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Full Schedule Announced for The 25th Anniversary Edition of The Long Island International Film Expo

Experience Local and Foreign Film Screenings, Celebrity Appearances, Informative Panels, A Star-Studded Awards Ceremony and Q & A's with Top Filmmakers From Around The World



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Bellmore, NY (May 24, 2022) The Long Island International Film Expo (LIIFE) is proud to announce the full schedule of screenings and events for the 25th Anniversary presentation of the festival, happening from July 13th - July 17th at the historic Bellmore Movies, 222 Pettit Ave in Bellmore.

For the past 25 years, LIIFE has been the premiere filmmaker community on Long Island, and one of the most respected festivals of its kind in the world; showing almost 125 independent films in many different genres each year from filmmakers around the globe.

Gold Passes (which get you access to all film screenings, virtual film screenings, panels, the Opening Night Party, Filmmakers Round table, and

the Closing Night Awards Ceremony and After Party) and individual blocks are up for sale as well.

Want to attend the fest digitally instead? No problem, we have a virtual GOLD pass available for \$75, a 10-Film Virtual Pass for \$50, and 5-Film Virtual Pass for \$30. Individual Virtual Blocks are \$7 each. Get tickets now at: <http://longislandfilm.com/tickets/>



Some highlighted selections for the festival include:

Hot Water On Long Island - Feature Doc - 90m - dir. Colleen Callan - 'Environmental Awareness' block Thurs July 14 at 4pm - local

An environmental Report about three schools on Long Island where the students and staff are experiencing high rates of Cancer and other illness...connected to toxins in the groundwater.

Hudson Falls - Pilot - 22m - Wri/Dir. Elias Plagianos - Opening night, Weds 6:15 pm - 'Slice Of LIIFE' Block - Local - LI Premiere

The secrets of a small upstate town that revolve around an eccentric scientist (William Sadler) begin to unravel when a private eye from the city (Richard Kind) takes on a seemingly mundane job in an effort to rekindle a relationship with his ex wife (Jessica Hecht). Starring William Sadler, Richard Kind, Jessica Hect, Robert John Burke, Tara Westwood

Montauk77 - Feature - 94m - Wri/Dir Michael Scully - Friday 4pm 'Daddy Dearest' Block - Local Long Island Filmmakers

Harry, a "down on his luck" middle-aged ride-share driver is reluctantly hired by a 15 year old girl named Liz to transport the remains of her late mother to the beach at Montauk Point, Long Island. Little does Harry know, Liz has an ulterior motive as he is asked to form a criminal pact with his young passenger. This first feature length film from Long Island, NY natives (and father/daughter filmmaking duo) Michael and Michayla Scully is a passion project in the making since December of 2018. Having been sidelined (and nearly dismantled) by the COVID-19 pandemic, MONTAUK77 found new life in the fall of 2020 and the film was finally shot in the early spring of 2021 after a successful crowdfunding campaign on Indiegogo. Inspired by such films as Leon: The Professional (1994), The Wrestler (2008) and Thunder Road (2018), MONTAUK77 hopes to win the hearts of those who cherish family above all and believe in second chances.

UFO Club - Feature - 72m - Wri/Dir. Steven G. Tsapelas - Weds Opening Night Feature - 9pm - Local - World Premiere

When nerdy high school senior William learns his hero, an eccentric UFO hunter, has been arrested, he searches for a piece of evidence that will prove his innocence. However, it's fallen into the hands of Alexandra, an intimidatingly confident classmate. A quirky romantic comedy set in 1998.

**LIIFE Success Story - this script was the Best Screenplay Winner for 2021, LIIFE Alumni 5 years in a row, filmed on Long Island and Connecticut, he met the producer at LIIFE!*

Launch At Paradise - Short - Dir. Carrie Ann Quinn - 'Retro Futurism' Block - Thurs 8:45pm (Sci Fi & Noir films) - Local

The lines between life and death become blurred for John as he takes the risk to live forever. Starring Catherine Curtain, Zainab Jah, James Harkness

Wishlab Inc. - Short - Starring Chad Coleman - 'Retro Futurism' Block - Thurs 8:45pm (Sci Fi & Noir films)

In a chamber play that could be aptly named as sci-fi-tragedy, Roger's desperation about the imminent end of his relationship with Jen drives him to a drastic act: he has her cloned in hopes that the baby will save the relationship. Jen does not react as desired. She leaves him and takes the child with her. 25 years later Roger finds himself as the new lover of Jen's oblivious clone Hannah, who is in search of answers after her "mother's" suicide and the newly acquired knowledge of her creation. Whilst Hannah is occupied with the question if she is a human or just a surrogate, Roger has to decide if he tells Hannah the truth or continues to live a lie with her - both would have severe consequences.

For the 25th anniversary, LIIFE is proud to feature 22 films made by Long Islanders, 12 World Premieres, 4 US Premieres, 39 New York Premieres, 36 Long Island Premieres, and Films from 12 countries! There are also 40 Female Directors, a record for LIIFE.

Panels include:

-Directors Audition Panel - Tuesday the 12th

-Student and Alumni Night at the Opening Party - Weds the 13th

- Screenwriting Winner Table Read - Thursday the 14th**
- SAG Panel - Friday the 15th**
- DP Expo - Friday the 15th**
- Better Festing Panel - Saturday the 16th**

This year's panels are free, but you must get your tickets in advance online at www.longislandfilm.com/tickets

On Sunday July 17th at 4:00pm, please join us for LIIFE Closing Awards Ceremony, as Producer **Jeff Waxman** (Don't Look Up, John Wick, Narc) will receive the "Excellence in Film & TV" award, Actor **Catherine Curtain** (Orange is the New Black, Stranger Things) will receive the "Excellence in Creative Achievement" award and long time Channel 4 WNBC-TV Newscaster **Greg Cergol**, will receive the "Excellence in Newscasting" award.

Hosted by **Kevin Brown** (30 Rock) with presenters **Abigail Hawk** (Blue Bloods), **Robert Clohessy** (Blue Bloods), **Lukas Hassel** (The Blacklist), **Sal Rendino** (Billions), **Chad Coleman** (The Walking Dead), **Tara Westwood** (The Grudge) and others, the LIIFE closing ceremony will also feature, in person, many of the fine actors, directors, producers of the incredible films being shown all week. Additional presenters are being confirmed. Celebrities appear schedule permitting.

Festivals of the past have included such luminaries as the late **Danny Aiello** and **Ed Asner**, **Robert Clohessy**, **Abigail Hawk**, **Ralph Macchio**, **John Amos**, **Daniel Baldwin**, **Ally Sheedy**, **30 Rock's Kevin Brown**, **Cathy Moriarty**, **Steve Buscemi**, **Ed Burns**, **William Sadler**, **Ilene Kristen**, and so many more.

LIIFE has become a must attend festival for filmmakers of all levels; with local and foreign film screenings, celebrity appearances, entertaining and informative panels, a star-studded awards ceremony, Q & A with filmmakers from the world over and networking galore. Sponsored by the Long Island Film-TV Foundation (LITFF), the County of Nassau, the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency and Gold Coast Studios.

For More Information on LIIFE or to purchase tickets, please visit: www.LongIslandFilm.com

LIIFE's sister festival, Scared for Your LIIFE, a short horror festival, is open for submissions at <https://filmfreeway.com/ScaredforyourLiife>

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