



**24 things to do this weekend:** West Fest, 5th Borough Comedy, free movies & more  
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### Free film screening of 'The Black Monk': Sept. 14

A film by Marylou and Jerome Bongiorno, inspired by Anton Chekhov's short story, screens on the North Meadow Lawn of Snug Harbor on Friday, Sept. 14 from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The storyline of the movie follows a filmmaker struggling with sanity and his encounters with a legendary monk, uncovering the meaning of life and a lost love.

"We had to start and end THE BLACK MONK at the Ferry -- how could we not?" Jerome Bongiorno said, being a borough native. "It's the perfect gateway, not only into an island, but into the thoughts of characters and their stories. Chekhov would've loved Staten Island."

The Ferry isn't the only Staten Island staple to make it into this film. The filmmakers say most of the film is shot on borough grounds.

"You see in the film how stately the grounds of Wagner College really are a perfect collegiate backdrop for our film," said Jerome. "And Snug Harbor; from the Chinese Scholar's Garden to the galleries of the Staten Island Museum and shooting in an impromptu thunderstorm, wow!"

Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden is located at 1000 Richmond Terrace. For more information on the flick, visit [BongiornoProductions.com](http://BongiornoProductions.com).

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The Black Monk Trailer from Marylou & Jerome Bongiorno on Vimeo.

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