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THE ARTISTS FORUM FESTIVAL OF THE MOVING IMAGE: 2024 (#theartistsforumfilmfest) returns for its ninth year with new, innovative programming. This year's festival will showcase 14 films highlighting our 2024 Competition Theme: TECHNO-FEUDALISM. The 2024 Official Selections have been created by independent filmmakers originating from 7 countries: Denmark, France, Iran, Japan, Puerto Rico, Slovenia, and the United States.

See our Schedule: <a href="https://theartistsforum.org/film-fest-2024/">https://theartistsforum.org/film-fest-2024/</a>

# THIS YEAR'S THEME:

Filmmakers were challenged to interpret our theme: Techno-Feudalism - a recently coined term by Greek economist and politician Yanis Vaoufakis - is the transformation of capitalism by tech platforms, done by exploiting the labor force through new technologies. Theme examples and variants can be found on our website: <a href="mailto:theartistsforum.org/film-fest-2024/">theartistsforum.org/film-fest-2024/</a>

#### **SCREENINGS:**

This year's live screenings will be held **October 17 – October 18, 2024** at the **Dolby Screening Room NYC** — an exclusive state-of-the-art, ADA-compliant screening facility at **1350 Avenue of the Americas (Lobby Level), New York, NY 10019**.

**Cross streets**: West 55th St. at 6th Ave. **Nearest public transportation**: Subway lines B, D, E, and N/R/W at 7th Ave station or F at 57th St. station. See our <u>website</u> for film synopses.

#### **OPENING NIGHT SCREENING:**

- Date: October 17th, 6 PM 10 PM
- Films: Misericorde, Look Closely, Is It Anything?, Elevator, Primos, By Myself, Golia
- Guest Speakers: Gale A. Brewer, Councilwoman NYC District 6, Thavary Krouch, Deputy Director,
  NYC Film Office

#### **CLOSING NIGHT SCREENING & AWARD CEREMONY:**

- Date: October 18th, 6 PM 10 PM
- Films: The Stream XIII, Memo Inc., I'm Sorry I'm Late, Varanus, The Appraiser, Loft and Found, Super Fun Party Girl
- Special Guest Speaker: Laurie Cumbo, Commissioner, NYC Department of Cultural Affairs

### **FESTIVAL TICKET PACKAGES:**

Various. VIP & Value Pack Tickets include 1 free t-shirt and souvenir button. (click link for details) Tickets start at \$20 per screening. Get tickets: <a href="https://theartistsforumfilmfest2024.eventbrite.com">https://theartistsforumfilmfest2024.eventbrite.com</a>.

#### **ONLINE PROGRAMS:**

Online screenings for this year's festival begin **October 21 – November 24, 2024** and have been divided into two programs containing the same line-up as our live screenings. Stream for 7-days for only \$4.99 per program or \$7.99 for both programs! Get tickets: <a href="https://filmfreeway.com/">https://filmfreeway.com/</a> theartistsforumfilmfest/tickets.

## **HOTELS**:

We are pleased to announce that The Artists Forum has partnered with **Arlo Hotels** and **YOTEL New York Times Square** to provide discounted rates for our festival attendees.

At <u>Arlo Hotels</u>, any of their 4 NYC hotels would be great choices! Our Discount Code is **THEARTISTSFORUM** for up to 40% at any of their hotels during or after the festival. (Pricing fluctuates due to venue demand and is affected by the season, so please book early!)

At <u>YOTEL New York Times Square</u> (570 10th Ave 42nd St)Ca cool, high-tech, pod hotel nestled between Times Square and Hudson Yards - our discount provides an exclusive offer and waives their daily destination fee for individual reservations. Simply log on to the Yotel website and enter our code **THEARTISTSFORUM** under "Promo Rate" for special rate.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

For more information about the festival, please visit our website at <a href="https://theartistsforum.org">https://theartistsforum.org</a> or contact us at <a href="mailto:info@theartistsforum.org">info@theartistsforum.org</a>. For press inquiries, contact Amos White V office: 646-355-4391 or cell: 212-865-7253.

#### PHOTOGRAPHY:

A high-resolution image of our festival power, logo, official circle icon, venue, featured artists or their work is available upon request.

Our 2024 Festival Circle Icon includes promotional images from the following films: Inner Circle image - from the film "The Stream XIII" by Hiroya Sakurai (Japan). Outer Circle image - from the film "Primos" by Ricardo J. Varona (Puerto Rico/US) & Ida Yazdi (Iran).

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#### THANK YOU:

## 2024 Special Guest Speakers:

Gale A. Brewer, Councilwoman, NYC Council District 6 Laurie Cumbo, Commissioner, Dept. of Cultural Affairs Thavary Krouch, Deputy Director, NYC Film Office

#### 2024 Festival Ambassador:

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# 2024 Festival Jury:

Mary Lou Belli, Ashley Gerst, Martha Gorzycki, Stephen Hilyard, Henry Kanegsberg, Lee Milby, Djordje Radovanovich, David Ranghelli, Anouska Samms, Jonathan Taub, Leandro Taub, Amos White V.

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Its **FESTIVAL OF THE MOVING IMAGE** is the organization's flagship program, and provides an unparalleled platform for emerging and mid-career filmmakers to share their stories with the world's creative, media, and film communities.

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