



Movie magic

In the Future, They Ate from the Finest Porcelain

Indie movie buffs will love what's rolling into town and onto festival screens this month.

THE NEW YORK Film Festival isn't the only event touting screenings of the latest flicks on the film scene. Check out four smaller film fests happening that celebrate everything from technology to conservation to man's best friend.

New York Dog Film Festival This second annual event features 33 movies about our furry friends. Each of the four themed programs is two hours long, with a collection of animated shorts, narratives and documentaries followed by a feature film. If you're wondering if the dog dies in the end, don't worry: These have a happy ending. The only sad part is that your own Fido can't join in on the fun.

→ Symphony Space, 2537 Broadway (dogfilmfestival.com). Sat 15 at various times; \$15-\$40.

Chelsea Film Festival More than 100 feature-length projects and film shorts from around the globe tackle the theme of global issues. The fest opens with *Misfortune*, a film about an ex-con who enlists the help of his ex-partner's son to reclaim the stolen diamonds that led to his lockup, and closes with French biopic *La Vie Pure* about explorer Raymond Maufrais's journey through the Amazon rain forest before mysteriously disappearing. Don't miss out on Q&A sessions with participating film directors.

→ Various locations and times (chelseafilm.org). Thu 13–Sun 16; \$18-\$449.

Imagine Science Film Festival Get your Bill Nye on at this scientific

bash. This year's films, workshops and discussions around the theme, "Light," include topics like sight, technological advances in lenses and how manipulation of light affects how we design spaces and conserve energy.

→ Various locations and times (Imagine sciencefilms.org). Fri 14–Oct 21; free-\$18.

Wildlife Conservation Film Festival

Catch a screening at this annual film fete celebrating global biodiversity. There's field trips to the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge and the NYC Urban Field Station, a free lecture on primate preservation at the American Museum of Natural History, plus Q&A sessions and panel discussions after each of the 18 two-hour film blocks.

→ The Marjorie S. Deane Little Theater, 10 W 64th St (wccf.org). Fri 14–Oct 23 at various times; \$18-\$175.

■ *Dorkys Ramos*



Wonder Dog

LIES TO TELL TOURISTS

Ever wonder how the Hell Gate Bridge got its name? Back when it was still known as the East River Arch Bridge, the people of Queens reported seeing a bright-red train come over the trestle at 6am daily. Its conductor, a slick-mustachioed man, always wore a crimson suit. One early morning, the train was found derailed. Not only was the conductor never found, but the MTA denied having any knowledge of the train's existence. Residents dubbed the area where the train came to rest as "Hell Gate," and the nickname stuck. Spooky!



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