

2019 Community Leader Arts/Culture Award The Blackness Project



The Blackness Project is a powerful feature length documentary film about culture and race from the perspective of African Americans and other minorities. Inspired from conversations about the Whiteness Project, a documentary discussing race and the perceived loss of White privilege by white Americans, the purpose of The Blackness Project is to bridge the gap between White and Black Americans with in-depth interviews on race and experiences. It is a locally produced effort to share voices that may not have been heard, to highlight the power of inclusion, and to encourage serious conversations about the nature of community and collaboration.

The film was directed by Korey Green and produced by Peter Johnson, both native Buffalonians who wanted to create a film to encourage social change. Their shared passion about racial inequality is grounded in their personal experiences growing up in a city that remains racially segregated. Combined with recent racial incidents across America, they created The Blackness Project to bridge the racial gap by creating a dialogue on many difficult topics.

For their work to create a more inclusive tomorrow and to give voice to those who are often marginalized, the NFJC is proud to present the 2019 Community Leader Award in Arts/Culture to The Blackness Project. Accepting this award is Korey Green.



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