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**FOURTH ANNUAL KENT FILM FESTIVAL 2009**  
**“GALLERY FOR INDEPENDENT FILM”**

The fourth annual Kent Film Festival is set to go on as planned this year in Kent, Connecticut from Thursday, March 26 thru Sunday March 29, 2009, bringing along the excitement that festival-goers from near and far have come to look forward to each spring.

Four days of independent film screenings, workshops, panel discussions and festival celebrations promise to provide a respite of inspiration amidst a climate of economic downturn.

In a time when independent film festivals across the country have been either entirely shuttered or drastically scaled back, Kent Film Festival co-founders and directors Frank and Patrice Galterio are energized and determined to once again provide what they call an interactive “gallery for filmmakers.”

The Galterios recognize the picturesque Kent, CT as the perfect backdrop to continue to stage a film festival of the character and flavor necessary to provide avenue for film artists of independent spirit and uncommon vision to show their work.

The film festival has positioned itself well in the small Litchfield County CT town which has continued to evolve into an arts mecca.

The Kent Film Festival seeks to continue to make film a vibrant part of the Kent community identity in which a thriving cultural dialogue feeds the local economy.

As a not-for-profit organization, The Kent Film Festival operates with a blend of fixed staff and volunteers, utilizing both public and private spaces on a budget depending not only on festival revenue generated by ticket sales, but the necessary continued support of individual, private, and corporate donations of local, regional, and national sources alike.

Building upon that formula, founders envision a future week long festival housed in a cultural film center featuring a production facility, film school, and independent theater in which the best of independent, documentary and world cinema will be presented year-round, as well as educational workshops where aspiring filmmakers can develop their craft.

For more information, please visit [kentfilmfestival.org](http://kentfilmfestival.org).

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