

# CINEMAROSA

queens only queer film series

PRESS RELEASE  
IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

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IN CELEBRATION OF PRIDE MONTH, CINEMAROSA PREMIERES THE SCREENING OF BOMBAY FEATURE FILM "YOURS EMOTIONALLY!" & THE PRESENTATION of MULTIMEDIA PROJECT "LAVANDER INK" on SUNDAY, JUNE 11 at THE QUEENS MUSEUM OF ART.

(Queens, NY – June 11, 2006) – NYC's First and Queens' Only Monthly Independent Film-Video Series dedicated to present local, national, and international works of fiction, documentary, and experimental focusing on the lives and experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual (LGBT) peoples and communities, celebrates **PRIDE MONTH** with Free Screenings at the Queens Museum of Art.

On Sunday, June 11, 2006, 3:00 PM, CINEMAROSA will present a special premiere screening of *YOURS EMOTIONALLY!*, by Bombay director Sridhar Rangayan, a compelling comic drama about two gay friends, Ravi, a British Indian, and his best mate, Paul, who go on holiday to India, where they attend an eye-opening gay sex party. Though Ravi finds a mixture of moribund traditions and shocking openness, he cannot reconcile them with the gay scene back home in Leicester, England. Interspersed with flashes of semi-surreal situations -presented through exciting dream sequences- the film unfolds on a brightly painted canvas that defies stereotypes and explores contrasting values within Indian and Western gay sub-cultures. The screening also includes *LAVANDER INK*, a collection of Literary Narratives created by members of SAGE\Queens who took part in the month long "Writing and Visualization" program led by New Media Artist, HECTOR CANONGE. The project develops into a series of themes and literary styles that explore and tell about the experiences of LGBT elders, the memories of the borough, and growing up "queer" in America. SAGE\Queens is an organization that was founded in 1995 to service LGBT older adults with educational, social and recreational activities.

There will be a Q&A session with attending filmmaker, writers, and artist. After the screenings, we welcome our audience to join QMA's Queerin' Queens 2006 Performances.

*For more information and detailed schedules of events as well as press materials visit [www.cinemarosa.org](http://www.cinemarosa.org)*

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As **Queens Only Queer Film Series**, CINEMAROSA's mission is to create a cultural hub in Queens, screening a diverse range of Queer Independent Films, presenting media events, and spreading news of interest and in relation to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities of this borough. The project fosters the integration of diverse LGBT communities through the creation of cultural film media programs where Queer Artists can present their works and speak about their experiences with the audience. Though CINEMAROSA encourages Queer Media Creators to become active in the artistic movement of the NYC area, it does not exclude any other person working on issues and themes that relate to the LGBT experiences.

CINEMAROSA was created and is under the direction of film-video-media maker, Hector Canonge who declares that the film series "is an independent, non for profit initiative whose objective is to bring to the borough of Queens queer cinema to educate and create, in the near future, a film center where LGBT artists can create their projects and screen them." Since its inception in 2004, CINEMAROSA has prompted dialogues, debates, and Q&A sessions with participant directors and the audience. Canonge adds that "as events get organized, the goal is to reach the disperse LGBT communities of Queens and beyond and also to educate the general public with material that best reflect a positive attitude towards lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgenders."

Since its second season, all screenings and presentations are Free of Charge to the public and take place at the Queens Museum of Art, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park. As part of its mission, CINEMAROSA co-produces events like **Queerin' Queens**, an annual LGBT cultural celebration organized by the Queens Museum of Art, and it publishes **PiNK** an online e-newsletter, dedicated to review cinema, music, books, and performing arts catered to LGBT audiences.

## DIRECTIONS:

Subway: E, F, V, R to 74 Street and Roosevelt Ave. Transfer for #7 Train to Flushing. Exit at Willest Point Avenue/Shea Stadium. Descend the platform on the park side and walk through the park. The museum is located next to the Unisphere fountain.

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