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WNY Muslims is proud to announce the Collective International Film Festival's first annual Screening at UB's Center for the Arts, 103 Center For The Arts, Buffalo, NY 14260 on Sunday April 2. With over 200 submissions, 60 percent of which coming from over 50 different countries, our event will take Buffalo International. The doors open at 5PM with free food and beverages, tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for general public. Tickets will be available at the Center for the Arts and tickets.com on Tuesday, February 21. The screening will begin at 6PM.

The Collective International Film Festival was launched to display films created by innovative individuals from across the globe. We offer filmmakers the opportunity to display their creativity while simultaneously encouraging discussion on political, social and economic issues. The CIFF will be awarding a total of 19 prizes, filmmakers can win up to \$1,500 for best film of the festival, to help fund their future projects and jump start the careers of those who want to enter the film or media industry. In an effort to give a voice to the growing oppressed and marginalized, we wish to give them this opportunity to display their creative views on issues surrounding both local and global communities through film.

Filmmakers can pick from our three subjects, living in poverty, identity: build your own narrative, and "Fear me not I mean well." Our age groups allow 13 to 18 year olds be divided from filmmakers with more experience or advanced training in order to ensure that the youth will get a fair chance to win amongst their peers while also competing for the grand prize. The categories reflect an array of issues that surround the world we live in. It is instrumental for us as a society to understand these issues in order to build momentum for change.

| Categories | Third Place | Second Place | First Place |
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| Living in Poverty 13-18 year olds | \$150 | \$300 | \$500 |
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| Identity 13-18 year olds | \$150 | \$300 | \$500 |
| “Fear me not, I mean well” 13-18 year olds | \$150 | \$300 | \$500 |
| Living in Poverty 19+ year olds | \$150 | \$300 | \$500 |
| Identity 19+ year olds | \$150 | \$300 | \$500 |
| “Fear me not, I mean well” 19+ year olds | \$150 | \$300 | \$500 |

**Best Film Wins the Grand Prize of
\$1,000**

Our filmmakers derive from various parts of the world, such as Portugal, Afghanistan, India, Canada, Germany, Iran, Singapore, Sweden, Bahamas, Russian Federation, Indonesia, Turkey, Pakistan, Switzerland, Poland, United Arab Emirates, Australia, Sri Lanka, South Korea, Argentina, Norway, Morocco, Philippines, Thailand, United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Israel, Egypt, Finland, Bangladesh, China, Spain, Brazil, Mexico, Romania, Slovenia, Peru, Jordan, Colombia, Bulgaria, Belgium, Ukraine, Japan, Greece, Denmark, Italy, Hungary, Slovakia, Belarus, Czech Republic , and France.

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