

# CINEMAROSA

queens only queer film series

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**QUEER INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES IS PRESENTING**  
*PATERNAL INSTINCT*, **THE STORY OF A GAY COUPLE WHO**  
**LONGS TO HAVE BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN; AND SAYING**  
**I DO, EXPLORING THE CONTROVERSIAL TOPIC OF GAY**  
**MARRIAGES.**



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM. FREE ADMISSION!

**(Queens, NY - October 20, 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, continues its Fall 2005 program at the Queens Museum of Art.



On Sunday, November 20, 2005, 3:00 PM, CINEMAROSA will screen **Paternal Instinct**, directed by Murrall Nossel, depicting two years in the life of Mark and Erik, an “unmarried” gay couple who have been together for ten years and long to have biological children. Searching for a surrogate mother on the internet, they meet Wen, a wife, Mother and holistic practitioner living in rural Maine. Over the next three years, this unique partnership encounters unforeseen obstacles that challenge their desire for a child and threatens the growing bonds between them.

**Saying I Do**, directed by Jennifer A. Uihlein, decades after Stonewall, the gay community is fighting back—this time over the right to marry. Based on the award-winning story behind the Supreme Court Ruling (*Goodridge et al. v. Massachusetts Department of Public Health*) that gives same-sex couples the right to marry in Massachusetts., this documentary tells the story of how Hillary was blocked from visiting Julie after she gave birth to their daughter, and the bureaucratic red tape she had to undermine in order to reach her spouse’s bedside.

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 “Parent Instinct” and “Saying I Do”.* These Images and others for print at [www.cinemarosa.org/pressroom](http://www.cinemarosa.org/pressroom) or e-mail [hector@cinemarosa.org](mailto: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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