



QUEENS WORLD FILM FESTIVAL

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Press Event Announcement: Queens World Film Festival Annual Presser

Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Museum of the Moving Image (MoMI), Astoria, NY

Featuring: light refreshments

Queens, NY – The Queens World Film Festival (QWFF), celebrated for its vibrant selection of independent films and for being a distinguished platform in the international and local film community, is thrilled to invite members of the press to its annual presser. Offering attendees a morning of exclusive insights.

Now entering its remarkable 14th year, QWFF is proud to screen 152 films from 19 nations, with 67 New York City film makers. Esteemed for its dedication to diversity, craftsmanship, and the art of storytelling, QWFF has cemented its place in the top 100 festivals on FilmFreeway.com.

Under the visionary leadership of Katha Cato, Queens World Executive Director, the festival celebrates the power and necessity of storytelling. "Welcoming the world to the world's borough is an exciting honor because everyone wants to screen here. We have a motivated and excited audience and beautiful venues, you don't want to miss this!"

Co-founder/Artistic Director Donald Preston curates the films into cinematic blocs rather than herding all the narrative shorts together or grouping the documentary films together, Queens World embraces the unexpected by grouping films that celebrate a specific theme resulting in 47 thematic blocs taking on provocative themes including twisted relationships, family dynamics, the immigrant experience, addiction, loss and revolutionary movements.

Highlighted Films at QWFF Presser

Freedom Hair - Directed by Oscar-nominee Dianne Houston, this narrative feature tells the inspiring story of Melony Armstrong's journey to independence through a natural hair braiding business, battling societal and legal challenges. A compelling tale of empowerment and resilience. [Freedom hair](#)

JADE- featuring Luke Tennie of Apple TV+ hit show "Shrinking" and Noam Shapiro from "The Kill Room," who played alongside stars like Harrison Ford and Samuel L. Jackson. Produced by Serena Ryan & Ethan Itzkow of SchmeH Films, esteemed alumni of Queens World Film Festival, "JADE" tells the story of single father Freddy and his barber best friend, Noah as they prepare Freddy for his custody battle for his daughter. Set against the backdrop of Queens, this film resonates with authentic storytelling and a passion for the borough's artistic community. Join us at Queens WFF to experience the heartfelt narrative. [Jade](#)



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Love Letters - a documentary short by Greta L. Schiller, celebrates a revolutionary lesbian love affair spanning nearly five decades starting in the vibrant setting of 1970s NYC. Screening as part of the LGBTQ+ bloc, the film offers an intimate exploration of love, struggle, and triumph. Jezebel the production company founded by Greta Schiller and Andrea Weiss, has garnered two Emmy Awards, three Fulbright Awards, and numerous international film festival awards. [Love letters](#)

QWFF is celebrated not only for its global outreach but also for its commitment to supporting women in film. With 28% of submissions by women filmmakers and 40% of the films screened directed by women, QWFF stands as a beacon for female voices and perspectives in the industry.

This presser offers a unique opportunity for media representatives to gain early insights into the festival's highlights, engage with the minds behind the event, and connect with the filmmakers who are shaping the future of cinema.

We welcome the press to join us in celebrating the art of film, the stories that challenge and connect us, and the community that brings them to the screen.

For more information about the Queens World Film Festival and the annual presser, please visit [Queens World Event Page](#)

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