



THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD FILM FESTIVAL

January 16, 2020

Dear Chilmark Board of Selectmen,

I'm writing to you to request renting the Chilmark Community Center for the 20th annual Martha's Vineyard Film Festival, taking place March 26-29. This weekend-long festival in March is a celebration of both world-class film, and local art. We host film screenings, discussions, live theater, music by local musicians, and free filmmaking workshops for kids. We also bring some of the most talented filmmakers in the world, and introduce them to our community for meaningful conversations.

We take great pride in the carefulness we ensure during the setup for this event, which requires starting first thing Monday, March 23, and breaking down the event by Tuesday, March 31. During the festival itself, safety is one of our top priorities. We coordinate with the Chilmark Police, and surrounding neighbors to make sure attendees park in designated parking lots. We also provide a parking lot attendant at the Chilmark Library while they are open on Saturday. Usually our setup timeframe overlaps with the time allocated to the Chilmark School for their gym class. We look forward to working with them again this year, and are in the process of getting permission from Susan Stevens to use the Chilmark Community Center during their allocated time. As in years past, we will coordinate with the building inspector, fire chief, town custodian, and board of health in Chilmark to make sure everything is up to code, safe, and properly permitted.

I want to thank you for providing the opportunity to rent the Chilmark Community Center for the past 16 years, and for seeing the value that this brings to our community. I hope you will once again consider opening your doors to us for the 20th annual Martha's Vineyard Film Festival.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hilary Dreyer'.

Hilary Dreyer
Executive Director