



Message from the Office of Diversity, Compliance, and Equity Initiatives

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You Are Invited to a Screening of *Mama Africa: Miriam Makeba*, Part of Baruch's Collaboration with the New York African Diaspora International Film Festival

Dear Baruch College Community Members,

With the generous support of the [CUNY Black, Race and Ethnic Studies Initiative \(BRESI\)](#) and the [Andrew W. Mellon Foundation](#), the Baruch College Office of Diversity, Compliance, and Equity Initiatives (ODCEI) has been hosting lectures, panel discussions, and film screenings during the 2022–23 academic year. In particular, Baruch College ODCEI administrators have been using [CUNY BRESI](#) funds to foster a collaboration with the [New York African Diaspora International Film Festival \(NYADIFF\)](#) to conduct virtual and in-person film screenings from the extensive cinema libraries of the [NYADIFF](#) and [Artmattan Films](#). Each screening also features a conversation with the filmmakers and/or panelists.

Mama Africa: Miriam Makeba: In-Person Screening and Panel Discussion

In celebration of Women's History Month, our fourth event will be an in-person screening of the documentary [Mama Africa: Miriam Makeba](#) on Monday, Mar. 27, at 5 pm in the Engelman Recital Hall, Baruch Performing Arts Center (BPAC). The film showcases South African musician and human rights activist Miriam Makeba and how she fought racism and poverty while promoting peace and social justice.

After the screening, Yvette Christiansë, PhD, Professor of English and Africana Studies at Barnard College, will discuss the film with Diarah N'Daw-Spech, MBA, ArtMattan

Productions/NYADIFF, and our audience. For more information and to register, please review the [flyer](#) and visit this [webpage](#).

We look forward to seeing you on March 27, and we will continue to share the latest in the series as events become available.

Sincerely,

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