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RIVER TO RIVER® FESTIVAL PRESENTS FREE OUTDOOR SCREENINGS
OF CLASSIC & CULT FILMS SET IN NYC

**"Movie Nights On The Elevated Acre" to Feature *Desperately Seeking Susan*, *The Godfather: Part II*, and *The Brother From Another Planet*
– and free popcorn**

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(New York, NY – May 9, 2011) – A trio of classic and cult films spotlighting three distinct faces of New York City will be presented for free at a stunning Downtown outdoor oasis as part of the Movie Nights On The Elevated Acre series during this summer's 10th annual River To River® Festival.

On June 20, June 27, and July 11, Movie Nights On The Elevated Acre will screen a film set in an iconic version of New York, coupled with independent shorts by New York City filmmakers exploring their city. The Monday night series will once again alight on the Elevated Acre at 55 Water Street, a spectacular open-air plaza that overlooks the East River, and fresh popcorn will be distributed for free from popcorn carts.

This year's lineup explores themes of immigrants to New York City from three distinct perspectives – a suburbanite, an Italian immigrant, and an actual space alien. This year's films include *Desperately Seeking Susan* (June 20), a paean to 1980s Downtown Manhattan that features Madonna in her first movie role; *The Godfather: Part II* (June 27), the mob classic that casts the New York immigrant experience in a Shakespearean light; and *The Brother From Another Planet* (July 11), the cult classic that follows a mute alien through the streets of 1980s Harlem. These disparate takes on newcomers' experiences of New York City highlight the fantastic diversity that makes up our city.

"Watching movies on the Elevated Acre at the River To River Festival is the ultimate New York experience," said Sam Miller, President of Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC), the new lead partner of River To River Festival. "Each

of this year's films presents New York as almost a character in its own right, and there's no better place to watch these three unique stories unfold than on a green oasis overlooking the city that defines them."

Before each feature, acclaimed independent filmmakers Marie Losier, Maria Niro, and Henry Hills will each screen their short films. See below for details.

Tickets are required for each screening and will be available, two per person, at the street-level Water Street entrance to the Elevated Acre on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 6pm on the day of the screening. Please visit www.RiverToRiverNYC.com for further updates.

This year's 10th annual River To River Festival is presented by lead partner Lower Manhattan Cultural Council and presenting partners Arts World Financial Center, Battery Park City Authority, and The Seaport. Free admission to River To River® events is supported by the festival's generous underwriters. The Festival's Founding and Title Sponsor is American Express. Major support for the 2011 festival is also provided by the Alliance for Downtown New York. Media support is provided by WNYC and WQXR, WNBC, and The Village Voice. Additional vital support is provided by Century 21 Department Stores, JetBlue Airways, Statue Cruises and TheaterMania.com, as well as CB Richard Ellis, City Winery, The Moody's Foundation, New York Marriott Downtown, Pace University and TKTS Seaport. River To River is supported, in part, by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council. River To River is also supported by the New York State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Founded in 2002 to help revitalize Lower Manhattan after September 11th, with support from the Festival's Founding and Title Sponsor, American Express, The River To River Festival has since become a cultural institution, drawing hundreds of thousands of people each year to venues along Downtown's spectacular waterfront, including the World Financial Center, The Seaport, Battery Park City's Rockefeller Park, Castle Clinton National Monument, The Elevated Acre at 55 Water Street, and more. Since its inception, over seven million people have attended more than 700 festival events.

For additional information, please visit www.RiverToRiverNYC.com.

The complete schedule for "Movie Nights on the Elevated Acre" is as follows:

Monday, June 20, 8:00pm
Desperately Seeking Susan
Movie Nights on the Elevated Acre
Presented by Lower Manhattan Cultural Council

Desperately Seeking Susan (104 minutes, 1985) follows a bored suburban housewife (Roseanne Arquette) who, seeking adventure, accidentally gets hit on the head, wakes up with amnesia, and is mistaken for a free-spirited New York City drifter named Susan (Madonna).

*Preceded by short films by Marie Losier: **Eat my makeup!** and **Flying Saucy!***

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Monday, June 27, 8:00pm

The Godfather: Part II

Movie Nights on the Elevated Acre

Presented by Lower Manhattan Cultural Council

The Godfather: Part II (200 minutes, 1974) chronicles the early life and career of Vito Corleone in 1920s New York as his son, Michael, expands and tightens his grip on his crime syndicate.

*Preceded by short films from Maria Niro: (**Waiting**) **Off My Chest** and **Fast Cut Chase Dream (Was It A Dream At All)**.*

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Monday, July 11, 8:00pm

The Brother from Another Planet

Movie Nights on the Elevated Acre

Presented by Lower Manhattan Cultural Council

The Brother from Another Planet (108 minutes, 1984) is about a mute alien slave who is chased through the streets of Harlem in this thought-provoking cult classic directed by John Sayles.

*Preceded by short films from Henry Hills: **Gotham** and **Failed States**.*

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