The Jewish Israeli Film Festival

Presents

a lecture by

Diane Crespo

"Making Movies in the 21st Century"

Wednesday, April 9, 2008
205 David Lawrence Hall
1:00 p.m.

Diane was born and raised in Queens. Drawn to the dramatic arts at a young age, she received a B.A. in theatre from Roger Williams College, and studied at the graduate level at the London School of Dramatic Arts.

Following a brief stint in L.A., where she worked at Canon and New World Pictures, she returned to New York to work in theatre. She met Stefan working off-off Broadway, where she directed a series of one-act plays he had written. They went on to form the production company Cicala Filmworks, where their initial focus was creating short documentaries for clients such as the Guggenheim Museum, the NYC Department of Education, and Roundabout Theatre. As the company grew, she also produced and directed numerous music videos and commercials for clients such as Ben Folds Five, 1-800 Flowers, Virgin Records and 97.9 La Mega-

Documentary credits include: CONTESTED STREETS, TAKING A RISK IN EDUCATION, a two-part film on educational reform; and RISE TO THE CHALLENGE, a three-part documentary on successful parenting created for the College Board.

Awards include: Best Feature and Grand Prize for Best Film at Brooklyn Int'l Film Festival (ARRANGED, 2007); "Best of Fest" Audience Award at Berkshire Int'l Film Festival (ARRANGED, 2007)