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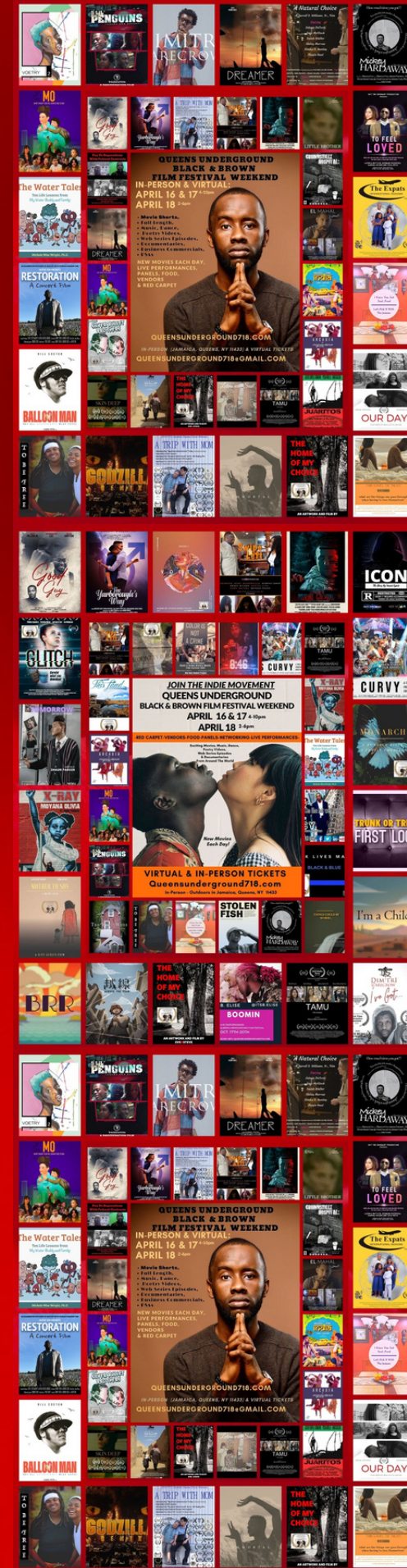
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# The Queens Underground Black & Brown Film Fest Weekend April 16th, 17th & 18th

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**Red Carpet Talk Show Hostesses:** Serious Voice & Queen Blueprint

Location: Outdoors in Jamaica, Queens, NY 11433. Pop-Up Shop, Yoga Class, Filmmakers Panels





# Red Carpet, 4-10pm Friday, April 16, 2021

7pm: VIP Red Carpet

Guest Speakers: 6:30-7:30pm

Senator Leroy Comrie; 14th District Queens, NY

Council Member Adrienne Adams

Council Member I Daneek Miller

Council Candidate Al Kanu

Long Island African American Chamber Of Commerce:

Valerie Campbell & Elizabeth Wellington

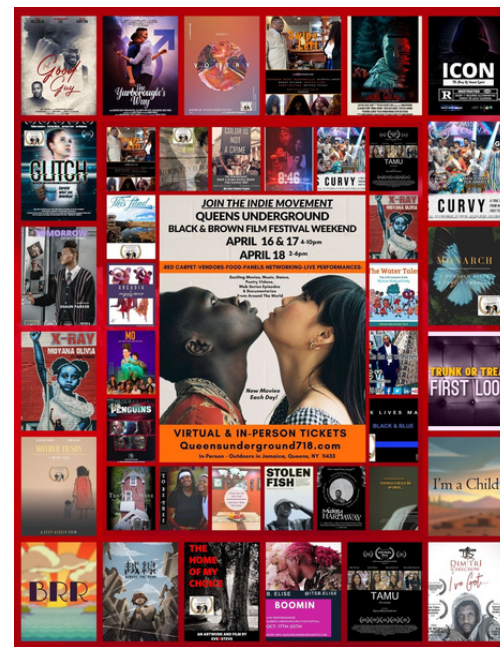
## Screenings Begin At 4pm

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| 1. PIX11 Interview  | 3:34  |
| 2. The Home Of My Choice, Steve Shaub                           | 17:03 |
| 3. Puerto Rico, Jordon Santamaria                               | 3:06  |
| 4. Ten Feet Wide, Cameron Munson                                | 15:30 |
| 5. Mother To Son (Langston Hughes), Lucy Geelen                 | 2:00  |
| 6. To Be Free, Glenna P. Diggs                                  | 1:00  |
| 7. Cece The Series, Jessica King Rated R                        | 5:00  |
| 8. Black & Blue, Robert Tully                                   | 19:19 |
| 9. Pay US Reparations With Federal Contracts, Kamau Austin      | 38:58 |
| 10. A Natural Choice, Harrell D. Williams                       | 16:37 |
| 11. One Community, Imanii Labels                                | 7:11  |
| 12. Swipe Left, Renee Chandler                                  | 12:00 |
| 13. Long Island African American Chamber Of Commerce Commercial |       |
| 14. Moments, Sebastian Ruiz                                     | 10:56 |

**With Intermissions for Food & Shopping. Footage From In-Person Film Festival will be added to the Virtual Platform after The Festival. You can access the Virtual Festival til the end of May 2021.**



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Your Tickets For  
Blockbuster Sunday  
2-6pm**



Website: [viewstub.com/queensundergroundblackandbrownfilmfestival](http://viewstub.com/queensundergroundblackandbrownfilmfestival)  
Purchase Your Virtual Tickets and See Everything!

## Screenings Continued

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|--|-------|
| 16. Latin Mousse -Commercial                       |       |
| 17. Long Island Chamber Of Commerce -Commercial    |       |
| 18. New York Estates Realty -Commercial            |       |
| 19. 846, Charles Andrews                           | 10:28 |
| 20. To Feel Loved, Angela Perkins                  | 25:10 |
| 21. Mickey Hardaway, Marcellus Cox Rated R         | 9:23  |
| 22. Legacy The Series*, Jessie Barnes Jr., Rated R | 5:34  |
| 23. X-Ray, Martaize Smith                          | 4:30  |
| 24. Wisper, Russ Emanuel (Teaser)                  | 10:00 |
| 25. The Yarborough's Way, Benedict Dorsey (Teaser) | 10:00 |

## Don't Miss Yoga & Filmmakers Panel on Saturday Or Double Feature Sunday!

### WISPER

**RUSS EMANUEL, Director:** Girl Wit Gun, P.J., Chasing the Green, The Legends of Nethiah, Restoration of Paradise, Occupants. A unique experimental found footage takes on an anti-hero protagonist. 'Wisper' is the true story of the murder of a middle-class African American family in Northern New Jersey. In the summer 2016, three children and their mother were found shot to death in their large suburban home. Loosely based on the personal videotapes and diaries owned by the father of the victims.

### THE YARBOROUGH'S WAY

#### BENEDICT A DORSEY, Director

At the end of slavery, sharecropper Yarborough started a small church that grew into a worldwide, 4 million-member plus organized group. The Head of the Organization (HOO), is as powerful as the Pope. The HOO must be a male member of the Yarborough family. After the death of the latest HOO, Michael (who should've been the successor but was disqualified due to his sister, Judy, revealing his indiscretions as a teenager) is determined to have his son, Tahir, installed before Judy and the selection committee finds out that Tahir is in the process of...

Order of Screenings are subject to change

Food, Snacks, Desserts & Beverages Each Day

## "Sort Of" Casual Red Carpet Sunday



Wisper



The Yarborough's Way





# Life At Queens Underground

We retain the bragging rights to being the first International Black History Month Film Festival in our area. We recently added "...and Brown" to better reflect the hues, the many ethnic groups and personality types who submit to the festival and also live within our community. This Season, we're up to 16 Countries.

Recently a few Filmmakers who had already submitted to the Festival months prior, emailed to ask if they could participate although they were not brown or black? "Of course", we explained. Several months later, one of those Filmmakers emailed again to see if we were sure. After reassuring him yet again, he still decided to withdraw his film; a short about two brothers - technically, a universal story. We had gently introduced him to our concept of "Black and Brown" as representative of not only all brownish ethnic groups, but as well, as other minorities such as Creatives, Multi-Talented folks, Women, Single Parents, Left-Handed People and so on. Yes, the majority of our Filmmakers are Black or Brown, however, don't Black and Brown Filmmakers also submit to non-black run Film Festivals? Had he not read the title before he submitted, or perhaps he thought "Black and Brown" truly had a totally different meaning? Nevertheless, we saw the humor in this exchange and realized that he was initially attracted to our Submission Page, but his self-consciousness and fears eventually got the better of him; suddenly he felt out of place; insecure. Perhaps others teased him, questioned his loyalty to his race. Who knows? But for one sliver of a moment, he entered our world - where so often we feel qualified, yet unsure, out of place. At times we may fear being overly judged or criticized; wrestling silently with preconceived notions of those who don't really understand us or our frames of reference, our slang, our jokes, our style. It is unfair, because we are all humans just trying to live our lives, build and create. Many of us have mastered that duality, turning it on and off at will - it is a skill. Was he afraid of the "racial microscope", where you become the "Poster Child" for your entire race? How many of us live this daily - having the weight of our entire race on our backs; people we've never met? However, as we learn to see the humor in this, it's not always a bad thing. What an Honor to have the privilege of teaching people about your culture without having to say a word; just show up with grace, style, humbleness and a decent vocabulary and suddenly, you've just represented millions of people. Kind of like mind-control, magic and power all rolled into one. We say, "Wear It Well", wear it like a badge of Honor; understanding that perhaps it should not be this way, but used wisely, it becomes a strength and a means to "Pay it forward". We, you, can set the tone and perception for those who come behind us just as those who came before us did for us.

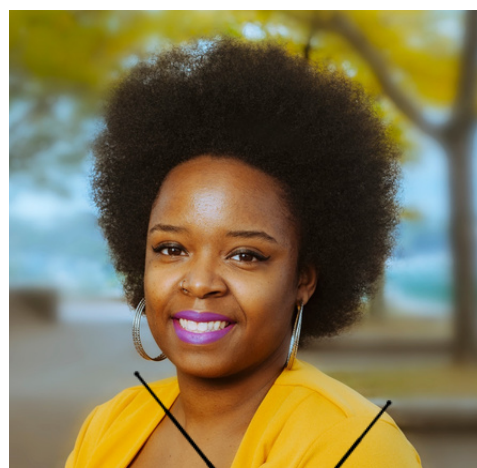
He also suggested that we change the name of the festival. This was funny as well, as though "Black and Brown" supported by pictures of past events did not make it sufficiently obvious. How he must have struggled, wanting to join, but afraid that he would not be accepted and would have to fight to be treated fairly. What a rough way to live isn't it? Yet we have, do and will continue to do so. And while we are immensely that talented, skilled, capable and completely awesome - sometimes we forget and this is why we have to remind each other. Sometimes we also forget why it is so important to build our own, support each other and let go of pettiness. Let us "See The Forest For The Trees". And as we arise from this Pandemic, let's do so productively, unified and with kindness. The kinder we are to each other, we create a powerful and protective energy for ourselves and community. And it all does begin "Underground" as a seed germinates until it's time to blossom forth with strong roots, sturdy stalk, beautiful flowers and leaves, that bend, but do not break. Let the "undergroundedness" (*not a real word*) of the Pandemic have rejuvenated us all with Vision, Purpose and Energy to Create Change within our own community and offer more support to entrepreneurs, community groups, local leaders and anyone with a dream.

But as far as changing our name - well, that's not going to happen. We are a platform which welcomes everyone, but caters to those who have been underrepresented, underserved, marginalized and plain left out. Is that always a black/brown thing only? Less than 2% of the world's 12% of left-handed people are women - another true minority, rarely considered and offered accommodations, yet we persevere in a predominately right-handed world, with few accommodations, often, it is the same for Creatives; the more multi-talented - the worse it becomes, yet, all minorities seem to remain motivated and determined - and we applaud each and every one of you, of us.

Welcome to the Queens Underground Black and Brown Film Festival where we are Black and Brown, Diverse, Talented, Determined, Enlightened, Progressive and oh so Creative living in the most diverse borough, in the most historically legendary area which is Southeast Queens, NY, the Home of Former, Present and Future Legends, a Destination Place with Determined Creativity, Skills, and Resourcefulness And I do have feeling that the Filmmaker will return next season, simply because we're Indie Talent at its best.



## Red Carpet Hostesses:



Queen Candace is a Money Management Specialist™ from Brooklyn, NY with a Bachelors in Psychology. Growing up her family wasn't very knowledgeable about finances and passed down quite a few financial generational curses. She realized a lot of her spending was due to emotional triggers. Using her knowledge of psychology, mental health diagnosis and financial research, she "cured herself" and purchased her first home at 26. Her mission is to help the Black community switch to a Wealth Mindset through financial literacy, financial planning and financial therapy. With over 10 workshops and masterclasses and hosting events in-person/virtually, she hosts a talk show. Candace is also an instructor with the School of Freedom teaching students how to repair our relationship with money to become financially free. Money Management Specialist, Queen BluePrint (877) 387-BLUE | [candace@thequeenblueprint.com](mailto:candace@thequeenblueprint.com) <https://www.thequeenblueprint.com> Brooklyn, NY.



We met Candace not too long ago when she interviewed me on her Talk Show about the October 2020 Film Festival; we spent hours talking after the interview. She's a dynamic young lady with a true Vision and Mission.

We met Serious Voice (from Long Island, NY) a few years back when we had an Art Studio on Linden Blvd. in St. Albans, Queens. She came out to perform for a Gospel Open Mic and had no idea that Special K was in the audience. The next time we met up with her was at our first Film Festival when she submitted the Behind The Scenes Video "Rap Queen" which is an Award Winning Documentary Short. She's a mom, wife and go-getter who gets it all done, we just figure out how!

And she's back with us again as Brigitte "Serious Voice" James, the award-winning multi-media professional. She is the visionary behind brands such as, Yes Hour Radio, Serious PPL Music and James Media LLC. As a journalist she was commissioned by nonprofits to spearhead the marketing of their brands by traveling to the Caribbean, interviewing prime ministers and documenting their reactions. She has interviewed top-tier sports influencers like Diana Taurasi, Sheryl Swoopes and others. Today she executive produces the talk show "Success Stories With Serious Voice" which airs on BRIC TV, APOLLO TV in Buffalo, NY and People's TV in Atlanta, Georgia. Serious PPL Music. Twitter: @seriouspplmusic NEW MUSIC <http://smarturl.it/seriousvoice> Website: [SoSerious.Net](http://SoSerious.Net) (516) 459-3352

Although Venues were shut down this past February, being the Creatives that we are, we went live with a few friends for the first time from my living room: Dwayne Parker, The Movies "Vex & Asunder", Me, DJ Sawsetones,, Hide Inaba, Musician,, Mai Dror, Team \* Photographer, Brandon Flanders, CEO BMF Global and Kathleen Liautaud, Actress "Vex"





# Saturday, 4-10pm April 17, 2021

4:00pm -Yoga Class (Register In Advance)  
5:00pm- Screenings Begin  
6:30pm-Filmmakers Panel  
7:30pm - Screening Continue

## Screenings Begin At 4pm

- Dreamer, Vergi Rodriguez 7:49
- Swipe Left, Renee Chandler 12:00
- Sleep Walking Official Video, Allen Johnson 4:01
- Monarch, Beresford Bridge Burgan 1:30
- Hope, Chui 6:57
- El Mahal, Ziad Foty 12:46
- Burial Ground, Einar Brodden 29:37
- Behind The Walls, Reetu Shah 21:10
- Our Day, Donald Wilson II 12:30
- Latin Mousse Commercial
- Long Island Chamber Of Commerce Commercial
- New York Estates Realty Commercial
- Black Man, Jon Jon Garrison 1:00
- Brooklyn Burial, Christine Sloane Stoddard 8:02
- Is The UK Innocent, Jose Maria Martinelli 46:00
- Blackness Is Everything, Alba Roland Mejia 4:37
- Miss Curvy, Ghada Eldemellawy 24:29
- Godzilla, Donald Wilson, RATED R 3:25
- Twin Flames, Fedora McClaren 5:08
- Tomorrow, Shaun Parker 3:28
- Little Raven, Daniel Semulema Katenda 4:17
- ICON Documentary Trailer, Imanii Labels 2:09
- Glitch, Sarah Caldwell 10:00

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Your Ticket In  
Advance For  
Blockbuster  
Sunday  
2-6pm**

# Sunday, 2-6pm April 18, 2021

- Latina With Soul, Enid Hernandez-Torres 5:00
- Legacy The Series, Jessie Barnes, Jr. 13:16
- Juaritos, HF Crum 11:24
- Arcadia, Charly Santiago 4:56
- Voices, Cyclone 3:31
- Sacred To Secular, Ishola Ijaoribe 9:22
- Wisper, Russ Emanuel Rated R 1:31:00
- The Yarborough's Way, Benedict A. Dorsey 1:30:00

**ANSWER KEY**  
**Legendary Famous**  
**Jamaica, Queens, NY**  
**"Pictures"**  
**(Left to Right):**

- Niki Minaj
- W.E.B. Dubois
- Billie Holiday
- LL Cool J
- Count Basie
- Jackie Robinson
- Theresa Merritt
- Hank Aaron
- Lena Hone
- Marie Daly
- James Brown
- Ella Fitzgerald
- Fats Waller
- Damon John
- Al Roker
- Miles Davis
- Run DMC
- Milt Hinton



# Full Length Blockbuster Movies

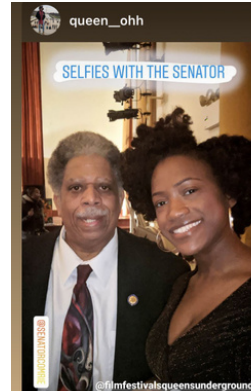


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# February & October 2020



Just before Covid hit, we had our first Black History Month Film Festival at the Jamaica Performing Arts Center in Downtown, Jamaica, Queens, NY. With a packed house (3 floors) and Submissions from 12 countries, 15 vendors, 10 Live Performers and Community Awards (sponsored by Senator Leroy Comrie, 14th District, Queens, NY) and we learned a few things:

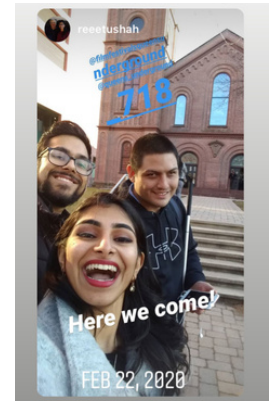
1. We learned that this Platform is needed and appreciated.
2. We learned that Filmmakers & their friends will fly in from other states.
3. We learned that you can't feature everything in one day
4. We learned that offering a Red Carpet in Queens is Amazing!

And by October 2020 while the world was mostly shut-down, we learned that:

1. Creativity mattered more than ever
2. The Virtual Film Festival Platform was a good idea
3. That filmmakers and audiences will still attend an Outdoor Festival (and in the dark, with rain and without lights).
4. We learned the true meaning of "The Show Must Go On"

And it was the same for February 2021 where it was all Virtual and now we continue it with the April Outdoor & Virtual Festival because the Filmmakers can't help but Creative and Audiences can't help but want to see and feel and be a part of - and here we are - making sure that Filmmakers and Audiences - have the opportunity to connect. This is our Indie Movement -and we're here to stay: October/November and February/April.

**Just wait until you see what's next!**



# And You Can Watch The Entire Film Festival Virtually

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Now You can watch the entire Film Festival Virtually. If you can wait until after the film festival is over, you'll also be able to see the Red Carpet Interviews, Live Performances, Vendor Interviews and Filmmaker Personal Video statements on the Virtual Platform. Over 97 Projects to View, organized in Blocks and you'll have time to see all of them.

Best of all you can send a message to the Filmmaker. They would love to hear how much you enjoyed their project, that it resonated with you or that you learned something new. We have so many great projects from more than 16 countries, grab your favorite snacks, family, friends and loved ones and kick back and enjoy the best Indie Filmmakers, Artists and Entrepreneurs that you'll ever see.

# Mind Your Business

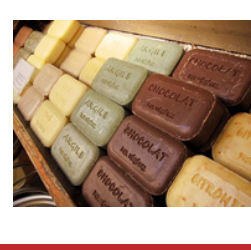


If you're ready for the World to know that you're Still Open, have New Products, Services, Discounts, Specials and Shipping Availability, why not Feature your Commercial or PSA on the Big Screen in front of a packed house of audience members In-Person and Virtual?

New Customers are waiting to discover you and would love to see you up close and personal on the Red Carpet. Film Festivals are a joyous celebratory event where everyone is happy, ready to connect, listen, share and pay attention to your Message which will come across more like a Movie than a typical Commercial.

Your Brand will be associated with the Film and Entertainment Industry which will cast a new "Light" on your Products, Services and Events while stretching your advertising budget to reach potential customers locally, nationally and internationally. Would this help your Business? Are you ready to make More Money?

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### Block A

- A Natural Choice\*, Harrell D. Williams
- Sleep Walking/Official Video\*, Allen Johnson
- Swipe Left\*, Renee Chandler
- Aje Ijo Series: Immortal, Kiana Harris
- 5 Lil' Penguins- Rated R, Devonta Ravizee
- Cece The Series\*, Jessica King
- Mo\*, Shawn Pipkin-West
- Mickey Hardaway\*, Marcellus Cox, Rated R
- Juaritos\*, HF Crum
- Voices\*, Cyclone
- Senior Living, Georgetta Buggs
- Moments, Sebastian Ruiz
- Latina With Soul\*, Enid Hernandez-Torres
- Sacred To Secular\*, Ishola Ijaoribe
- Vex - Trailer, Dwayne Parker

### Block C

- The Home Of My Choice\*, EveNSteve
- A Trip With Mom, Sophie Chui
- Is The UK Innocent?, Jose Maria Martinelli
- Behind The Walls, Reetu Shah
- Puerto Rico/A Home For ..., Jordan Santamaria
- A Natural Choice\*, Harrell D. Williams
- Burial Ground, Einar Brodden
- Pay US Reparations With Federal Contracts, Kamau Austin
- Ten Feet Wide: The Story Of A Skinny House, Cameron Munson
- Main Street, Junsook Mun
- Blackness Is Everything, Alba Roland Mejia
- Dimitri & The Scarecrow- I've Got...\*, Dimitri Kwenda
- Xray\*, Martaize Smith

### Block B

- Dimitri & The Scarecrow - I've Got...\*, Dimitri Kwenda
- To Feel Loved, Angela Perkins
- Godzilla, Donald Wilson, Rated R
- Blackness Is Everything, Alba Roland Mejia
- To Be Free, Glenna Diggs
- Mother To Son\*, Lucy Geelen
- Voetry: Season 2, Ep. 2 "Sexless", Rated R
- Mo\*, Shawn Pipkin-West
- Dimitri & The Scarecrow- 2 Evils, Edwin "MwamiAnim8"
- Arcadia, Charly Santagado
- Xray\*, Martaize Smith
- Sade, B. Elise
- Black Man, Jon Jon
- Sleep Walking, Official Video, Allen Johnson
- ICON Documentary Trailer, Imanii Labels, Rated R
- Miss Curvy, Ghada Eldemellawy
- I'm Am Not Stone, Leila Sound
- 846\*, Charles Andrews
- Legacy The Series\*, Jessie Barnes Jr., Rated R
- Hide Inaba, Hide Inaba

**Submissions  
for October  
2021 Open In  
Mid-May**

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\*Multiple Viewings

### Block D

- Abstinence, Velve
- Latina With Soul, Enid Hernandez-Torres
- Tomorrow\*, Shaun Parker
- Brr, Kaitlin McQueeney
- Skin Deep, Ember Crowley
- Twin Flames, Fedora McClaren
- Monarch, Beresford Bridge Burgan
- Dimitri & The Scarecrow-Little Raven, Daniel Semulema
- The Silver Bullet Brothers, Erik Garcia
- El Mahal, Ziad Foty
- Black & Blue, Robert Tully
- Black Lives Matter, Sophia Holterman

### Block F

- The Yarborough's Way, Benedict A. Dorsey
- Our Day, Donald Wilson
- Dreamer, Vergi Rodriguez
- Tomorrow\*, Shaun Parker
- Legacy The Series\*, Jessie Barnes Jr., Rated R
- Glitch\*, Sara Caldwell

### Block E

- Crownsville Hospital: From Legacy To Lunacy, . R. Todd Stevens
- Glitch\*, Sara Caldwell
- Juaritos\*, HF Crum
- Antonia Norales: Garifuna Guardian, Simon Walker
- Release, Daniel Steiner, Rated R
- 846\*, Charles Andrews
- Mickey Hardaway\*, Marcellus Cox, Rated R
- Sacred To Secular\*, Ishola Ijaoribe

### Block G

- Nomen Nescio, Adonais Areces
- Release, Daniel Steiner
- Without Any Guidance, Ishola Ijaoribe
- Mr. Good Guy, Jasmine Joi
- Disrupted - A Miniseries\*, Justin Turpin
- To Feel Loved\*, Angela Perkins
- Cece The Series\*, Jessica King
- Swipe Left\*, Renee Chandler
- Scared To Secular\*, Isola Ijaoribe

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## Block H

- Postcards From India, Tommaso Docetta
- Across The Fear\*, Jian
- Things Could Be Worse, Mecca McDonald -Rated R
- Deysi, Christopher Mendoza
- Focusing, Jeakyum Kim
- Voices, Cyclone, Rated R
- Main Street, Jeakyum Kim

## Block J

- Balloon Man, Chantel Potter
- The Water Tales, Michele Wise Wright
- I'm A Child, Kaitlin McQueen
- Hope\*, Chui
- Across The Fear\*, Jian
- This Land, Brent White
- BRR\*, Kaitlin McQueeney
- Let's Kick It With The Joneses, Marcus Jones
- The Expats International Ingrams, Juanita Ingram
- Dissolve, Veronika Draxler
- Mother To Son\*, Lucy Geelen

## Block I

- Wisper, Russ Emanuel - Rated R
- This Land, Brent White
- Moments, Sebastian Ruiz
- Dreams, Oscar Bruce
- Disrupted - A Miniseries\*, Justin Turpi

## Block K

- Restoration Concert: A Concert Film, Native Son
- Voetry Season 3, Dess Spence
- Aje Ijo Series (4th), Kiana Harris
- Brooklyn Burial, Christine Stoddard
- Once Was Water, Christopher Beaver
- Monarch, Beres Bridge Burgan
- Dreams, Oscar Bruce
- Arcadia, Charly Santagado

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Saturday,  
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## Filmmakers Panel

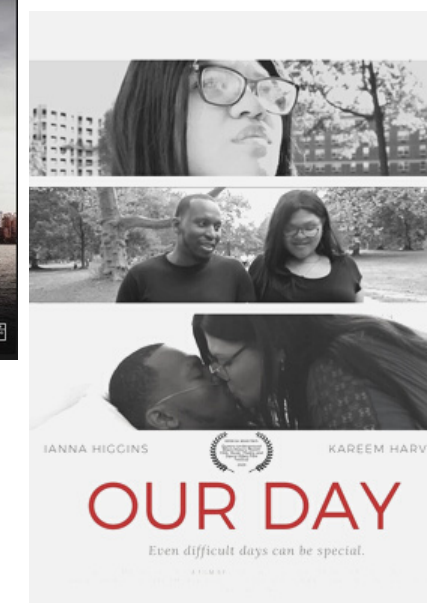
1. Reetu Shah
2. Duane Parker
3. Todd Stevens
4. Donald Wilson
5. Terrell D. Perkins
6. Ziad Foty
7. Special Guest: Ray Loot (2 Wrongz & Foster Sin)

\*Ray Loot

\*Returning Filmmakers



\*Donald Wilson



Ziad Foty



\*Reetu Shah



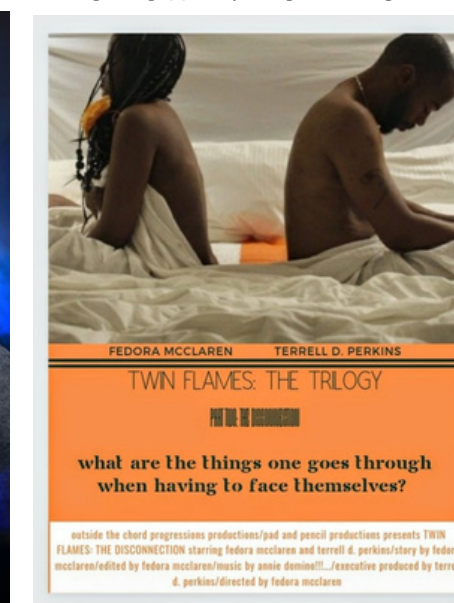
Todd Stevens



\*Dwayne Parker



\*Terrell D. Perkins





# Yoga Time!



**SPECIAL FEATURE:  
YOGA CLASS, SATURDAY,  
APRIL 17TH, 4-5PM \$15 DONATION**



BLACK PEOPLE DO YOGA. The benefit of Yoga is longevity. The physical practice is meant to keep the muscles strong, joints flexible and increase mobility, which naturally prevents aching bodies which come from stress and age. Adding "breathing" to movement is how we keep the mind calm, get in tune with our rawest self by isolating the external world while cleansing the soul which allows the spirit to find freedom.

Yoga is for Everyone and Anyone. There are Studios and Instructors who that cater to all groups. I Am Yogi Studios specifically serves women and children. In the Black community and/or Christian community, often there is a misconception of what yoga is and who yoga is for -with all of the trauma and racial disparity that we have and do face often contribute to our becoming habitual creatures without practices for coping with negativity and pain. Yoga is one of the most beneficial activities (and sport) that we can weave into our lives, our family/friends and our future. It's the new "Girls Night Out" and "Mommy & Me Date" and before the "Spa".

Health and Wellness is the new priority, especially with people living longer - now the goal is to Live Longer, Better. No experience necessary and regardless of any past injury, illness or aversion to sports, Yoga is a practice where you move at your own pace. Not convinced yet? I started Yoga when I was in my second trimester, age of 34 embarking on motherhood a 2nd time when depression took over and I began to lose control of every aspect of my life. The doctor recommended yoga and without any previous experience, my journey began and it led me to realize that there were few, if any, Yoga Studios which understood the specific make-up of minority women. Let's be honest, we come with some "stuff and tude" along with lifestyles and stresses unique to our culture. Not too long into the Journey, I received the fullness of the "message" and we opened I Am Yogi Studio.

Located in Queens, we are mobile and virtual until it's safe to reopen the Studio. In the meantime, we Invite you to sign-up on our Website today and join us in nearby Parks, Beaches and at Events.  
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## Queens Underground Black and Brown Film Festival Makes The News!



PIX 11 News Journalist Ojinika Obiekwe

What A Great Interview We Had This Morning with Ojinka! Thank You!



By: Ojinika Obiekwe and Producer, Marcia Parris  
<https://www.pix11.com/news/morning/queens-underground-black-brown-film-festival-kicks-off>

FREE On Facebook Live, 7-10pm Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at Queens Underground Black and Brown Film Festival

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## Don't Miss These Amazing Entrepreneurial Vendors



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# Community Awards For Excellence In Community Service

Sponsored by Senator Leroy Comrie, 14th District, Southeast Queens, NY

## CULTURAL COLLABORATIVE JAMAICA

Tyra Emerson, Executive Director. Cultural Collaborative Jamaica (CCJ) unites artists, arts organizations, local businesses and educational leaders in efforts to strengthen community and economic development and access to local culture offering and tourism opportunities. Spearheaded in 1992 CCJ's efforts focus on bringing greater exposure to the arts and cultural sector to benefit the core of Jamaica's downtown redevelopment. Telephone: (718) 526-8700 Email: collaborative23@verizon.net



## Community Affairs Unit, 103rd Precinct

### Co-Presenter:

Precinct Commander: Deputy Inspector V. Tavalaro

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Jahnvi Aluri, Program Manager  
 Trey Jenkins, Dir. Marketing/Business Svs.  
 Fred Green, Operations Manager  
 Jenn Furioli, Executive Director

# Upcoming Events



## Coming Soon - Connect With More Community Outdoors

The Artist Market NYC (formerly the Artist Market On Linden) Returns This Summer with a few new Community Partners. The Greater Jamaica Merchants Association (Chamber Of Commerce) and New Beginnings Outreach, inc., Queens Underground Black and Brown Festivals and the Cultural TV Network are joining our Every Other Week, Community & Entrepreneurs Outdoor Events where you can meet various non-profit community Centered Groups and Business while shopping from Entrepreneurs featuring Healthy Foods, hand crafted Merchandise, Products, Books, Art, etc.

Also expect on-site Demonstrations (food? we're not telling) and Workshops and maybe a movie night or two and definitely Live Feeds on Social Media.

Located in a large open space on Rockaway Blvd., Starting in June, it's all about Community.

Set-Up Shop with us, Registration Opens April 30th for Entrepreneurs, Kidpreneurs, Community Groups, Instructors, Artists, Chefs Bakers, Guest Speakers and Health and Wellness Specialists (individuals, groups & organizations) of all kinds.

We're looking forward to seeing you there on Saturdays and Sundays (with social distancing) because it's time to get together to smile, laugh, stay healthy, sane, eat and shop!

Email: ArtistMarketNYC@gmail.com

**In-Person & Virtual Tickets**  
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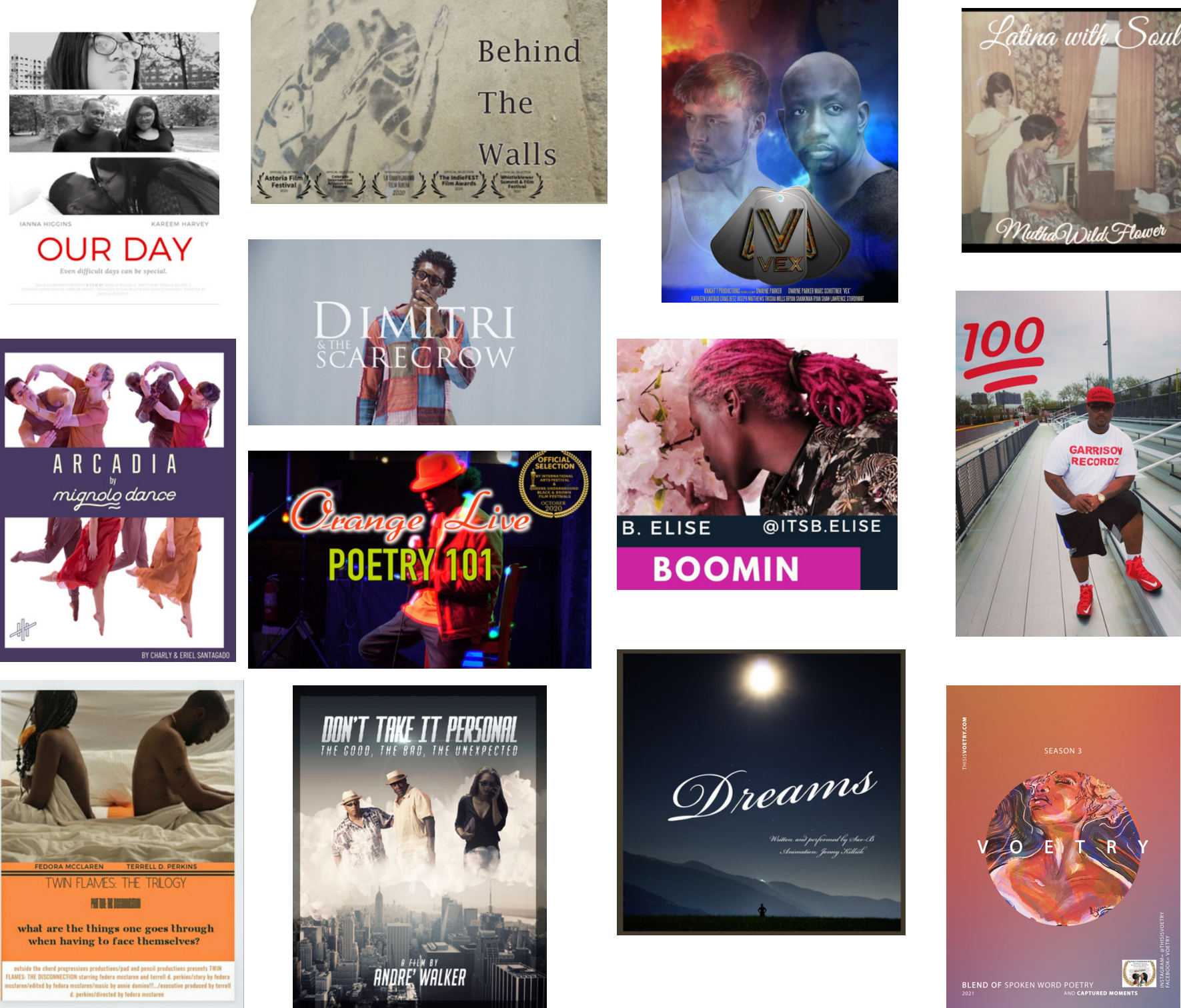




# They Do Come Back

WE ARE A UNIQUELY MULTI-FACED SMALL, BUT POWERFUL ORGANIZATION OFFERING THE FEBRUARY/APRIL BLACK AND BROWN FILM FESTIVAL AND THE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER ARTS FESTIVAL. NOW WE'RE ADDING THE CULTURAL TV NETWORK, AN INTERNET BASED TV STATION GOING UP TO 100 CHANNELS COVERING ALL THINGS FILM, TALK, HOW TO AND WHY NOT. AND WITH ALL THAT WE DO FOR FILMMAKERS, ARTISTS, ENTREPRENEURS AN COMMUNITY, THE BEST COMPLIMENT IS WHEN PEOPLE COME BACK SEASON AFTER SEASON!

See the Personal Videos many Filmmakers Submitted to the Virtual Festival



...And it's the same with our Volunteers and many of the Vendors and Performers

# ...And You Can Watch The Entire Film Festival Virtually

[Virtual Tickets  
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All Of The Festival from the Submissions to the Live Performances, Red Carpet, Speeches and Vendors will be Available on the Virtual Platform by Blocks. "Blocks" are Groupings of Submissions where with a Ticket Purchase, you get to view all of those Projects over the course of several days.

The Live Footage is added by the beginning of May after a bit of editing. Best of the all, if you're referred by a Filmmaker (they have Affiliate Codes), the Filmmaker earns a Percentage.

Many of you may not know this, but Indie Filmmakers (Independent Visionaries) typically self-fund their Films, Videos, Series = Dreams. Production can be quite costly, especially if cast, crews, editors are paid. Often, locations charge a fee. Filmmaking, like any other business requires a lot of financing, time, effort and sacrifice. Growth demands that much more. As a business, we experience the same.

We're growing also - we're building out our Cultural TV Network Platform which is an Internet TV Station (up to 100 channels) to feature many of our Filmmakers, Talk Show Hosts, our own Movie Review Show, Lessons, Webinars, etc.

With open access, any Filmmaker, Event Promotor, Series Producer, Business (with Commercial), Instructor, Community Group, etc. can join and get in on the ground floor of our complete Indie Movement and Full Service Platform.

Recently, we hear that Amazon has ceased featuring Indie Movies and while there are several other Indie Apps, especially those featuring Black and Brown Productions - we remember when TV was Free. We also have an affinity for TV Guide type Menu with On-Demand Capabilities - and that's our next step. There's a few more upcoming features on the way -and with your continued support we feel confident toward completion within the next year.

At the end of the day, we are an entertainment organization with mission of supporting all creative and entrepreneurs and our purpose is to provide you, our valued viewer and attendee with more than you expected by building something different, authentic, socially consciousness and representing the underrepresented and underserved with Red Carpet Events and additional Platforms and means of Distribution. Sign-up on our Website and Join The Indie Movement - "For Us, By Us".

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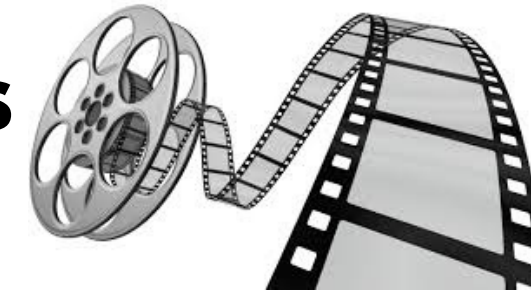
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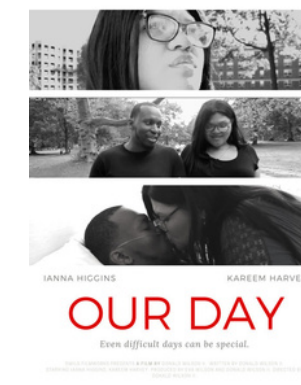
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# Legendary Famous Jamaica, Queens, NY

## How Many Can You Name?

### Look Out For Our Film Festivals in October/November and February/April

Whether you call us Jamaica, Queens, NY or Southeast, Queens, just remember one thing - Call us Legendary Famous Jamaica, Queens. We are a small Community of notable residents, including Marie Daly, the first recorded African American PH.d. But we're not just intellectually brilliant, we're immensely talented and athletic boasting both Hank Aaron and Jackie Robinson.

And when it comes to the arts, the singers, performers, musicians, rappers, designers and business moguls are former residents as well. Is it the air, water, space, skyline or by divine design or Native American soil? While we don't have the answer (or maybe we do), all we're saying is that Talent is bred here, always has been and will be. As Queens Underground Film Festivals, we have the honor of ensuring that the world world remembers and sees who we really are. We are the home of a great many "Firsts", the Courageous, Roll Up Your Sleeves, Risk Taking Visionaries called to action - no matter what challenges appear to be in the way.

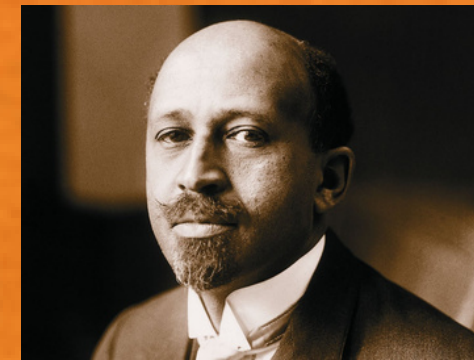
Named for the Jameco (or Yamecah) Indians, who were part of the Algonquin nation, and lived on the northern shore of Jamaica Bay and along Beaver Stream and Beaver Pond. Jamaica is one of 3 villages dating back before the Revolution. Prior to the British settling here, the Dutch called the land Rustdorp (rest town). One of the county's original towns, Jamaica was settled in 1655 by English families who came there from Hempstead and settled on a tract under a grant from Governor Stuyvesant. They gave their settlement the name of "Rusdorf," and later, "Jameco;" the present name was adopted for the entire southeast portion of Queens in 1680.

By 1925 Jamaica was the premier shopping center for all of Central Queens and in the 30's was the financial heart of Queens. <https://www.go2ccj.org/visit-jamaica/jamaicas-rich-history>

...And then we came and stayed, buying homes and creating businesses, graduating from schools and programs and striving toward incredible legacies. And although many schools have cut the Arts and far too many of our Creatives have to go to other Boroughs and States for exposure and Grants and Sponsors are hard to find, there are many of us who are finding ways to create more opportunities throughout the year for Creatives, Entrepreneurs and Community Organizations so that we once again become the "Destination" where all of the Legendary Greats Have and Do Live.

The Pictures reflect a partial list - there are so many more! Read on for the Answer Key.

Email for more information on how you can participate in the October 2021 Film Festival: [Queensunderground718@gmail.com](mailto:Queensunderground718@gmail.com) and follow us on Instagram: @queensundergroundfilmfest



Marie M. Daly, born and raised in Jamaica, Queens, is best known for being the first African-American woman to receive a Ph.D. in chemistry in the United States.





# Before We Say Good Bye:

There are several more people that we must tell you about:

To have a Dream is a wonderful thing, but it takes much more than an Idea to building something great and it's not often that Family and Friends support your vision financially, year after year without visible profit - and the next year, they not only do it again - they make the offer first.

Christian, Gina, Ruth and Doris are those people who make sure that every season we have upfront money there to get it started - and as you know, you can't get there unless you start.

Then there's B. Elise and Mai, talented creative Volunteers who show up and help get things done every season. Valarie Campbell, the Director of the African American Chamber Of Commerce and Gail Parenteau, a publicist. These two have come on board offering much needed promotions for which we say "Thank You!".

Then there are people that are not related to you, who haven't known you for a long time who also shower you with support. From our Art Studio days on Linden Blvd., Senator Leroy Comrie and Staff, 14th District, Southeast Queens, NY have wholehearted supported us from the Grand Opening and now for every Film Festival. Seven years goes by very fast and it's humbling when you turn around and the same people are still standing with you, smiling, believing, supporting and still showing up.



February 2020

There are no words (and we know that I know plenty) to express my deep appreciation and gratefulness. I am only able to get it all done because there are genuine big hearts with me every step of the way. Thank you for not only sharing the vision, but for stepping in and up to help us build.

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# Meet The Southeast Queens Scoop



We met Kamau Austin some years ago through another business associate for whom the Southeast Queens Scoop provided advertising. From the first conversation it was very easy to see how passionate Kamau is for small businesses. He cares like we do about the underserved and underrepresented. Not only does the Blog have a huge following and has grown into several more Blogs, but the Advertising rates are low; and you still get more than you've paid for because he and his business partner daughter heavily promote all day, every day.

Nzinga is also a very talented Blogger who has a few additional Blogs of her own. What's more amazing about this young woman is that she's autistic and very well spoken.

The pair ensure that Southeast Queens is up on local and national news, has the perfect advertising platform where the Ads can stream through the other platforms. Kamau has also started a Talk Show where he interviews passionate Doer's. Video Ads can also go on he Blog.

What we appreciate most about Kamau and Nzinga is their attention to Customer Service. We all know that many businesses or business people don't return phone calls quickly (we do and so do they). For us, these are important features when doing business - we want to know that the business cares about our businesses, that they are reasonably priced and that they will get back to us in a reasonable time frame. Then there are the options, we can Advertise locally, nationally or internationally (just like us too).

Mostly, we enjoy doing business with a business that understands who we are, our unique challenges, market targeting, seasonal fluctuations, etc. We're also pleased that the Southeast Queens Scoop continues to be a Media Partner that also reaches out to us first.

Visit the Southeast Queens Scoop Today and Join The Mailing List

For More Info Contact: Kamau Austin: 973-298-6148

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Health and Wellness Close to home at I at I Am Yogi Studio.

Holding a Yoga Class at the Festival on Saturday, April 17th at 4pm and Donating Raffle Yoga Merchandise.



Our new and growing local Merchants Chamber Of Commerce is a close-knit group of Business Owners, Creatives and Non-Profit Organizations. In fact, several members are leaders of other Organizations.

As we all continue to buildup our communities, stay engaged and work together, all are invited to join us any and every 3rd Thursday from 6-7pm on Zoom to connect, share, learn and do business together.



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Gift Certificate provided by O'Lavrador, a wonderful and authentic Portuguese Restaurant with Indoor, Bar and Outdoor Dining in Jamaica, NY. The Paella is the best!



Special Thanks to Dori Girl Event Planning for always helping with the overall planning, staffing, photography and decor.

Special Thanks to Publicist Gail P. for joining the Indie Movement and making us feel very special by being able to say that "We have an AMAZING Publicist!"



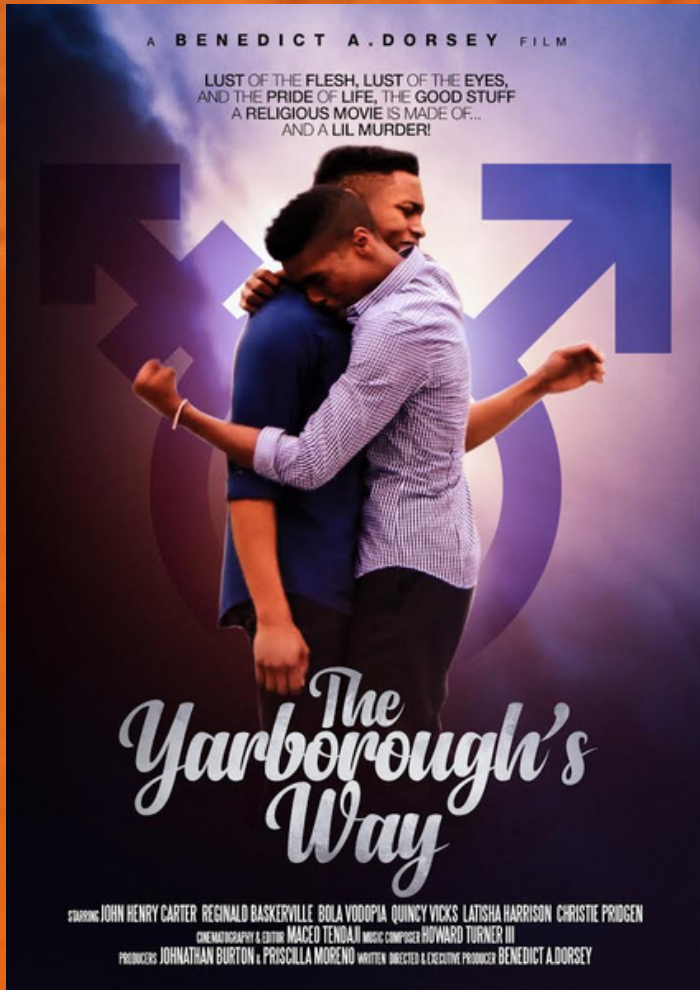


# Sunday Afternoon Intense Double Feature!

Tickets Are Only Sold On The Website

**Director: Benedict A. Dorsey:**

At the end of slavery, sharecropper Yarborough started a small church that grew into a worldwide, 4 million-member plus organized religious group today. The Head of the Organization (HOO), is as powerful as the Pope. The HOO must be a male member of the Yarborough family. After the death of the latest HOO, Michael (who should've been the successor but was disqualified due to his sister, Judy, revealing to the organization his indiscretions as a teenager) is determined to have his son, Tahir, installed before Judy and the selection committee finds out that Tahir is no longer a...



Also Shorts On Sunday

**Director: Russ Emanuel:**

A unique experimental found footage take on an anti-hero protagonist. 'Wisper' is the true story of the murder of a middle-class African American family in Northern New Jersey. In the summer of 2016, three children and their mother were found shot to death in their large suburban home. Loosely based on the personal videotapes and diaries owned by the father of the victims.

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## WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

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### Desserts

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 Carrot Cake  
 Lemon Cake  
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April 16, 17, 18, 2021  
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# FILM FEST WEEKEND

April 16TH - 18TH

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