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## Arts & Letters

### two Major festivals Come to Si

#### October brings jazz and independent film

October brings plenty of reasons to celebrate, including two major arts festivals here on Staten Island: Staten Island Cable Television's Fourth Annual Directors Chair TV Island Arts Expo and the Universal Temple of the Art's Staten Island JAZZFest 22.

The Directors Chair TV Island Arts Expo will run from October 13th to 18th, sponsored by SICTV, will feature over 45 films. The festival also includes a singer-songwriter contest with over 50 songs competing. Awards will be given the last day of the festival.

The Festival founders Kimbra Eberly and Kenny Graham have expanded their Staten Island Cable TV series, The Directors Chair, into an on-going arts expo. "Our goal is to bring people out to experience Staten Island's huge Art Community. Our festival gives artists of any genre, an opportunity to showcase their work through video profiles, interviews, and screenings."

On opening night, October 13th, the festival will feature film screenings and music at the Alice Austen House. On October 14th and 15th, musicians will perform at The Cup, 388 Van Duzer Street, and The Dugout, 1614 Forest Ave. And on October 16th, 17th, and 18th, the Film Festival will be held at SICTV's studios, 100 Cable Way, and broadcast live on Channel 56 on Time Warner Cable. Everything is free to the public.

information and a list of performers, movies, and special events go to:

[www.thedirectorschairtv.com](http://www.thedirectorschairtv.com). Also, check out Kimbra Eberly and Kenny Graham's new Web site, My Staten Island Life, a place where artists of Staten Island can network, post videos, music, blogs, photography, and events at [www.mystatenislandlife.com](http://www.mystatenislandlife.com)