



QUEENS WORLD FILM FESTIVAL

Queens World Film Festival A Message about Our Name

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Queens World Film Festival -- Do not be confused! A message about our name...

Queens World Film Festival aims to address confusion about a similar-sounding festival name.

There is a new organization in Queens calling itself "Queens Film Festival". They are not us. We are not them. We are not affiliated in any way. Recently, we have become aware of confusion in the community due to the similarity between the name of our festival and the name of this new festival, and we're working to address that confusion.

Queens World Film Festival has been operating our festival for more than 15 years. We have screened nearly 2,000 films from nearly 100 nations, including almost 300 films created by local Queens filmmakers. We are proud and thankful to have won numerous awards and recognitions, including "Best Annual Event / Festival 2025" in [Best of the Boro](#) and "20 Great Film Festivals for First-Time Moviemakers" in [MovieMaker](#) magazine.

Our name and trademark "Queens World Film Festival" have existed since at least 2011. We offer many programs in addition to an annual film festival, such as the Pop-Up Film school, Young Filmmakers program, Passion in Action, Film Festival Fusion, and The Listening Tour.

Queens World Film Festival celebrates film festivals in Queens. We have always collaborated with other film festivals in Queens: We organized a panel called "[Film Fest Fusion: Queens Edition](#)" in June 2024 to bring other Queens festivals together and showcase their programs. We organized a similar event – "[Industry Insight Exchange: How to Fest](#)" featuring film festivals from Queens and Brooklyn June 21, 2025. Our only concern with "Queens Film Festival" is preventing confusion in the arts community arising from this new festival adopting a name that is so similar to ours.

We have repeatedly asked the organizers of "Queens Film Festival" to change their name. They refused. We filed a litigation today asking the Court to order the organizers to do what they should have done voluntarily. We are still hopeful an amicable resolution can be reached that enables the new festival to continue operating under a different name.



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What we are asking of our supporters. We thank our community for their support and ask that you please continue to use our official, full name in any media or correspondence and among your friends and colleagues. Please always tag us at **@QueensWorldFilmFestival** or **@QueensWorldFilm** and continue to follow us on any of our official social media channels:

<https://queensworldfilmfestival.org/>

<https://www.instagram.com/queensworldfilmfest>

<https://x.com/QueensWorldFilm>

<https://www.facebook.com/QueensWorldFilmFestival/>

You can also help us prevent confusion in the arts community by correcting instances of mis-use of our name that you notice.

Thank you.

About Queens World Film Festival

The Queens World Film Festival (QWFF) brings a diverse array of independent films to Queens, NY, promoting global cinema and local filmmaking talent. Each year, the festival hosts screenings, workshops, and events that celebrate the art of storytelling in its many forms.