critical role in immune function, metabolism, memory and learning. Studies show that adults should be getting between seven to nine hours of sleep per night. With our busy lives, it's no wonder that sleep is not a priority—but research is revealing that we really can't afford not to pay attention to how much time we spend sleeping!

**“Eventually you will reach a point  
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**—Will Rogers**



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After nearly a decade of working with neonatal intensive care units (NICUs) across the country, the Will Rogers charity has created a program to contend with the tremendous challenge hospitals face daily: How to care for the large numbers of premature infants born in the United States every day. One in eight births nationwide are born prematurely and up-to-date medical equipment can literally be a matter between life and death. In addition, many research studies are demonstrating that modern equipment is vital in supporting normal development for these precious premies.

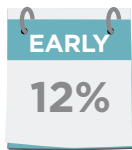
In March 2015, our neonatal equipment grant program reached a significant milestone of providing over \$1 million dollars in a single year. To date, the program has awarded assistance to 80 hospitals, touched the lives of tens of thousands of babies, and has provided a total amount of more than \$3.9 million in grants to NICUs nationwide.

Starting in April 2015, all neonatal equipment grants will be administered through Brave Beginnings, a program of the Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation. We will work to ensure that ventilators and life-saving equipment is available to every hospital throughout the United States, so fragile newborns have a fighting chance.

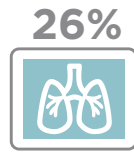
Premature birth is the leading cause of newborn death worldwide and accounts for 43% of all deaths in children under the age of 5. And the fact is that most communities across the United States have good hospitals—but not all have a NICU that can handle fragile premature births. Brave Beginnings has a mission to ensure that every hospital has the equipment it needs, so that every early arrival can survive and thrive.



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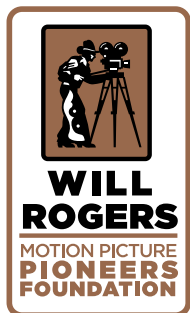


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## Will Rogers: A History of Helping Our Own

Throughout the 1920s and 30s, tuberculosis (TB) was as familiar to vaudevillians as cold dressing rooms, drafty theaters and damp hotel rooms, all of which actually increased the spread of the disease. In 1927, the National Vaudeville Association (NVA) founded a lodge at Saranac Lake, New York, as a convalescent home for performers afflicted with TB. The lodge's mission was to treat TB patients as friends, not as the more typical outcasts.

Initially, the lodge prospered, but the growing severity of the Great Depression and the decreasing popularity of vaudeville created financial difficulties. In 1935, following the death of Will Rogers, the NVA transferred the lodge's responsibilities to the Will Rogers Memorial Commission, which was formed following the tragic death of the beloved humanitarian. The commission extended the services of the lodge to benefit everyone in the entertainment industry as a memorial to the man who loved all mankind. In 1936, the commission changed its name to the Will Rogers Memorial Fund and the lodge was named the Will Rogers Memorial Hospital.

An official declaration was written in May, 1936: "Henceforth it will be known as the Will Rogers Memorial Hospital, and it will become a permanent monument in memory of the

popular humorist-philosopher, as a haven for unfortunate members of the entertainment industry to which he devoted his life."

At this time the fund's Summer Theatrical public service announcements were launched in movie theaters nationwide. The first trailer featured stars including Shirley Temple, James Cagney, Humphrey Bogart, and Bing Crosby singing Will Rogers' favorite song, "Home on the Range."

By 1939, a small group of movie industry members would gather in New York at an annual luncheon. These social occasions took on a whole new meaning when the group announced its intent "to establish a self-perpetuating fund to assist pioneers of the motion picture industry who find themselves in need; the assistance consisting of direct financial aid, medical care and temporary business subsistence during periods of unemployment and unfortunate circumstances to eligible applicants." That small group formalized its purpose and in 1951 became the Foundation of Motion Picture Pioneers.

During the 1950s and '60s, the Will Rogers Memorial Fund expanded to create a teaching and training program for medical research at Will Rogers Memorial Hospital, marking the beginning of the Will Rogers Institute (WRI). Doctors and scientists were encouraged to study the complex problems associated with lung diseases, especially TB, and their work

led to results culminating in the discovery of a treatment for TB. As a result, the number of patients diminished, leading to the hospital's closure in 1975.

The Will Rogers Memorial Fund Board of Directors expanded the charity's activities through a nationwide preventive health education campaign in the '70s. The WRI was formally established in White Plains, New York, on the grounds of Burke Rehabilitation Hospital. The institute used Burke's resources, patient care facilities and laboratories for the next 20 years, until moving to Los Angeles to be in the heart of the entertainment industry.

The WRI spent the next five years supporting advancements in pulmonary research, reaching out to the public to promote health and wellness, and becoming more recognized within the motion picture industry. The connection between the Memorial Fund and the industry pioneers was solidified in 2002 when the Foundation of Motion Picture Pioneers merged with the Will Rogers Memorial Fund to create the most meaningful charity supported by the motion picture industry, the Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation (WRMPPF).

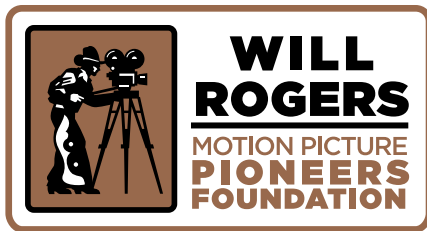
Today, the WRMPPF operates two distinct programs: the Will Rogers Institute and the Motion Picture Pioneers Assistance Fund. The WRI supports the research of debilitating lung disorders, provides medical school re-

search fellowships, distributes free health education materials and provides lifesaving neonatal ventilator equipment. The institute is one of the country's largest suppliers of public service announcements for television, cable and radio. Featuring celebrities from stage, film and television, these messages reinforce the Will Rogers Institute's complete involvement in pulmonary medicine and public information.

The Pioneers Assistance Fund continues the mission of the Foundation of Motion Picture Pioneers by helping individuals from the motion picture community who are ill, injured or experiencing major life changes. Our social workers provide confidential consultations and financial assistance to help individuals get back to normal lives and continue living with dignity.



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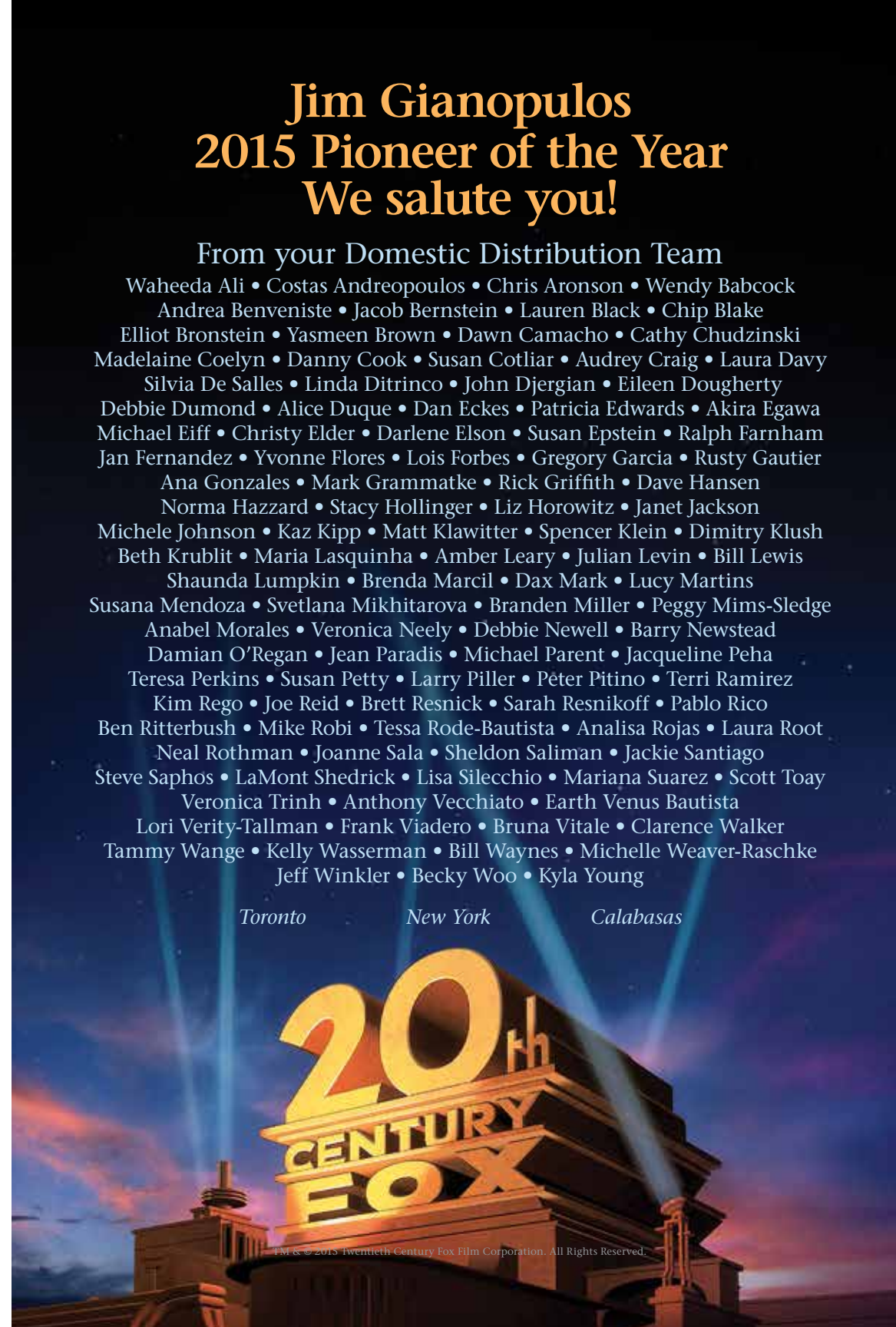
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