

# **KAFFNY**

## **INFINITE CINEMA**

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## ***KAFFNY Infinite Cinema 2017***

### **11th Year Marks New Era for 'Korean American Film Festival New York'**

**New York, 24 Sept 2017** – *KAFFNY Infinite Cinema* will return to New York City for the 11<sup>th</sup> year on Saturday, Oct 14. Held at the Brooklyn hotspot The Wythe Hotel Cinema from 1:00pm until Midnight 12:00am, the annual event will celebrate some of the most promising indie filmmakers of different cultures from around the world.

This year, five distinct blocks of programming will approach the topic of Infinite Culture through specific lenses: ***INFINITE FOOD CONNECTION, INFINITE FASHION CONNECTION, WORLDWIDE KOREAN CONNECTION, INFINITE MIGRATION CONNECTION, and CRAZY, RICH ASIAN AMERICANS***. Alongside the screening of 25 short films and 2 feature length films, the audience will also get the opportunities to engage in meaningful discussions with the filmmakers during the moderated panel discussions.

“We are very excited about returning to New York and continue to celebrate the connection of cultures through films,” says Chung Tsang, the President of KAFFNY. “The past ten years of experience in telling Korean American stories helped KAFFNY to identify and find commonality with other stories at the intersection of all cultures. We are ready to evolve, with a new mission to identify unifying commonalities and bust cultural stereotypes by connecting voices through our shared experiences.”

Previously named KAFFNY (*Korean American Film Festival New York, a 501(c)(3) non-profit*), the group has recently rebranded as KAFFNY Infinite Cinema. For 11 years, it has explored cultural fusion through the medium of film. KAFFNY Infinite Cinema’s mission is to allow the audience to **CONNECT** stories that are often missing from the mainstream narrative, allow the audience to engage in dialog with the content makers to **FUSE** a new understanding of our world, and hopefully inspire our audience to **REPEAT** this process by seeking out new ways to **CONNECT** to a culture outside their own. Which is KAFFNY’s motto: **CONNECT. FUSE. REPEAT.**

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### **EVENT DETAILS**

#### **KAFFNY INFINITE CINEMA Launch Party + Mini Screening (INFINITE ART CONNECTION)**

**Venue:** Karaoke City (22 W 32th Street, 7th floor, New York, NY 10018)

**Date:** Thursday, Sept 28

**Time:** 6.30pm – 9.30pm

**Tickets Online - FREE**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kaffny-infinite-cinema-launch-party-mini-screening-tickets-37782569683>

#### **The 11th Annual KAFFNY INFINITE CINEMA 2017**

**Venue:** Wythe Hotel Cinema (80 Wythe Avenue, Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NY 11249)

**Date:** Saturday, Oct 14

**Time:** 1:00pm-12:00am

**Official event site – [kaffny.org](http://kaffny.org)**

**Tickets Online - \$7-\$15 per screening**

[kaffny.eventbrite.com](http://kaffny.eventbrite.com)

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### Complete list of films:

On Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> KAFFNY Infinite Cinema invites filmgoers to a one-day cinematic passport experience. Embracing the motto of **CONNECT. FUSE. REPEAT.** KAFFNY Infinite Cinema challenges its audience to discard notions of cultures as separate, discrete and insular, instead exploring the infinite possibilities of contact, fusion, and creation born from the mixing of different backgrounds. Let the screen transport your mind to new places, new practices, and new perspectives, leaving you entertained, challenged and confident to forge new relationships with those outside of your bubble.

Five distinct blocks of programming will approach the topic of Infinite Culture through specific lenses with thematic panel discussions to follow.

#### **INFINITE FOOD CONNECTION - 1:00PM**

On the menu of this program is a group of short fiction and documentary films highlighting the bonding power of food as a centerpiece of human nourishment. After the screening we'll have a panel to discuss the many different stories behind the people who make the food that we eat.

Films include **The Last Tip** by *Patrick Chen* (4:36), **Cooking With Granny** by *Caroline Shin* (10:00), **Shield** by *Yijie Mei* (20:00), **Kimchi Taco** by *Seran Kim* (14:16), **Migrant Kitchen** by *Sarah K. Khan* (10:00), **Refugee Chef** by *Ben Furguson for Munchies* (10:00)

#### **INFINITE FASHION CONNECTION - 3:00PM**

Go behind the glamour of the runway, exploring the lives of those who create the clothes and the nuanced relationship between self expression and fashion. Stay woke on world fashion with this selection of short films. After the screening we will have a panel to discuss ethical fashion and how the clothes we choose impacts people who make them.

Films include **Prince's Test** by *Amy Park* (5:20), **Euna** by *Seung-Hyun Chong* (18:24), **Perception** by *Minu Park* (2:13), **Factory Man** by *Jihye Ku* (4:33), **En Route** by *Anman Cao* (10:04), **Made In Cambodia** by *Asad Faruqi for Re/make* (9:33)

#### **WORLDWIDE KOREAN CONNECTION - 5:00PM**

Shorts. Embracing KAFFNY's legacy as a platform for narratives of the Korean and Korean Diaspora community, this is our 11<sup>th</sup> annual selection of both English and Korean language films. A few films focuses on mental health & domestic abuse which we seek to discuss and explore after the screening.

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Films include **I'm Here, Too** by Eunsoo Jeong (5:00), **Mom** by Mingi Kim (8:00), **Fractured** by Arnold Chun (13:51), **Angeltown** by Nancy Liu (20:30), **Tetsu Kono's Crazy Routine** by Sébastien Simon (16:30), **Fault** by Daniel Lee (10:17), **Family** by Seung-Hyun Chong (22:34)

### INFINITE MIGRATION CONNECTION - 7:30PM

US Premiere for our centerpiece documentary screening of "Amsterdam Stories: West". Join a modern day Lewis and Clark as they traverse American communities in various towns and cities named Amsterdam, reflecting on local history, individual struggles, and a poignant examination from the eyes of foreigners of the enduring legacy of the American Dream.

Along with the short film *Dear Mother*, these stories that deal with issues of home, migration, and adoption. After the screening, we'll have an interactive experience led by Kayla Tange, a performance artist and the subject of *Dear Mother*.

Films include **Dear Mother** by Matthew Kaundart (3:45), **Amsterdam Stories USA - West** by Rob Rombout & Rogier van Eck (90:00)

### CRAZY, RICH, ASIAN AMERICANS? - 10:00PM

These two films tell two very different stories set around characters who are part of rich Asian American families. Is being rich and Asian American a blessing or a curse? Come to the screening and discussion afterwards as we try to find the answer to that question.

Films include **Lola** by Isabella Tan (25:00), **The Last Tour** by Ryun Yu (71:00)

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#### About KAFFNY

KAFFNY Infinite Cinema is a new international cinema festival platform dedicated to exploring the infinite cultural connections that intersect in our world. Embracing the motto of CONNECT. FUSE. REPEAT. KAFFNY Infinite Cinema challenges its audience to discard notions of cultures as separate, discrete and insular, instead exploring the infinite possibilities of contact, fusion, and creation born from the mixing of different backgrounds. Let the screen transport your mind to new places, new practices, and new perspectives, leaving you entertained, challenged and confident to forge new relationships with those outside of your bubble. For more information, please visit: <http://kaffny.org>

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