

# 2nd Ever International Queens Underground Film Festival



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**Jamaica, New York.** Queens Underground 718 Presents the 2nd Ever International Queens Underground October Film Festival from October 15 – 17, 2020. Collaborating with the NY International Arts Festival, this years Festival features new categories for **Black Lives Matter, Women Filmmakers, Veteran Filmmakers** and continued emphasis on **Business and Organizational Commercials. Submissions for Shorts, Videos and Episodes** are open through September 5<sup>th</sup> for the Live Online & Interactive Festival with a small number of In-Person Tickets available for the Red Carpet Screening and Awards Night on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> in Jamaica, Queens, NY.

The February 2020 Film Festival was a sold-out Film Festival with submissions from twelve countries and filmmakers from more than eight states flying in for the Red Carpet Event. There was an array of Live Performances, Vendors, Organizations manning tables and a Community Awards Night. The interim Queens Borough President, Senator Leroy Comrie and Councilman Daneek Miller among others, took part in the February Red Carpet Festival which was held at the Jamaica Performance Arts Center, in Jamaica, Queens, NY. Featured on CBS and MSN live news, Executives from HBO, Netflix, Cinemax were in attendance along with many journalists from NYC publications including the Amsterdam News.

With the advent of social distancing the October 3-day Festival will be held Live and Interactive Online on the CulturalTVNetwork.com Internet TV Channel launched by Queens Underground. Audiences will watch as Judg-

es and Host, Comedian Kareem Green chat and talk with each other and a few filmmakers.

This years Judging Panel includes Queens native, Danielle Overton, Producer of Alban Hills; Singer Songwriter, B. Elise, Producer/Editor; Edmund Dorsey, Darlyn Corchane; Marketing Executive, Victory; Photographer, Mai Dror; consulting Judge, Kavika and the ever funny, Kareem Green as Host with Doc Rocco as co-host.

Queens Underground is making a special effort for the October Festival to partner and collaborate with local Community Groups and talk shows to ensure representation of important topics and participation of new filmmakers, poets, singers, comedians, dancers, web series/podcast producers and both small and large businesses/organizations for more than 10 Categories. With sponsorship low this year, the Festival is pleased to have New Beginnings, Jamaica BID, the Service Place, the Long Island African American Chamber Of Commerce, Southeast Queens Scoop, the Queens Chamber Of Commerce and the Greater Jamaica Merchants Chamber Of Commerce lending much needed support.

When asked what will make this Octobers Festival special, Film Festival Director, Adrienne Whaley, explains, not only is our community vastly underserved, our talent (filmmakers, singers, dancers and poets) are forced to go out of the borough and/or out of state to participate in Film Festivals and similar events, as best explained by Senator Leory Comrie at the February Film Festival. Our Red Carpet events provide a much-needed promotional event for Filmmakers, artists, creative, entrepreneurs and organizations which we do not have. Additionally small businesses and most organizations are not typically included in Film Festival, nor can most afford to air commercials on prime time TV, let alone on a cable station. Our Festival and accompanying Internet TV Channel provides a pivotal platform for all of these groups to showcase their talents, network with each other and expand their marketing reach / opportunities via an innovative and affordable Film Festival catering to both newcomers as well as professionals. Many of our filmmakers and submitters are returning for a second and third time. With the audience having the availability to vote for "Fan Favorite" this year, we have a few more unexpected surprises for October 2020 virtually and hopefully in-person as well.

**Submit By September 5, 2020: [FilmFreeway.com/NYInternationalArtsFestival](http://FilmFreeway.com/NYInternationalArtsFestival)  
Online & In-Person Tickets: [QueensUnderground718.com](http://QueensUnderground718.com)**

**Film Festival Dates: October 15 – 17, 2020**

**Live Online & Interactive: [CulturalTVNetwork.com](http://CulturalTVNetwork.com)**

**Venue: TBA – Jamaica, Queens, NY**

**Theme: Red Carpet**

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