



# QUEENS WORLD FILM FESTIVAL



**Flushing Town Hall  
and  
Queens World Film Festival  
*present*  
Taking PRIDE in the Community  
A free screening event celebrating LGBTQ+ voices.  
June 7, 7pm: Free!**

***Celebrate Pride and Queens Rising with two Queens Cultural Institutions!***

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Flushing, NY - Queens World Film Festival is proud to announce its partnership with Flushing Town Hall to present "Taking Pride in the Community" - a free screening event celebrating the varied and vibrant voices within the LGBTQ+ community.

As part of the month-long, multi-disciplinary arts celebration created to highlight the borough's culture and creative diversity known as Queens Rising, this screening features 6 films from around the world and around the corner that remind us that we are all on the path to self-discovery and self-acceptance. All recently screened at the recent Queens World #13 at MoMI and KAS, including the winner of the BEST LGBTQ SHORT FILM: build me through the image by Paula Hung

This screening will take place at Flushing Town Hall located at 137-35 Northern Boulevard, Flushing, NY 11354, on June 7 at 7:00 pm and is followed by a panel and reception which will feature the filmmakers discussing their work with the audience while enjoying refreshments from the surrounding Flushing community.



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The screening features a compelling lineup of films that explore the multifaceted dimensions of love, identity, and acceptance. Through a diverse range of storytelling, these films highlight the resilience, strength, and beauty inherent in the LGBTQ+ experience. From navigating the complexities of romance to confronting societal expectations and cultural norms, each film offers a poignant reflection of the journey towards self-discovery and authenticity.

Featured Films:

**Unlucky in Love by Catriona Rubenis-Stevens (New Jersey)**

Following an unsuccessful stint on a TV dating show, Lisa bumps into Wendy and falls head over heels. Through the years, their passion for one another fades as a secret threatens their love.

**I Am Illegal by Meryem Lahlou (Morocco)**

There is no such thing as being queer in Morocco - so what do you do when you are not straight in Morocco?

**build me through the image by Paula Hung (New York)**

A short documentary exploring the intricacies and complexities of the construction of a transmarginal Latine, multiracial, and queer identity through the experiences of a father, mother, and daughter.

**Lesbophilia by Michelle West (California)**

When free-as-a-bird bisexual Eliana questions giving up the "D" at her ex-boyfriend's funeral, her girlfriend Chase must decide how far she's willing to go for love.

**Mahjong Butterfly by Yinlin Chen (New York)**

Mahjong Butterfly is not only his name but also his story. This film tells the story of how Patrick, Mahjong butterfly, found himself in the city of New York and how he took intergenerational work and fighting for the rights of the LGBTQ community as his mission.

**Keep It Open by Lucy Teitler (New York)**

A queer couple is tested when a mystery man comes to town.

Join us as we come together to celebrate the rich diversity and stories within the LGBTQ+ community.

Admission to the screening is free, and all are welcome to attend.

For more information - Box Office at Flushing Town Hall at (718) 463-7700.

Queens World Film Festival is an annual event showcasing the best in independent filmmaking from around the world. With a focus on diversity, inclusion, and innovation, the festival aims to amplify underrepresented voices and create a platform for meaningful storytelling.

Flushing Town Hall is a cultural arts center in Queens, NY, dedicated to presenting high-quality arts and educational programs that celebrate the diversity of the borough and promote cross-cultural understanding.

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