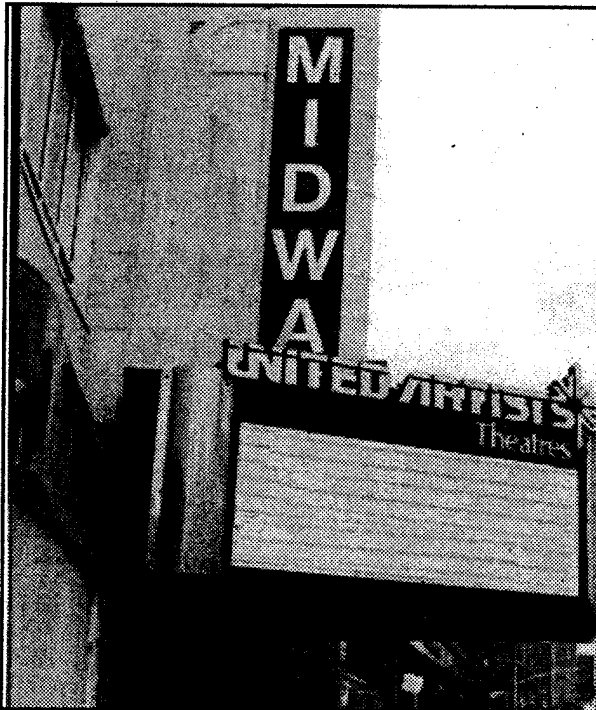


Forest Hills Hosts International Film Fest



Gazette photo taken during renovations prior to the grand reopening.

The historic Midway Theatre, 108-22 Queens Blvd., will be the site of Forest Hills' first true international film festival this weekend, November

14 through 16. The Queens International Film Festival will open at noon Friday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the theatre. "Forest Hills for many years

was the home of many notable figures in the movie industry, and it's appropriate that this vibrant and exciting neighborhood, which lies in close proximity to the seat of East Coast film and television activity in Astoria, plays host to a three-day smorgasbord of the best of both independent and feature motion pictures," Tony Barsamian, publisher of the *Queens Gazette*, declared. The paper is one of the sponsors of the festival.

Films, seminars on filmmaking and acting and retrospectives on major figures in the motion picture industry are scheduled for the three days of the festival. All screenings take place at the Midway Theatre. Seminars are held at Il Pescatore, 107-02 Queens Blvd. The festival schedule is listed in this newspaper; see page 24. For more information, call 718-459-5496.