

# NEWS FROM WOMEN & FASHION FILMFEST

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## Unique United Nations Endorsed Film Festival, the Women & Fashion FilmFest Highlights Social Responsibility and Women's Storytelling

Endorsed by UNESCO's International Council for Film, Television & Audiovisual Communication for its artistic and socially minded programming, the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Women & Fashion FilmFest (WFF)** will highlight work by women and diverse international emerging artists with screenings of 24 films and webseries Nov. 12-14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Seaport Studio and Peter Norton Symphony Space in NYC. Select WFF winners will be submitted to WFF's Official Media Partners **Ovation** and **Fashion One**, which will air a TV special on its international network with 120MM reached.

WFF's program opens with a special preview of *#BodyBeaUtiful*, a never-before-seen documentary by **Emme**, the 1<sup>st</sup> curvy supermodel, on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at Seaport Studio, on 19 Fulton Street. In this film, Emme interviews people from all walks of life and asks them, "How would life be different if everyone loved his/her body? What does your body want to say to the world?" A discussion follows with Emme; Alisa Fliss, Featured in 2006 HBO Documentary *THIN*, Recovery from Anorexia and Bulimia and Director of Business Development Recovery Division of Acadia Healthcare; and Kirsten Haglund, Community Relations Specialist, Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center.

"WFF is founded on the principles of mentorship. We're gathering leaders to share their knowledge and stories to inspire younger generations. We're also focused on creating real opportunities for women and diverse artists, and working to open new channels of distribution and promotion," states WFF Founder Jeanine Jeo-Hi Kim, emphasizing the social responsibility mission of the festival.

WFF panels also include: **Women Coming of Age: A Sharing of Life Experiences** - a discussion on finding self-confidence and empowerment with growing maturity with legendary supermodels **Pat Cleveland**, **Alva Chinn**, **Trish Goff** and **Maye Musk** mother of entrepreneur Elon Musk; **Start-up Women: Women Paving New Paths in Film/New Media** with **Susan Margolin**, President, Docurama & Special Acquisitions, Cinedigm; **Wendy Ettinger**, Co-Founder, Chicken and Egg Productions and Gamechanger Films; **Monica Elias**, Founder, Elias World Media; and moderator **Kibi Anderson**, Senior Manager, ABC News Digital; and **Art & Commerce: Finding Balance** presented by *Spirit & Flesh* Magazine.

In collaboration with PBS, WFF will also hold a discussion with **Timothy Greenfield-Sanders** following a screening of *The Women's List*.

On Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, Honorary Hosts **Emme**, **Pat Cleveland**, **Trish Goff**, **Maye Musk**, **Anna Sui**, **Phillip Bloch**, **Ralph Rucci**, **Timothy Greenfield-Sanders**, **Ambassador Henry MacDonald**, United Nations *He for She* Spokesperson, **Ambassador Robert Van Lierop**, Advisor to the President of the UN General Assembly and others

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will gather for the opening reception at Seaport Studio on 19 Fulton Street, NYC. Limited tickets are available with tax-deductible donation.

Prior to the live events on November 5th, WFF will also launch its **SHE WEBFest**, an online festival featuring webseries, films, panels and social media events on [www.womenfashfilm.com](http://www.womenfashfilm.com). Panelists include: **Laura Michalchyshyn**, President, Sundance Productions; **Stephanie Sharis**, EVP, Snagfilms; **Liz Janneman**, EVP, Ovation; **Patricia Field**, Oscar nominated costume designer of *Sex and the City*; **Robert Verdi**, Celebrity Stylist, **Roxanne Lowitt**, renown celebrity and fashion photographer; **Carla Hall**, Star of ABC's *The Chew*; and **Andre Leon Talley**, legendary *Vogue* editor.

Sponsors include Fashion One, Elias World Media, Seaport Studio, Seaport District, Howard Hughes Corp., and *Empire*, a new musical coming to Broadway. For tickets and information, visit [www.womenfashfilm.com](http://www.womenfashfilm.com) or email [info@womenfashfilm.com](mailto:info@womenfashfilm.com). Code "SUPPORT" provides 30% discount until Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**WHAT:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Women & Fashion FilmFest & SHE WEBFest

**WHEN:**

November 12, 2015 (Thurs.) 6-8pm Women & Fashion FilmFest & SHE WEBFest Red Carpet Reception at Seaport Studio, 19 Fulton, Street, NYC

November 13, 2015 (FRI.) 5.30-7.30pm at Seaport Studio, 19 Fulton Street, NYC

- 5:30 PM #BodyBeaUtiful, Special preview screening of documentary by Emme, 1<sup>st</sup> curvy supermodel, followed by discussion
- 6:50 PM Panel- Art & Commerce: Finding Balance- Presented by Spirit & Flesh Magazine

November 14, 2015 (SAT.) 12PM-11.10pm at Peter Norton Symphony Space, 2537 Broadway at 95th Street, NYC

- 12:00PM Session 1: Documentary Shorts by Women or Featuring Women
- 2:00PM Session 2: Webseries & Narrative Shorts by Women
- 3:50 PM Session 3.1 Panel- Start-up Women: Women Paving New Paths in Film, Entertainment and New Media
- 4:35 PM Session 3.2 Panel- Women Coming of Age: A Sharing of Life Experiences
- 5:30 PM Session 4: *The Women's List*, Directed by Timothy Greenfield-Sanders
- 7:15 PM Session 5.1: *Jeremy Scott: The People's Designer*, Directed by Vlad Yudin
- 9:05 PM Session 5.2: The Art of Fashion and Film Branding and Public Relations Benefits. Debbie Dickinson, Supermodel, Actress, PR Guru, Producer; Fred Blankfein, Director, Producer & Assistant to Woody Allen; and guests discuss how fashion design has set the pace in films and current branding trends.
- 9:55 PM Session 6: Fashion & Experimental Films
- 10:40 PM Announcement of Winners & Discussion
- 11:10 PM Fin