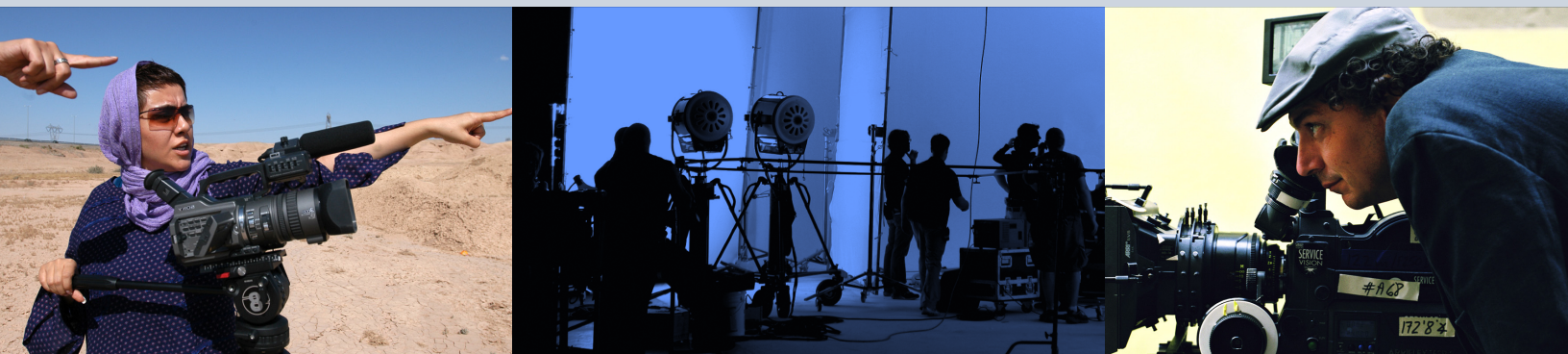


# SFFS Filmmaker Services



The San Francisco Film Society offers a full suite of Filmmaker Services programs and activities designed to foster the creativity and further the careers of independent filmmakers.

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## Project Development & Fiscal Sponsorship

The Film Society runs a full-service fiscal sponsorship department with more than 200 projects on its books. Fiscal sponsorship effectively grants nonprofit status to film projects and events, broadening access to funding from foundations and individual donors and provides hands-on consultation to bring out your project's potential. Projects at all stages of production are welcome.

## Grants and Prizes

The Film Society awards filmmaking grants and cash prizes to innovative and exceptional films. The SFFS/Kenneth Rainin Foundation Filmmaking Grant supports filmmakers working on narrative feature projects that explore urgent social justice issues of our time and uplift the Bay Area filmmaking community in either a professional or economic way. A total of \$3 million will be disbursed between 2008 and 2013. The Hearst Screenwriting Grant awards \$15,000 to a mid-career screenwriter. The Djerassi Residency Award/SFFS Screenwriting Fellowship provides a one-month residency at the Djerassi Resident Artists Program for an emerging or established screenwriter. The Film Society also gives prizes totaling roughly \$100,000 each spring to filmmakers at the SF International Film Festival; among these prizes is the new \$25,000 Golden Gate Award for Best Investigative Documentary.

## FilmHouse Residencies

In partnership with the San Francisco Film Commission, the Film Society has opened the FilmHouse Residencies, offering production-office space free of charge as well as educational and professional development opportunities to selected filmmakers at various stages of production.

## sf360.org

[sf360.org](http://sf360.org), the daily online magazine published by the Film Society, showcases the variety and vitality of the San Francisco Bay Area film and media scene. It attracts a strong regional and savvy national audience of filmmakers, industry professionals and aficionados. It now includes In Production articles, an Indie Toolkit section for filmmaking nuts and bolts and an Opportunities section with calls for entries, grants, contests, conferences and residencies.

## Events

Held every two months, the SFFS Film Arts Forum functions as a community builder, screening works-in-progress and offering advice, experience, referrals, networking, mentoring and professional counsel across a range of areas. It's a kind of multimedia conference condensed into one evening.

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**"We are delighted to partner with the Film Society to offer production space available to local independent filmmakers. FilmHouse has all the makings of a new vibrant and dynamic hub for independent filmmaking in San Francisco!"**

– San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom

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**"I'm enthusiastic about the vision and direction of the Film Society. Their new filmmaker services take up where Film Arts has left off, providing independent filmmakers with much-needed programs, benefits and support!"**

– Film Arts Foundation President Steve Ramirez

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