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**CITY COLLEGE'S CITYVISIONS FILM FESTIVAL AT DGA THEATER
CELEBRATES "A DECADE OF FILMS THAT MATTER"**

Cityvisions, the annual showcase of new thesis films from the MFA in Media Arts Production at the City College of New York, observes a milestone year in 2009. Under the banner, "Cityvisions 1999 – 2009: A Decade of Films That Matter" the festival returns to The Directors Guild of America Theater, 110 W. 57th St on Friday May 29th at 6PM and continues on Saturday May 30 at 11 AM.

According to Professor Dave Davidson, The Director of the CCNY MFA, "This program has been a vehicle for students from all over the world to find their voice as filmmakers. It is gratifying to look back over the past decade and see how many of these films and their makers have gone on to receive international recognition after their Cityvisions premiere". Thesis films from CCNY's MFA program have gone onto to win the Student Academy Award, Student Emmys and Best Emerging Latino Filmmaker from the Showtime Network. MFA films have also been invited to the most prestigious festivals, including Cannes, Edinburgh and South By Southwest.

The 2009 line up is diverse mix of 11 short documentary and fiction films that includes the story of a former Indonesian guerilla fighter trying to reconcile his past, a portrait of a haven for homeless transgender people in Brooklyn, the dilemma of a Lebanese cabbie who discovers a small boy in his back seat and a filmmaker's search to find the truth about her great grandfather's alleged Nazi past.

Cityvisions admission is free, but seating is limited. To receive a free ticket, call April Gatling at 212-650-7235. For more information about the films and filmmakers, go to <<http://ccny.cuny.edu/cityvisions>>.

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