



2020 Community Leader Media Award



Squeaky Wheel

Squeaky Wheel Film & Media Art Center was established in 1985 to offer education, equipment access, and exhibition programming. Dedicated to film and digital media, they offer artists of all backgrounds access to spaces and materials needed to create and share their creations with the world. Squeaky Wheel has a national and international reputation for celebrating freedom of expression and diverse voices. They are the only such organization of its kind in WNY.

Squeaky Wheel's commitment to inclusion and equity are among their core values. They reach across traditional divides, even borders, to create relationships where participation and use of resources is not reliant on an artist's socioeconomic status. Their dynamic roster of quality arts and education programs build social and creative capital using 21st century digital skills. Squeaky Wheel's annual exhibitions take place throughout the city, and they showcase regional and national media artists via film screenings, performances, and gallery installations, most of which are free and open to the public.

For their work to grow and support the diverse digital artists in our region, the NFJC is proud to recognize Squeaky Wheel with the 2020 Community Leader Media Award. Accepting this award is their Executive Director, Maiko Tanaka.