



QUEENS WORLD FILM FESTIVAL

WHAT'S NEW?

For Immediate Release

Submissions are open!

Queens World in Top 100 of Reviewed Festivals!

The 11th edition of Queens World Film Festival will take place on June 23-26, 2021



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Queens, New York (date.....) – Queens World Film Festival (Queens World), the leading Indie film festival in the borough, consistently ranked in the top 100 film festivals worldwide by FilmFreeway.com and the first film festival in the World that was fully realized virtually during the pandemic, will return to the Museum of the Moving Image and Kaufman Astoria Studios June 23-26, 2021 adhering to all regulations in order to bring Indie films to Queens.

Submissions have opened (queensworldfilmfestival.org) and run through February 15.

*This year Queens World is celebrating HOPE: **H**ealing **O**pportunities **P**romote **E**quity.*

"The very act of making a film is hopeful. We are witnessing a changing landscape on every level in front of our very eyes: friendships, jobs, politics, health...nothing is as it was. All of us could use HOPE." said Katha Cato, Queens World Executive Director.

"We are refocusing the conversation onto HOPE with films that examine, explore, defy, contradict, and support our theme. Queens World will continue to bring unheard voices forward with waivers for submission fee discounts for BIPOC, women, LGBTQIA+, and other underrepresented filmmakers. We want to hear from you." said Preston Cato, Queens World Artistic Director. For information about waivers: Info@queensworldfilmfestival.org.



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Earlier this year, just three days after learning that all cultural organizations in NYC were to close, Queens World became the first festival in the world to move nimbly into a virtual format to screen a record number of films - 191 from 32 different countries for 11 days. 83 films were by women, 23 by LGBTQIA+ artists, 11 by children and 26 by filmmakers from Queens. At the end of the virtual run, the festival had the attendance and engagement of over 30,000 appreciative filmmakers and their audiences.

When Queens was the hardest hit community in the World by coronavirus, Queens World organized 19 live broadcasts, simply called - *Wednesday Nights @9 a* – a weekly celebration of community organizations from Queens who were making a difference during the lockdown.

Over 19,000 people from all around the globe tuned-in to watch past festival films and support organizations including Commonpoint Queens, Minkwon Center for Community Action, Covid Care Neighborhood Network and the Far Rockaway Youth Alliance. Audiences joined in from places as far as Japan, Australia, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands, and as close as Kansas, California, Bellmore and Corona to talk about the new....new.

“Wednesday Nights @9 was our way of saying thank you to community members who were making sure that food was delivered, that young people in distress had someone to turn to, and that our elderly neighbors were taken care of.” said Katha Cato.

Submissions for the 11th Queens World are now open.

"Within the first 24 hours, we received films from South Africa, Germany, Spain, Croatia, Turkey, Philippines – a true testament that we are, indeed, the festival that brings films together from around the World and around the corner,” said Katha Cato, Executive Director of Queens World.

To learn more about Queens World commitments, films, past and future events, please visit our brand new website - <https://queensworldfilmfestival.org>.

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Dear Team Women Making Movies -

We send you love from Queens World and hope all is well with everyone on your end of things.

We had a pretty strong run with our initiatives online - the festival got over 30,000 views, our young filmmakers created some interesting work,

and we produced a series of live weekly broadcasts that earned over 19,000 views.

Here's a little snippet of that: <https://vimeo.com/472615881>

And here we are: still standing.

Submissions for June 23 - 16 2021 have opened and we are sharing a **50% off code** with you in the press release below as we know that the financial scene for everyone is bleak.

Our rates are low to begin with, but we just want to make sure that we make it as easy as we can for people to participate.

We hope that you feel comfortable sharing the code within your network.

We are here and if you need anything, please let us know