

Wrap party for SFFI and *Valley Transit* film production interns, cast, crew and volunteers at Fore-U Ice Cream 8/17/26

November 1, 2026

Greetings!

As the days grow shorter and colder, the JAM staff are preparing for the "JAMmys," our year-end awards event spotlighting local creativity in the media arts. What a bountiful year it has been…2026 will surely top last year's record of 87 JAMmy awardees, a measure of the creative community growing here at JAM. Meanwhile, JAM continues to serve the community through year-round, gavel-to-gavel coverage of local government for the health of our democracy. Through media education, JAM helps creators find their voices and connect through stories. And JAM media services amplify the good work of our nonprofit neighbors.

To sustain our important work, JAM increasingly depends on donations and memberships. **Would you consider including JAM in your year-end giving?**

Creative courage. It takes courage to engage in dialogue with people we may disagree with and to share creative work. At JAM, we hold space for courageous voices on our public access channels, White River Indie Film Festival, local podcasts such as "Ordinary Jews. Talking." and "America Unbound," TWIST Comic & Zine Fair, youth programs, Media Maker Mondays where local creators share works-in-progress, and more.

Quality local film and media making. JAM works to raise the quality of locally created media through all-ages media education, internship programs, and Digital Media Creation for Seniors. This summer JAM took the leap to produce our first feature film, *Valley Transit*, as a film education and professional workforce program for high school and college interns. Made possible by individual donors and grants, our first Summer Feature Film Intensive (SFFI) was a resounding success, inspiring new possibilities for local production.

Local connections. At JAM we put media to work for *humans* and the relationships that sustain us. Every month JAM provides live media services for as many as 15 public meetings, archiving for ease of navigation for both citizens and the press. JAM's 24/7 public, education and government access cable channels, YouTube, website, On-Demand independent streaming service, and newsletter keep you connected with what's happening in the Upper Valley. And JAM live events bring us together in person to share meaningful stories and important conversations.



Hartford Elementary 8th graders film the 2026 Hartland Town Meeting with JAM staff as part of "Media & Democracy," a special project funded by the VT Community Foundation

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"Working on Valley Transit was one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life.

I learned more in a shorter time than I have almost anywhere else, and met some of the coolest people. This film energized everywhere we went in the Upper Valley in a way I've never seen. I hope that SFFI persists for a very long time, and that JAM can help turn the Upper Valley into a hub for film in the same way that the region is a hub for theater, art, and other creative endeavors."

– JAM SFFI participant



SFFI interns and professional crew members on the set of *Valley Transit* in August 2026

There are several ways to show your support for JAM. Please consider making a donation or gift of appreciated stock, joining as a JAM Media Maker Membership (or gifting a Media Maker Membership to a loved one), or all of the above! Small gifts have great impacts – any amount is greatly appreciated. Please see QR codes and direct links below.

Your support ensures JAM's ability to provide free and low-cost nonprofit media services and programs for all in 2027. Thank you. And we hope to see you at the JAMmy Awards Dec. 4 or another time soon!

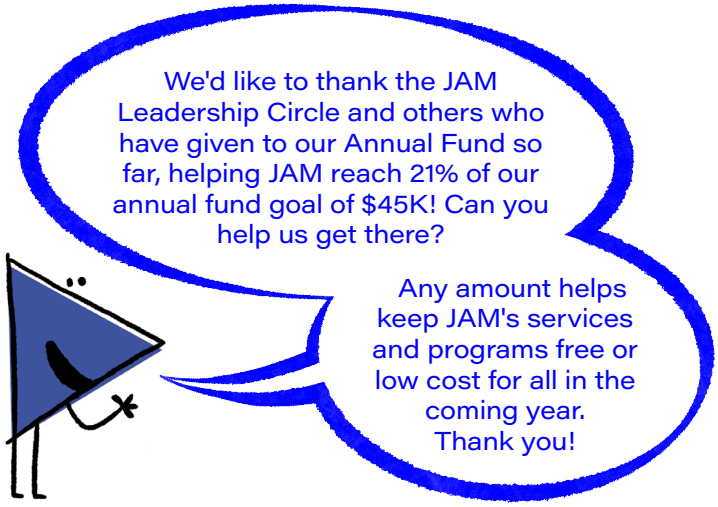
Warmly,

Samantha Davidson Green, Executive Director
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The hosts of Hawks Talk, the official podcast of the Upper Valley Nighthawks, interview JAM Board Vice Chair Joe Major and JAM Executive Director Samantha Davidson Green in the JAM recording studio in summer 2026



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