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Antonio Ienco (right), and his partner at Reel Film Pictures, Mark Pagliaroli, are the driving force behind the Vaughan Film Festival.

# Vaughan to get its first international film festival

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There's one in Cannes. Toronto's got one, too. Even Park City, Utah — a town of about 7,500 people — boasts an international film festival.

Well, now you can add Vaughan to that list.

The official launch of the Vaughan Film Festival took place Friday at city hall.

The two-day event runs Thursday, April 18 through Friday, April 19, 2013 and features short films in an array of genres from around the world.

"The Vaughan Film Festival's goal is to create a platform that will inspire artists and provide them with an opportunity to showcase their talent on an international level," said Antonio Ienco, who, along with his partner at Reel Film Pictures, Mark Pagliaroli, are the driving force behind the event.

The first day of the festival will see approximately 20 short films — including horror flicks, documentaries, comedies and dramas — screened at Cineplex Colossus Vaughan Cinemas, 3555 Hwy. 7 West.

The awards portion, known as the Grand Social, takes place on the Friday night at Riviera Parque Dining, Banquet and Convention Centre, 2800 Hwy. 7 West.

There will be several awards handed out including best actor, best actress, best director and best film.

SNAP editor Rob Lorusso along with Canadian actors Rob Mauriell, Frank Caruso, Ellen Dubin and Andrew Jackson will serve as judges.

During the cocktail hour, international artists working in a variety of mediums will showcase their talents.

Proceeds from the festival will go to support two local students pursuing a postsecondary education in the arts as well as other programs in the city of Vaughan, Mr. Ienco said.

The idea for the film festival grew out of the Grand Social, Red Carpet Gala — an event celebrating the arts, which the 27 year olds launched in 2011 as a way to recognize local artists while giving back to the community that helped the duo launch their own award-winning independent feature film *The Invad-*

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"... We started thinking and figured we had nine short films prior to our feature that helped us pave the way to get there. So why not celebrate and provide awards of recognition for the actors," Antonio explained. "We realized we were surrounded with so many talented artists and this event would give them a chance to embrace it. It would also showcase to everyone in the community that we need to realize that we are born with artistic potential and it's about tapping into it that will allow us to express who we really are."

The second annual Grand Social, held earlier this year, built on that foundation and grew to feature a smaller scale short film festival to serve as a pilot project for next year's main event.

"After a brief discussion with Mayor (Maurizio) Bevilacqua at the Grand Social in 2011, in the lobby of the Venetian, I recall the mayor saying that we were planting the seeds for something that could be truly inspiring for the arts and culture in this city and for us to keep going," Mr. Ienco recalled. "That reassurance helped us get to where we are today."

Mr. Bevilacqua showered praise on the former Father Bressani Catholic High School students during the launch last week.

"I'm really attracted to people whose mission in life is to deal with a higher purpose. For them this is not a vanity fair. This is something they are doing because of a love of film, a love of art, but also love of city," he said. "This is yet another example of us here in the city of Vaughan dreaming bigger dreams."

Mr. Ienco said their dream is to grow the Vaughan Film Festival into a full-scale, week-long event.

"It's the first year so we want to plant the right seeds and we're really not going to stop until it gets to the point of any other film festival," Mr. Ienco said. "There are no limitations. We're not going to stop until we're satisfied."

Submissions are now being accepted for short films, art works and scholarships.

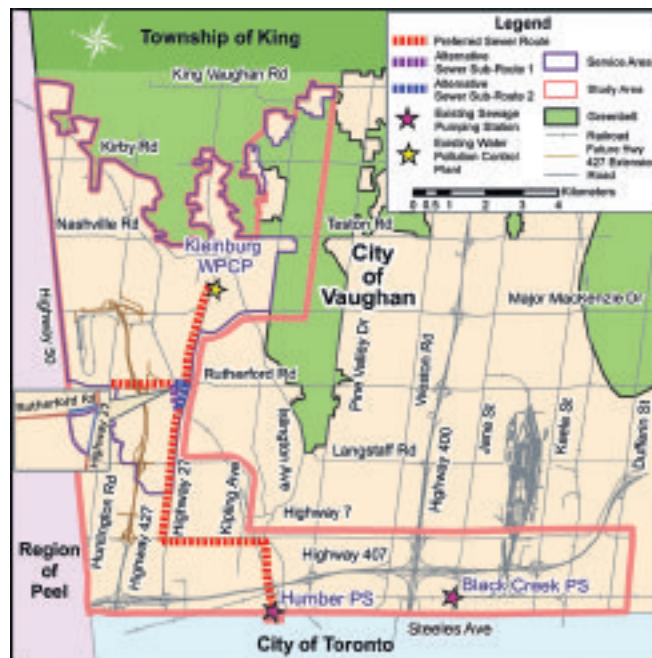
Tickets for the screenings cost \$10 while tickets for awards gala cost \$120 each or \$800 for a table of eight people.

To find out more visit [www.vaughanfilmfestival.com](http://www.vaughanfilmfestival.com).

## The Regional Municipality of York NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION CENTRE #3 MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY WEST VAUGHAN SEWAGE SERVICING City of Vaughan

The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) completed the Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update in November 2009. At that time, the need for additional Regional sewer servicing capacity was identified for the West Vaughan area (the Project) to meet future anticipated growth demands until the year 2051.

York Region has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study (Class EA) under Schedule C of the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* document (October 2000, as amended in July 2011). The Class EA study identifies and evaluates feasible servicing alternatives for the West Vaughan service area (see map below), including a sewage servicing plan. A Notice of Study Commencement was published in March 2011, and two Public Consultation Centres (PCC) were held on April 27, 2011 and June 20, 2012. The construction of a new Regional sewer and expansion of the existing Humber Pumping Station have been selected as components of the preferred servicing solution. The preferred sewer route is shown on the map below.



York Region will host a third PCC to present a project status update, the evaluation of the recommended servicing solutions carried forward from the second PCC and the evaluation of design concepts for the preferred solution. The recommended design concept(s) for the preferred servicing solution will be identified at the PCC.

Consultation with, and input from the public and government review agencies is a vital component of this Class EA process. Members of the public and review agencies are invited to provide comment for consideration into the overall planning and preliminary design of the Project.

Comments received at the PCC will be considered in the decision-making process for selecting the preferred design concept(s). All those with an interest in the Project are encouraged to attend.



**The Public Consultation Centre will be held on:**

**Tuesday December 4, 2012**

**4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

**Presentation: 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.**

**Le Jardin Conference & Event Centre**

**Renaissance Salon**

**8440 Highway 27, Woodbridge**

If you require assistance to fully participate in this meeting, please contact York Region at 905-830-4444 ext. 5124 to advise of any specific requirements.

Written comments are also invited for further consideration and for incorporation into the Project record. Please forward your questions and comments to the project manager listed below:

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*Thank you for your participation in this study.*

*Comments and information regarding the Project are being collected in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. Other than personal information, all information received may be included in the Project documentation which will become part of the public record.*