



WELCOME TO



MELIORA
INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Thursday, November 13th
Friday, November 14th
Saturday, November 15th
Sunday, November 16th



What is Meliora?



Meliora in ancient Latin means to heal, to help, to make better. We believe that art, and movies in particular, have the ability to do just that. From environmental documentaries, to powerful stories of hope and inspiration, to films that are so funny they lighten up the a room. That is what we strive to do: to celebrate films that are making the world a better place. Our international film festival has its home in NYC, which is a mirror for the whole world. We bring together visionary filmmakers and incredible charitable organizations to do our part in contributing to a better tomorrow.



Jenilyn Rodriguez

Festival Founder/Director

Jenilyn is a producer, director, actress & Spiritual healer. She believes that Meliora is the way her worlds can come together as she hopes to make a positive impact with all the work she can possibly do.

Racquel Gallo

Festival Founder/Director

Racquel is a producer and assistant director with a passion for filmmaking. With Meliora she hopes to highlight stories that will spark important conversations towards making the world a better place.



Cara D'Adamo

Festival Coordinator

Cara is an actress, photographer and entrepreneur with Faith Over Fear Productions & Studio. With Meliora she believes that creativity takes courage, and every artist's vision will be represented.



Meliora International Film Festival

is brought to you by:

MELIORA INITIATIVE INC.

our non-profit organization, that
works with charities and filmmakers
to do our part in making the world a
better place.

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Schedule

Friday, November 14th

Theater U

Block A 6:00-7:20pm

Embrace Your Signal: Loneliness, Art,
and the Brain

Nature Provides - The Ancient Wisdom of
Plant Stem Cells

Block B 7:20-8:40pm

Out of the Shadows

Reverie

ECHOS: A Journey Into Making a Sci-Fi Series

Happy Birthday

Block C 8:40-10:00pm

1 in 5, A Documentary

Periphery

ANGEL

Not Alone

Schedule

Saturday, November 15th

Theater U

Block D 2:00-3:20pm

Worth Dying For
Hiking Through Grief

Block E 3:20-4:40pm

BEAR GUARDIANS

Interchange

Muffin Boy

The Seventh Turn

Block F 4:40-6:00pm

Brooklyn in July

Don't Look Now

Old Dogs

Midnight Blue

Block G 6:00-7:00pm

Industry Panel Q&A

Schedule

Saturday, November 15th

Theater U

Block H 7:20-8:40pm

Last Rung on The Ladder

Nurturing Unrecognized Potential: Unite
the World With Africa Foundation

The Great Escape

X-Mas Anonymous

Block J 8:40-10:00pm

Sit With Me While I Die

The Family Photo

Hearts of Stone

Closing Reception 10:00-12:00am

Join us for an after party at the Quad
Cinema Bar for drinks, hors d'oeuvres,
merch, and more!

Schedule

Sunday, November 16th

Theater U

Block K 2:00-3:20pm

Brimstone (short)

Learning to Speak

Block L 3:20-4:40pm

Life Support

Helping Paws

Ms.Omela

Hi, Anxiety!

Hearty Power Smile

Awards Ceremony 5:00-6:00pm

Best Feature Film

Best Supporting Actress

Best Short Film

Best Supporting Actor

Best Documentary

Best Ensemble Cast

Best Animation

Best Score

Best Foreign Film

Best Song

Best Cinematography

Best Editing

Best Script

Best Comedy

Best Director

Best Screenplay

Best Actress

Best Outstanding Design

Best Actor

Meli Merch!



\$30

\$20



Meliora
MEH - lee - OR - uh

A Latin adjective meaning "better,"
or a noun meaning

better things,
always better,
or for the pursuit of the better.

Or the pursuit of better things /
to make things better

\$10



\$15



\$50

Meli Merch!



\$30



\$50



Panelists

Moderated by: Jenilyn Rodriguez

Michael Galante

Award winning actor



Shirine Babb

Award winning actress
stage & screen

Greta Quispe

Stage & screen actress



Brian Russell



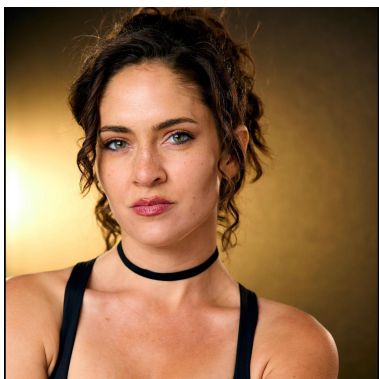
Judges



Nadia Voukitchevitch

+panelist

Award winning director
& producer



Phae Amara

Award winning writer,
actor & stunt coordinator

Daniel Pennacchi

Actor & writer



Chris Fire

Visual artist, director, &
award winning actor

Where Filmmakers Submitted From This Year:

United States

Mexico

Canada

Lebanon

United Kingdom

Italy

Spain

Estonia

Egypt

Brazil

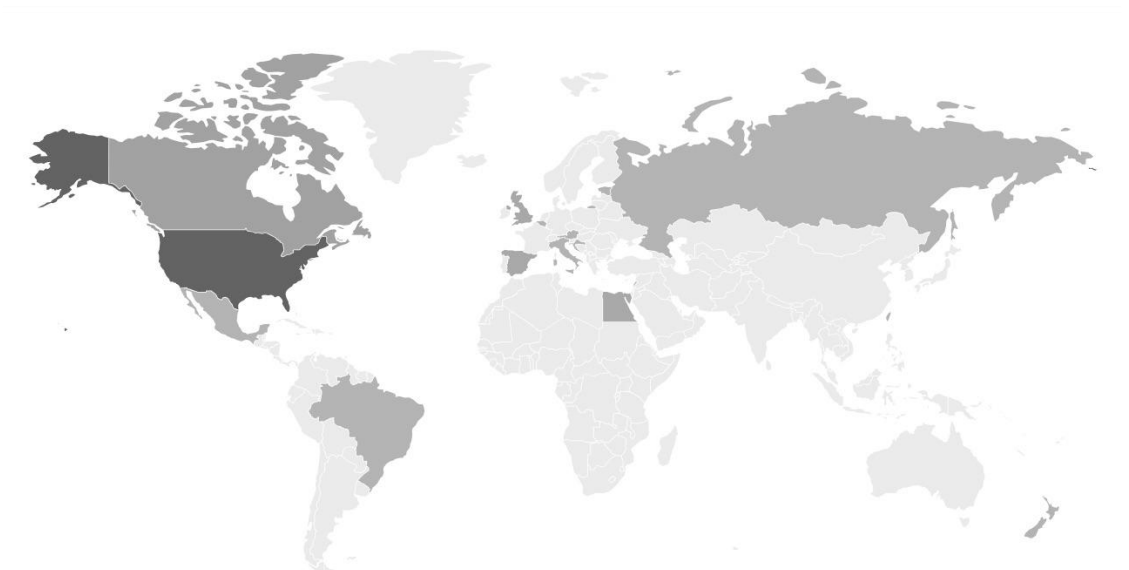
Taiwan

Croatia

Russia

Austria

New Zealand



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Jenilyn & Racquel



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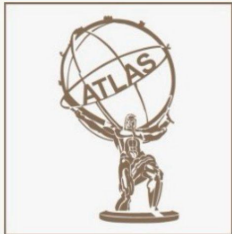
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Congratulations to Meliora
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successful second year!



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Congratulations to Our Amazing Racquel!

We are beyond proud of you for hosting the second annual Meliora International Film Festival in New York City! Your dedication and passion continue to inspire us all. Watching your vision grow and flourish is truly a testament to your hard work and creativity.

As you embark on this next chapter, may you continue to touch hearts and open minds through the power of film. Your journey is just beginning, and we can't wait to see all the incredible milestones you'll achieve.

Wishing you, Jeni, and the entire team immense success and joy.

With all our love and support,

Mom, Dad, & Matt ❤️

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