

CINEMAROSA

queens only queer film series

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QUEER INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES IS PRESENTING AWARD WINING DOCUMENTARY *GAY PIONEERS*, AND THE 2005 HIT, *GAY SEX IN THE 70's* AT THE QUEENS MUSEUM OF ART.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM. FREE ADMISSION!

(Queens, NY - August 18, 2005) - Queens' first and only independent film-video series dedicated to present local, national and international works of fiction and documentary focused on the lives and experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual (LGBT) peoples and communities, initiates its Fall 2005 program.

On Sunday, September 18, 2005, 3:00 PM, CINEMAROSA will screen the award winning documentary ***Gay Pioneers***, directed by Glenn Holsten; profiling pre-Stonewall activists, a group of brave men and women who organized the first gay civil rights demonstrations in the US from 1965 to 1969. Their stories are outlined using archival footage from demonstrations in New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC. First hand accounts are given by some of these pioneers, including Barbara Gittings, Frank Kameny, Rev. Robert Woods, Nancy Tucket and Jack Nichols; and the 2005 hit, ***Gay Sex in the 70s*** directed by Joseph Lovett, who focuses his lens on the unbridled sexual passion and exploration that marked the twelve years from Stonewall (1969) to the first reported cases of AIDS (1981).

With access to a filmic and photographic treasure trove of erotic life on New York's West Side Piers, trucks, bars, dance clubs, baths and beaches, Lovett's cast of storytellers takes us from the remarkably repressed pre-Stonewall period to an era of sexual excess unparalleled since ancient Rome.. After the screenings there will be a Q&A panel with guest directors and participants cast members, followed by a cocktail reception in the Unisphere Gallery of the museum.

Video Stills from "*Gay Pioneers*" and "*Gay Sex in the 70's*". These Images and others for print at www.cinemarosa.org/pressroom or e-mail hector@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 -queens only queer film series- 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 publishes PINK an online e-newsletter, dedicated to review cinema, music, books, and performing arts catered to LGBT audiences.

DIRECTIONS:

Subway: Via #7 Train to Flushing. Exit at Willest Point Avenue/Shea Stadium. Descend the platform on the park side and walk through the park to the museum, which is located next to the Unisphere.

Queens Culture Trolley: The Trolley provides a bridge between local business, cultural institutions and the public. The service runs on Saturdays and Sundays and departs from the museum between 12pm and 5pm. The Trolley makes seven stops along the 7 train and Northern Boulevard in Corona and Jackson Heights (74th Street and Roosevelt Avenue).

By Bus: Q48 to Roosevelt Ave and 111th Street. Walk south through park (toward Unisphere); Q23, Q58 to Corona Ave and 51st Ave. Walk east through park.

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