

The Stars Turn Out



Photo by Michael O'Keefe

It wasn't exactly the red carpet, but Queens turned out its share of Hollywood stars last weekend as Forest Hills played host to the borough's first annual International Film Festival.

Dozens of unreleased feature films, documentaries and short stories were presented over a three-day period at the Midway Theatre on Queens Boulevard.

In addition to the films, the festival included a seminar with well-known actors, including John Savage (shown above), Chad Allen and screenwriter Richard Vetere. Savage, who has appeared in more than 90 films, including "The Deer Hunter" and "Summer of Sam," was presented with a "Special Recognition" award during the festival's closing ceremonies on Sunday.

The festival concluded with industry professionals distributing the Queens Spirit Awards for the best short, documentary, young filmmaker, producer, feature film as well as the International and Humanitarian Awards.

—Robert Brodsky