



10TH ANNUAL CHELSEA FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

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Chelsea, NY — The 10th Annual Edition of Chelsea Film Festival is honored to share New York City Mayor Eric Adams has granted the festival a Letter of Proclamation recognizing 10 years of service to emerging artists in New York.

Mayor Adams writes in his Letter,

“Whereas, I am enormously proud to lead a city renowned as an international capital of culture and progress, boasting a vibrant filmmaking community powered by creative professionals of all backgrounds. There is no other location that offers productions crews more energy, talent and inspiration than New York City, and through the Mayor’s Office of Media & Entertainment, my Administration is making ongoing investments in our local film industry to ensure its future vitality. The Chelsea Film Festival (CFF) is a wonderful ally in this mission, and on the occasion of its 10th anniversary, I am pleased to recognize its contributions to our artistic landscape.”

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Whereas, New York's gifted media professionals and performing artists have long enhanced life in the five boroughs, and they will continue to play a key role as we take bold steps to come back stronger from the pandemic, grow our economy, and build a brighter, fairer, and more prosperous future for all. Tonight, I am proud to join film enthusiasts from near and far for CFF's opening night. As we celebrate CFF's milestone anniversary and experience the best of international independent cinema, I applaud the CFF team for its commitment to foster diversity in media and entertainment and inspire New Yorkers through compelling and captivating storytelling. I look forward to the many ways everyone gathered will further invigorate New York as we unite to #GetStuffDone and rebuild, renew, and reinvent our great city.

Now therefore, I, Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 13th, 2022, in the City of New York as:

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The Chelsea Film Festival (CFF) is currently holding its tenth edition both in-person at **Regal Theatres 14th St.** until October 16 (in-person) and online on FilmFestival+ (<https://filmfestivalplus.com>, also accessible through AppleTV) through October 31, 2022.

CFF was founded by actresses Ingrid & Sonia Jean-Baptiste to give voices to the unheard by providing a platform to independent films and discovering new talents.

Chelsea Film Festival Board of Directors consists of renowned industry insiders: Paul Calderon, Elizabeth Kemp, and John Patrick Shanley.

The Advisory Board includes: Adi Katz-Stein, Bruno Chatelin, Georges Leclere, Kiki Lambden-Stout, Jeff Bandman, Pascal Chemin, Michel Abramowicz, Michael Ruotolo, Pascal Bonifay, Patrick Braoude, Richard Stein, Ron Agam, Stephen Stout, Thandeka Zwana, Thembi Mtshali- Jones, Wissam Chahine and more.

Our Mission:

Chelsea Film Festival (CFF) - 501(c)(3) non-profit cultural organization - is an international film festival, enlightening the work of emerging filmmakers, producers, and actors. It offers a wide range of films, such as shorts, documentaries, and feature-length pieces. It empowers the work of risk-taking storytellers and remains committed to its mission to discover and develop independent artists and audiences around the world.

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