



QUEENS WORLD FILM FESTIVAL

Queens World Film Festival

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The Listening Tour: Celebrating our Community

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Queens World Film Festival presents a Free Listening Tour Screening

Date: September 27, 2024 | Time: 7:00 PM

Location: The Local LIC, Long Island City, NY

Queens, NY – The Queens World Film Festival invites the community to a special screening of its ongoing Queens World Listening Tour on September 27 at 7:00 PM at The Local LIC. This free, unique event highlights the resilience, compassion, and hope that have defined the Queens community in recent years.

For the past three years, the Queens World Film Festival Listening Tour has brought together people from across the borough to video tape their thoughts on hope and resilience by asking them all four thought-provoking questions:

1. How do you define hope?
2. How do you define resilience?
3. Who is the most resilient person you know?
4. What do you hope for?

Their answers are videotaped and edited into short films, some of which will be shared at this free event on Sept. 27. Over 50 Listening Tour segments are permanently archived as part of the Queens Memory Project (www.queensmemory.org), ensuring that future generations can understand how our community stood strong through challenging times.

In addition to the screening, the event offers several interactive activities:

- Contribute to the Handprint Wall: Add your personal message of inclusivity and hope.
- A thank you note station where people can acknowledge the kindness of others.
- Support the Filmmaker's Bookshelf Project: Donate a new or gently used book on any aspect of filmmaking to benefit students at Motion Picture Technical High School.
- An Open Mic for community members to share their thoughts about the screening.

The Queens World Film Festival (QWFF) is dedicated to fostering a creative, inclusive community by bringing diverse voices and stories to the screen. Through screenings, workshops, and outreach programs, QWFF celebrates independent filmmakers and the transformative power of storytelling.

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Join us for an unforgettable evening of storytelling and shared hope as the **Queens World Film Festival** presents a free screening of its **Listening Tour** on **September 27** at **7:00 PM** at **The Local LIC**.

For the past three years, we've been capturing the voices of our resilient Queens community, asking four simple but profound questions:

1. How do you define hope?
2. How do you define resilience?
3. Who is the most resilient person you know?
4. What do you hope for?

These heartfelt answers have been edited into short films that shine a light on the strength, compassion, and enduring hope of our neighbors. At this special event, we will screen select segments of the **Listening Tour**, offering a moving glimpse into the spirit of Queens. These stories are now permanently archived with the **Queens Memory Project** so future generations can see how we navigated difficult times.

In addition to the screening, the evening will feature interactive ways to celebrate our community:

- **Handprint Wall:** Share your personal message of inclusivity and hope.
- **Thank You Station:** Write a note to someone who has shown you kindness.
- **Filmmaker's Bookshelf Project:** Donate a new or gently used book on filmmaking for students at Motion Picture Technical High School.
- **Open Mic:** A chance to reflect and share your own thoughts on hope and resilience.

The event is free, there will be FREE POPCORN and FREE CHOCOLATE and all are welcome to come together and celebrate our shared strength.

For more details, visit www.queensworldfilmfestival.org or contact