



# 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL QUEENS WORLD FILM FESTIVAL

**JUNE 23 - JULY 3**

**INSIDE, OUTSIDE, VIRTUAL AND LIVE!**

**198 FILMS, 33 COUNTRIES, 11 DAYS, 5 VENUES AND YOU**

The 11th Annual Queens World film festival celebrated Indie films at five venues in the Borough of Queens while screening virtually around the world on FilmFestivalFlix.com. After 15 months of isolation and shuttered venues, Queens World brought audiences back to the Museum of the Moving Image, Queens Theatre, The Local NYC, The United Sherpa Association and Culture Lab LIC.

Every year the Queens World Film Festival honors a filmmaker or a community member who has displayed great leadership with the "Spirit of Queens Award" and this year the award was presented to the entire heroic staff of Elmhurst Hospital Center - 5,977 of them! When New York City closed non-essential businesses, Elmhurst Hospital Center took on a deluge of pain and suffering, treating patients in every available space, risking their own lives to provide hope to those suffering alone.

Thanks to BLK Water, FilmFestivalFlix, Benedict Realty Group, and donors from around the world, Queens World provided the hospital a free code to enjoy the festival online. Now, Queens World is providing free monthly screenings at Elmhurst Hospital Center for staff and patients.

Over 5,000 people participated in live and virtual events and screenings. 42 interns from PACE, Hunter College, ReelWorks, Renaissance Charter School, La Guardia Community College, Queens College and Jackson Heights Beautification Group contributed thousands of hours to make the festival successful.

All five Boroughs were represented in the film lineup and filmmakers came from Germany, Nepal, Argentina, Canada, the UK and across the US to share their work in Queens, the 'World's Borough'.

Upcoming Queens World programs will reach beyond the annual festival with pop up events, Encore Screenings, virtual and live programming through partnerships with the Department of Youth and Community Development, community centers, schools, and other cultural organizations.



## BENEDICT REALTY GROUP

With the support of Benedict Realty Group, Queens World helped to reopen the city with live screenings at five venues. Queens World also engaged 42 Festival Associates with training and hands-on experiences in marketing, outreach, hospitality, editing and film projection - providing opportunities to make professional connections with filmmakers, editors, actors and producers.



With the support of BRG, 12 young people filled key paid positions: 4 Venue Managers, 4 Projectionists, 2 Volunteer Coordinators, a Graphic Artist and a Social Media manager, 5 more were engaged through Reelworks which finds young people paid internships in the entertainment industry.

## QUEENS WORLD BY THE NUMBERS

- 5 Venues: Queens Theatre, MoMI, The United Sherpa Association, The Local and Culture Lab.
- 36 live screenings featuring 142 films from 23 nations including 70 films by local NYC filmmakers.
- 5,329 participants served through festival events.
- 400 festival tickets were given to community organizations including Commonpoint Queens, Big Apple Greeters, Neighborhood Housing Services of Queens, Queens Economic Development Center, Jackson Heights Beautification Group and local schools.
- Vendors engaged for services include Rooftop Films, Mendez Printing, DAAssociates, B&H Photo, Ideal Printing and Banner Buzz.
- 300 T-Shirts with the classic BRG logo were distributed at the festival. Post festival complimentary t-shirts were delivered to the following partners to thank them for their support:

# BRG

- Beaudoin Realty
- Resorts World NYC
- Sac's Place
- Sunnyside Shines
- BLK Water
- Puckett Marketing
- Flushing Town Hall
- Queens Chronicle
- Schneps Media
- City Guide
- MovieMaker Magazine
- Queens Economic Development Corporation
- Dept. of Youth and Community Development
- Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer
- Council Member Daniel Dromm
- Queens Borough President's Office
- The New York City Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment
- Sherpa Association
- The Local
- Queens Theatre
- Film Festival Flix (Virtual Platform)
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