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## Unique Summer Program for Budding Filmmakers in Red Hook, Brooklyn Hosts Final Screening at Cobble Hill Cinemas

Press release to education press on DBC screening:

**Digital Boot Camp**—a collaboration between Dance Theatre Etcetera (DTE), Red Hook Initiative (RHI), South Brooklyn Community High School and Good Shepherd Services—is proud to showcase our final films on Thursday, August 4th, 2016, at 10:00am, at Cobble Hill Cinemas. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with the filmmakers and a light reception at DTE's offices in Red Hook, Brooklyn.

Now in its fourth year, the summer Digital Boot Camp (DBC) provides 30 aspiring filmmakers ages 16-24 with 80 hours of instruction in digital media production.

Taught by teaching artists Jon Mayer and Javale Jean-Pierre, in collaboration with RHI Technology Instructor Jaebi Bussey, the program culminates in the creation of four short promotional videos for local businesses. Past businesses include: BLKWD, Defonte's Sandwich Shop, Jalopy Theatre and School of Music, and Tribe Bicycle.

DTE's community-based programs address the digital divide that hampers educational and vocational progress for many individuals from low-income urban communities. Our programs provide teens and young adults with opportunities to gain essential digital literacy skills while creating high quality film and media content.

DTE has a long track record of providing quality arts education programs to schools and communities serving high need, low-income students. Participants generate films that respond to current events and the needs of the local community, while acquiring marketable skills and career coaching. In addition to learning new skills and making new friends, all participants are paid for their time.

DTE Executive Director, Martha Bowers states, "The arts have tremendous agency with young people. While they may have struggled academically, we honor the many literacies they do bring to the classroom such as social media marketing, technology, fashion and music knowledge. Our programming builds on their skills and interests to help them graduate from high school and determine a path to an independent and rewarding future.

We also want to thank **The Hyde and Watson Foundation** and the **7th District Foundation**, whose support made it possible for us to purchase the video & sound equipment.

Last but not least, thanks to **TD Bank** for sponsoring our screening and **Cobble Hill Cinemas** for allowing us to show the students' work on the big screen.

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