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## **The First C.A.C.A. Greater New York Mid-Autumn Film Festival: Chinese American Experiences Through Visual Storytelling**

New York City, September 27, 2017—The Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) Greater New York Lodge (CACAGNY) will hosts its First Mid-Autumn Film Festival, a showcase of films by or about Chinese Americans, September 30-October 1, 2017. The two-day weekend event of screenings of 22 films and discussions with filmmakers will take place at 21 Pell Street located in New York Chinatown.

“We are pleased to present an extensive array of films to display the creativity of our filmmakers and to convey our experiences,” says Wai Wah Chin, president of C.A.C.A. Greater New York Lodge. “Chinese Americans have made great contributions to this country while remembering concepts of family, honor, duty, sacrifice and heritage, and these values are reflected in the films. Challenges Chinese Americans face and how we address them are raised in these films.”

*Chinese American Citizens Alliance of Greater New York*, a short film produced by Isabella Ding, and “Making Social Impact with Film,” a presentation with screenings by award-winning producers Michael Tow and Teja Arboleda will inaugurate the festival on Saturday, September 30, beginning at 10:00am.

The lineup of documentaries and features for the Mid-Autumn Film Festival is:

*My Life in China* (2014), directed by Ken Eng

*American Girl - Ivy & Julie 1976:A Happy Balance* (2017), directed by Sasie Sealy

*Aviatrix, the Katherine Sui Fun Cheung Story* (2016), directed by Ed Moy

*Tested* (2015), written and directed by Curtis Chin

*Linsanity* (2013), directed by Evan Leong

*Chasing Coral* (2017), directed by Jeff Orlowski

*Abacus: Small Enough to Jail* (2016), directed Steve James

*Reunification* (2015), written and directed by Alvin Tsang

A collection of 10 short films, ranging between 4 and 11 minutes each, also will be screened on Sunday, October 1. They are *Photographic Justice: The Corky Lee Story*; *Iron Hands*; *Legal Smuggling with Christine Choy*; *Clean Woman*; *Confucius Plaza*; *The Last Tip*; *Evan Cheng*; *The Wok from Albuquerque to San Francisco Chinatown*; *Meet Chad Tanaka Pack*; and *This is China*.



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Q&A sessions will follow all screenings featuring many associated with the creation and marketing of the films.

CACAGNY member Corky Lee is the subject of one of the films, and CACAGNY member Don Lee appears in another. CACAGNY National Rep Chris Kwok will moderate a discussion on the film *Abacus: Small Enough to Jail*, with family members of Abacus Bank, on how a small Chinese American bank became the only bank in the U.S. to be criminally prosecuted in the 2008 financial crisis—while its loan portfolio performed far better than most banks. CACAGNY First Vice President David Lee will moderate a discussion on education in connection with *Tested*.

A special reception and buffet for the audience to meet and mingle with the Festival participants will be held on Saturday, September 30, at 8:30pm at Ping's Restaurant, 22 Mott Street, New York, NY 10013.

Individual tickets or passes and admission to the Film Festival Reception can be purchased in advanced at [filmfreeway.com/festival/CACAGNYMidAutumnFilmFestival/tickets](http://filmfreeway.com/festival/CACAGNYMidAutumnFilmFestival/tickets). For more information on the festival, visit [www.cacagny.org/upcoming-events.html](http://www.cacagny.org/upcoming-events.html).

## **About C.A.C.A. Greater New York**

Established in San Francisco in 1895, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) is the nation's oldest, continuous Asian-American civil rights and social advocacy organization formed to empower and enfranchise American citizens of Chinese ancestry. C.A.C.A. Greater New York is one of 18 active chapters nationwide. Originally formed in 1916, the New York Lodge had disbanded in the 1980s only to re-emerge 30 years later on the centennial of its founding in 2016.

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The Chinese American Citizens Alliance, established in 1895, is among the oldest civil rights organizations in the United States. Headquartered in San Francisco with chapter/lodges in Albuquerque (NM), Boston (MA), Chicago (IL), Greater San Gabriel Valley (CA), Greater New York (NY), Houston (TX), Las Vegas (NV), Los Angeles (CA), Mississippi, Oakland (CA), Peninsula (CA), Portland (OR), Phoenix (AZ), Salinas (CA), San Antonio (TX), San Francisco (CA), Seattle (WA) and Washington, D.C., the Alliance addresses issues regarding voter education, political participation, racial discrimination and hate crimes, youth leadership training programs and equal employment opportunities for all Chinese Americans.