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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to express The Film Foundation's support for the Albanian Cinema Project, which is designed to focus attention and lend assistance to the Albanian National Film Archive and the cinematic patrimony of the entire Balkans region.

Support for this program would enable the Albanian National Film Archive to provide critical resources to the area, with initiatives such as the upcoming Archives in Motion event. This hands-on workshop, which has confirmed participants from Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, and Slovenia, is designed to train, educate, and equip regional professionals who can respond to the urgent need for film preservation and access throughout the Balkans.

Funding for this pioneering project would also enable international film archives to help create a network of local film preservation and digitization experts. This is sorely needed in a region where cinematic production and exhibition has been hindered for decades by political, economic, and infrastructural obstacles.

The Film Foundation recognizes and applauds the Albanian Cinema Project's mission of preserving and enriching our shared cultural legacy. It is crucial that the world's archival community support these efforts to develop the preservation and digitization skills of film professionals in this region, and at the same time, to broaden international understanding of the Balkans and its cinematic heritage.

Best regards,



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