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**THE CAMERAS ARE ROLLING AT EMPIRE CITY CASINO TO CELEBRATE UPCOMING
4TH ANNUAL YONKERS FILM FESTIVAL (YOFIFEST) SEPTEMBER 9TH, 7PM**

*Film-Friendly Facility to Host Filmmakers and Industry Insiders at Unveiling of the 100+ Films
Being Shown at the October Festival; Provide a Special Behind-the-Scenes Sneak Peek of the Casino*

Yonkers, NY – The lights and cameras may not start rolling on the Yonkers Film Festival (YoFiFest) until October, but the action begins at [Empire City Casino](#) this Friday night at 7 p.m. with a special kick-off party to announce the 100+ films selected for this year's festival among thousands of submissions, including from local filmmakers.

In addition, Empire City Casino is also concurrently hosting a private film and television industry event with a "director's cut" private tour of its facility to encourage and promote filming at its facility and to support the significant increase in filming in New York State as a result of the continually increasing film tax credits being offered. Industry insiders and aspiring filmmakers will also be able to enjoy a night out at the casino with complementary food and drinks, endless entertainment and the ability to scout the property out for themselves.

"Empire City Casino is a jackpot for filming with nearly 100 acres of property to support any action, drama or romantic comedy," said Taryn Duffy, Director of Public Affairs for Empire City Casino. "The New York State Television and Film Tax Credit has been a game changer in the hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in production spending that has been generated by productions calling New York home, and we want to encourage film and television productions to call Yonkers home as well."

Among the casino's amenities and facilities that can cater to a variety of productions include its 117-year-old historic racetrack, bars, entertainment lounges, retro bowling lanes, plenty of event space, multi-purpose rooms for staging and production, and multiple restaurants and eateries.

Among the recent film shoots that have occurred at Empire City Casino include Showtime's *Billions*, Hulu's *The Path*, *Sneaky Pet* by Topanga Productions, *Unforgettable* by Woodridge Productions/Sony Pictures, *Mysteries of Laura* by Warner Bros., Lionsgate's *Girl Most Likely*, USA Network's *Royal Pains* and it all started with the filming of the *Flamingo Kid* in 1984. Empire City Casino is conveniently located just two miles north of the Bronx border and well within the NYC Film Zone.

YoFiFest itself has grown from a three-day event to an international festival spanning eight action-packed days at six locations in Yonkers and Southern Westchester, showcasing features, shorts, documentaries, animation, music videos and student work likely not seen anywhere else. The festival will also include networking events, educational workshops and nightly parties where audiences and filmmakers can exchange ideas.

This year's YoFiFest will be taking place from October 16th to October 23rd with tickets on sale this Saturday, September 10th. For more information on the film festival and to visit Empire City Casino, please visit <http://www.empirecitycasino.com>.

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About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway

Empire City Casino is one of the largest entertainment and gaming destinations in the northeast. Featuring 5,300 of the hottest slots, electronic craps, roulette, baccarat and sic bo, Empire City Casino also offers guests year-round harness racing and International simulcasting, live entertainment including the best party, tribute and Latin bands, comedy, New York's hottest DJ's, and more. A plethora of dining options will satisfy even the most discerning palate with Italian cuisine at Nonno's Trattoria; Dan Rooney's, a high-energy sports bar; Alley 810, a craft cocktail lounge with retro bowling lanes; and convenient delicious options at the International Food Court or Lil' Cocina. Visit Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (off I-87 at Central Avenue) Yonkers, NY, Westchester County, open seven days a week from 10:00am to 6:00am. Visit www.empirecitycasino.com or call 914.968.4200 for information.