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ROOFTOP FILMS SUMMER SERIES 2006 - WEEK 11

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2006: THE SHUTKA BOOK OF RECORDS

Venue: Outside at the **Solar One Pier**, Stuyvesant Cove Park, Manhattan.

Address: 23rd Street and the East River

Rain: In the event of rain, the show will be held under cover at the same location.

8:30PM- Live music | **9PM** - Documentary Feature

Tickets: \$8 available at the door or online at www.rooftopfilms.com/tickets.html



The Shutka Book of Records (Aleksandar Manic | Shutka, Macedonia | 1:18:00)

At Rooftop Films, we like movies that show us "where you live and how you live." We look for films that explore hidden communities and introduce us to uncommon people. We seek out stories that are funny, poignant, eye-opening, jaw-dropping, and unique. We want the best films out there.

In Shutka, Macedonia -- the unofficial, self-governing, world capital of the Roma -- everyone is a champion of something. The town is one of the poorest places in all of Europe, but the people have learned to celebrate life with competitive vigor. To do the town justice, or possibly to counterbalance what Shutka lacks, its inhabitants constantly compete for the champion title in every discipline imaginable. Who is the best at protecting the community from evil spirits, who the greatest lounge singer of all? Come meet the lamb champion for the last 35 years, the champions in boxing, fashion, sex. And find out who will win this year's obscure Turkish music cassette competition.

The charismatic and crazy Dr. Koljo, one of the characters from Emir Kusturica's *Black Cat*, *White Cat*, accompanies us as the narrator, guiding us through an exclusive tour of a town usually closed to outsiders, introducing us to various characters who perform their own stories. Aleksandar Manic's warm and funny documentary is too extraordinary to be fiction, although some of the local characters 'act' out their stories with achutzpah and bravado more familiar to melodrama.

Manic weaves images reminiscent of silent films into vivid color and enchants us with magic tricks as he follows an invisible thread through this refreshing documentary. The result is a cheerful and personal portrayal of the microcosm that is Shutka, and the reigning world champion of Roma documentaries, *The Shutka Book of Records*.

The documentary will be preceded by one short film:

Frank and Wendy, Episode 6: The Rainbow (Kaspar Jancis, Ulo Pikkov & Priit Tender | Tallinn, Estonia | 10:00)

A group of animators have created two CIA super-super-agents battling evil Latvians in the deadly streets of Estonia. Named the best Estonian animated film of 2005, this is one episode from the unbelievably weird story of Frank and Wendy.

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