

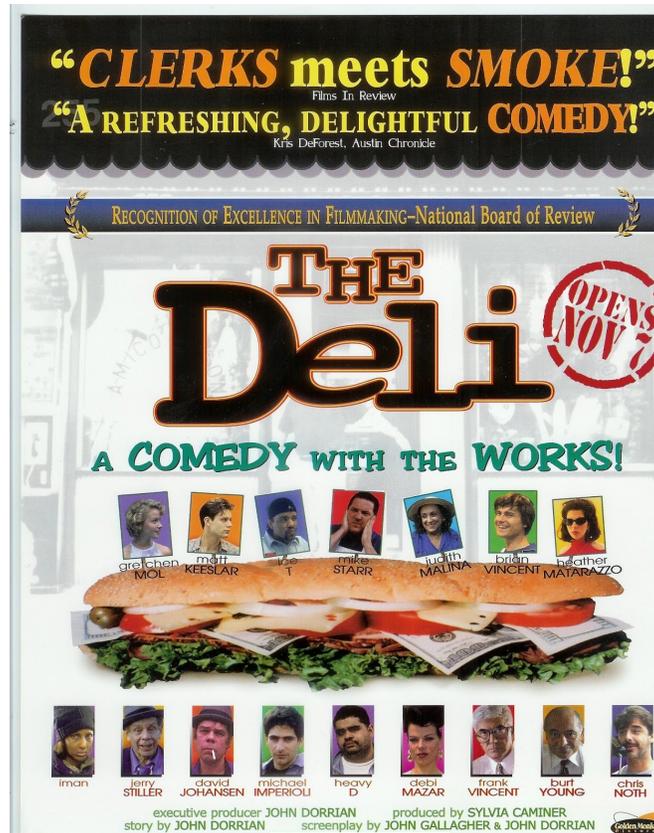
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**Director John Gallagher's "The Deli"**  
**Celebrating 20 Years as Part of the 20th Annual**  
**Long Island International Film Expo (LIIFE)**  
**Monday, June 26th**

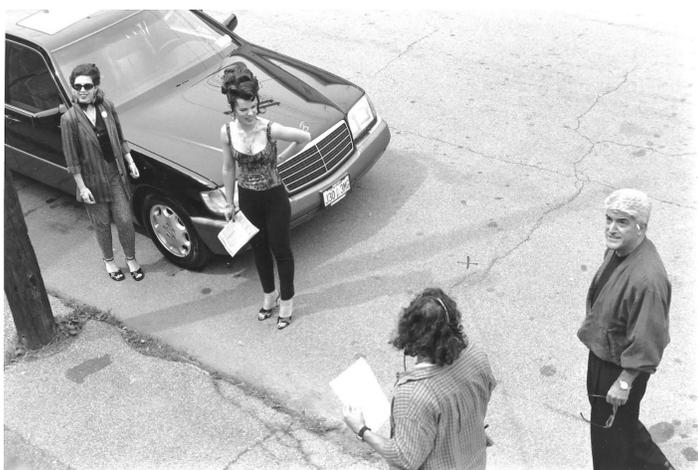
***The "Comedy With The Works" Brought Together an Eclectic Mix of Actors & Entertainers Including Jerry Stiller, Burt Young, Mike Starr, Chris Noth, Ice T, and More***



April, 2017 (Bellmore, NY) -- With Spring in full bloom and Summer closely behind, filmmakers and enthusiasts are gearing up for yet another stellar 20th Anniversary [Long Island International Film Expo](#) July 13th – 20th, 2017! But the premiere filmmaker community on Long Island which shows over 100 short and feature-length films of every genre from the world over isn't the only one celebrating it's 20th Anniversary, as Director John Gallagher's 1997 comedy "[The Deli](#)" will share in the milestone as part of this year's Expo with an earlier screening on **Monday, June 26th, 7:30PM** at the historic **Bellmore Movies** (222 Pettit Avenue, Bellmore, NY 11710)!

With an all-star cast that includes Mike Starr (Goodfellas, Dumb & Dumber), Ice T (Law & Order: SVU, New Jack City), Michael Imperioli (The Sopranos, The Lovely Bones), Gretchen Mol (Rounders, 3:10 to Yuma), Burt Young (Rocky, Horace & Pete), and many more, *The Deli* is an enchanting slice-of-life comedy about a hard luck gambler who gets in over his head when he starts putting his store's profits on the line.





**Rare Behind-The-Scenes Production Photo's of "The Deli" From Dr. John Gallagher  
(Top L&R, Center)**

With its plenitude of shady figures, eccentrics and crooks, this tale of a deeply-indebted, gambling-addicted delicatessen owner evokes the stories of Damon Runyon. Almost all of Johnny's patrons know about his problem, but they let it slide. Even the bill collectors, impressed by the fast-talking deli man's charm, are willing to forgive him. However, there is one person he cannot sway and that is his domineering mother, a woman more terrifying to him than any bookmaker's thugs. He knows the jig is up with her when the daily lottery winner is announced and the number is the one his mother had been giving him money to play every week for the past few years. But unbeknownst to her, selfish Johnny has used her weekly ten spot to make his own bets. Afraid of telling her, Johnny makes one last desperate high-stakes wager to cover his debt to his mom.

With producer Sylvia Caminer having previously won Best Documentary at LIIFE 2011 for "[Tanzania: A Journey Within](#)" which was executive produced by Gallagher, the Director also won Best Feature at LIIFE 2007 for producing "[The Insurgents](#)".

And now, as the stellar comedy celebrates it's 20th Anniversary right alongside the Long Island International Film Expo (LIIFE) you'll be able to catch a screening of "**The Deli**" along with some VERY SPECIAL GUESTS on **Monday, June 26th, 7:30PM** at the **Bellmore Movies!**

**For More Information on LIIFE and What's to Come in 2017, Visit:**  
[www.LongIslandFilmExpo.com](http://www.LongIslandFilmExpo.com)

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### **More About The Long Island International Film Expo:**

With a heavy celebrity presence, visits to last year's festival included a wide range of noted actors, actresses, and performers from Actor/Activist *Ed Asner* (Mary Tyler Moore, UP!) who won the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award, to Oscar nominated actress *Cathy Moriarty* (Raging Bull), Actor *Kevin Brown* (30 Rock), American Idol's *Robbie Rosen*, *Ilene Kristen* (One Life to Live), *Phyllis Somerville* (Curious Case of Benjamin Button, Guiding Light), Robert Clohessy (Blue Bloods), Sal Rendino (The Get Down and Couple of Guys), and *Larry Romano* (King of Queens). Other notable past LIIFE attendees have also include *Steve Buscemi* (Fargo, The Big Lebowski, Reservoir Dogs), *Ed Burns* (Saving Private Ryan, She's The One), *Steve Guttenberg* (Police Academy), and *Ralph Macchio* (The Karate Kid).

Focusing on the incredible talent of some of the best independent filmmakers, the expo offers **networking opportunities**, a **350 seat historic theater**, **press and media opportunities**, a convenient **filmmakers lounge** and several **discussion panels** with topics ranging from distribution to scriptwriting, legal music, and a filmmaker panel/breakfast.

Named "One of the Top 25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World" by MovieMaker Magazine, LIIFE is one of Long Island's most prestigious film festivals, screening over 100 independent films during its weeklong run. The Long Island Film/TV Foundation, a not-for-profit, is also the foremost group providing support to the film/TV and commercial industries on Long Island, and will be honoring several noted professionals in the film/entertainment/media industries this year.

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