

QUEENS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
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Martin 'Marty' Kove, Bayside Queens native and graduate of Martin Van Buren HS, has been chosen to receive the **QIFF 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award in Film** that will be presented to him by Karate Kid star Ralph Macchio.

Martin's acting career has a rich and eclectic tapestry that includes performances in more than 70 movies including **'The Karate Kid 1,2,3, Wyatt Earp, Rambo, Capone and Cop and Robbers**. His TV credits are even more numerous. They include the mini-series Captains and Kings and he has also appeared in almost 200 TV movies and series episodes. His work off-screen is highlighted by a anti-bully educational campaign that he pursues with the genuine heart of making a difference in the lives of young people.

Francesco Quinn, son of Anthony Quinn and international star of the cinema and television will be honored for his works with a focus on his latest films. His movie roles include **Platoon, Rough Riders, The Old Man and the Sea, Cannes Man, Casablanca Express, A Gunfighter's Pledge, Afghan Knights**. Francesco's television credits include the widely popular series **24, Alias, Into the West, JAG** and the top rated **NCIS**.

Michael Rooney, Executive Producer and **Jay Thames**, Director, will be premiering their movie **"Carpet Racers"** Friday night the 13th at the Frank Sinatra School of the Arts 800 seat state-of-the-art auditorium. The premiere will be followed by a red carpet after-party at Studio Square with live music.

Honoring Turkish superstar actress **Meltem Cumbul**.

Special Recognition of independent movie mavericks **Isil Bagdadi** and **Michael Sergio** of **Cavu Pictures**. QIFF will highlight their rise to prominence in the world of independent film distribution and production.

Paula Nelson (daughter of Willie Nelson) and **Billy Ray Reynolds** to perform Saturday night the 14th, along with other surprise guests.