

QUEENS WORLD FILM FESTIVAL

Queens World Kicks Off Another Fantastic Year!

Join us at the Kick-Off Party and get to know this year's Filmmakers!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Queens World Film Festival #13 invites everyone to the Annual Pot-Luck-Kickoff Party!



Queens, New York - [March 1, 2024]

The Annual Potluck Kick off Party - March 16, 2024 7pm at the Local.

The Queens World Film Festival (QWFF) is thrilled to announce the much-anticipated kickoff party for Queens World Film Festival #13. Every year, this event brings Queens World Alumni, our Board, Sponsors, Vendors and Supporters together to welcome the incoming filmmakers and their teams who will screen in the April festival. Filmmakers, film lovers, and the community come together for a family style potluck meal, a night of celebration and connection and share dishes that represent their favorite movies or their own film as we start the countdown to the festival's opening night (April 16, 2024). The Local has a full bar and with the dishes that show up, the evening is a culinary extravaganza with food representing cultures and ideas featured in the April festival.

Key Details:

• Date: March 16, 2024

• Time: 7:00 PM

Location: The Local, 13-02 44th Ave, Queens, NY 11101

What to Expect:

Opportunities to meet the 2024 festival filmmakers, great food, networking, raffles, tables from our Sponsors, Community Partners, information about the festival, the thematic blocs,

Other Dates to Think About:

- March 27 Presser at The Museum of the Moving Image, 9am
- April 6 Trailer Party at The Local, 7pm
- April 16 Live Zoom Broadcast at Sac's Place with the international filmmakers, 7pm
- April 17 Opening Night at The Museum of the Moving Image, 7pm

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Celebrating the Power of Stories:

Queens World Film Festival is known for uniting filmmakers from around the world to celebrate the art of storytelling. This year, the festival marks its 13th edition, featuring a diverse selection of films that capture the essence of varied cultures, societies, faiths, and lived experiences. The films serve as a powerful reminder of the incredible times we live in and allow us to witness the world through the eyes of insightful storytellers. The kickoff party serves as the platform to reveal the official selections and the festival schedule. Filmmakers, cast members, crews, supporters, and the local community will gather at The Local to celebrate and connect.

Engaging with Filmmakers:

At the event, filmmakers will have the opportunity to connect with our Board, staff, Sponsors, industry partners, and festival alumni to strategize how to take full advantage of their screening at the April festival. their promotion strategies. Additionally, elected officials will be present to welcome everyone to Queens and to emphasize the importance of the arts in our communities.

The evening will also feature live interactions with Queens World's social media followers, generating excitement about the stars of the 2024 Festival: THE FILMS!

Quotes from Founders:

- Donald Preston Cato, the founder of QWFF, shares his excitement about the kickoff party: "At the
 QWFF kickoff potluck party, it is thrilling for me to meet the filmmakers whose work I have lived with for
 months as I curate the festival. I finally get to shake their hands and say THANK YOU!"
- Katha Cato, Executive Director of Queens World, highlights the networking opportunity: "This is an
 excellent networking opportunity with filmmakers and film lovers. When we break bread together, we
 create connections, and that is where we start with the festival. We begin to build the movement at the
 Pot Luck Kick Off Party."

Save the Date:

The kickoff party is open to the public and serves as a prelude to Queens World Film Festiva #13, which will be a cinematic celebration transcending borders and bringing the world's stories to a single stage.

Mark your calendars for March 16, 2024, and join us at The Local for an unforgettable evening of film, food, and connections.

For more information, visit **Queens World Film Festival**.