



# HOSPITALITY GUIDE



**Kaufman Astoria Studios**  
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# HISTORY

Astoria Studios has been making entertainment history for more than 75 years. After making its debut as Famous Players/Lasky on September 20, 1920, (later

Paramount Studios), the studio became the home of productions starring Rudolph Valentino, Claudette Colbert, W.C. Fields, The Marx Brothers, Sylvia Sydney, D.W. Griffith, Gloria Swanson, and more.

In the years between the studio's current incarnation as Kaufman Astoria Studios and its earliest days, the property was transferred to the U.S. Army. It became the Signal Corps' Pictorial Center during World War II and helped to launch many careers including those of Paul Newman, Jack Lemmon and Milos Forman.

In the early 1970's the historic facility was saved by a non-profit foundation, now the American Museum of the Moving Image, and designated an American landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior. In 1982, development of the Studio was awarded to George Kaufman.

Today, film and television stars such as Bill Cosby, Harrison Ford, Meryl Streep, Al Pacino, Mel Gibson, Demi Moore and the cast of Sesame Street are among the celebrities at work at Kaufman Astoria Studios. The facility boasts seven operating sound stages ranging in size from 3,200 square feet to over 26,000 square feet (the largest stage in the country East of Los Angeles).

The environment here is professional, creative, fun and exciting. Perhaps it's the tremendous diversity of the people and projects that come together here — on the set, in the Studio Commissary, or on the (complimentary) KAS Jitney as it travels back and forth to Manhattan throughout the day. There's a synergy here that makes things happen. After all, that's entertainment!

We hope you enjoy being part of the KAS "family." We hope that this guide will be a helpful reference for you during your time at KAS. Our safe and peaceful neighborhood is worth exploring. You'll find the best Greek restaurants this side of Athens, four-star Italian cafes, friendly shopkeepers, old fashioned bakeries, delis with the best bagels in New York, and stores you know such as The Gap, Blockbuster, etc.

# THE JITNEY

The Jitney is a service provided free of charge by Kaufman Astoria Studios as a link to nearby central Manhattan. Updated Jitney schedules are available in the lobby for your convenience.

# ASTORIA

Astoria, home of Kaufman Astoria Studios, is a multi-ethnic, vibrant and safe neighborhood in Queens with two separate subway lines (N,R) just minutes from 59th Street and Lexington Avenue in Manhattan.

It is an excellent place to live and work because of its diversity and quality services. The restaurants in the area are some of the best New York has to offer. On Broadway, 30th Avenue and Ditmars Boulevard, you can find everything you need from art supplies to video rentals. Ethnic specialty stores abound.

The heart of Astoria's commercial district is nearby Steinway Street. Most major shopping chains can be found here between 25th Avenue and 35th Avenue such as The Wiz, Express, Victoria's Secret, Starbucks, The Gap, Benetton, Blockbuster Video & Lerner's, as well as McDonald's, Kentucky Fried Chicken/Taco Bell, Wendy's and many others.

## ART SUPPLIES

Jerry's Artarama	343-0777	248-12 Union Turnpike (3 blocks east Cross Island Parkway)
Lee's Art Supplies	247-0110	220 West 57th Street
Ward's	784-7632	23-08 Jackson Ave.

## BANKS

Astoria Federal	545-4400	37-16 30th Avenue
Atlantic (NYCE)	204-2600	36-10 Broadway
Chemical (NYCE)	935-9935	38-18 Broadway
Fleet (NYCE)	800-331-9994	31-81 Steinway Street
Independence Savings (NYCE)	274-0800	37-10 Broadway
Northfork Bank	777-2363	34-51 48th Street

## BOOKS

Book Value	267-7929	33-18 Broadway
NY Public Library-Broadway Branch	721-2462	40-20 Broadway

## CAR SERVICE

Olympic	626-8000
Twin	898-8888
XYZ	768-7333

## CLEANERS

Gusenberger's	392-9522	35-45 35th Street
Minerva (Free pickup & delivery)	726-2336	29-09 Broadway

## COLOR COPIES/PRINTERS

Queens Progress	784-1792	10-64 Jackson Avenue
Staples	786-3828	38-19 21st Street
Staples	932-9676	51-10 Broadway

## DRUG STORES

Genovese	274-6600	30-99 Steinway Street
Genovese	721-3481	36-01 Broadway
Rite Aid	278-2100	40-02 Broadway

## FLORISTS

Charles Floral	274-8463	32-07 Broadway
Pavillion Florist	278-5500	30th Ave. & 32nd St.
S.J. Roukis & Son	932-2212	34-20 Broadway

## HARWARE

Home Depot	278-9031	50-10 Northern Blvd.
Metropolitan Lumber & Hardware	392-2316	34-35 Steinway Street
Walter's Hardware	728-1300	35-17 Broadway

## HOTELS

Courtyard by Marriot	446-4800	90-10 Grand Central Pkwy
Crowne Plaza	457-6300	104-04 Ditmars Blvd.
Wyndham Garden Hotel	426-1500	100-15 Ditmars Blvd.

## LOCKSMITHS

Admiral Lock & Key Co.	274-2491	37-17 Broadway
All Emergency Locksmith	932-5025	32-43 Steinway Street

## LUMBERYARDS

Alpha Lumber	726-1791	30-98 31st Street
Dykes Lumber Co.	784-3920	26-16 Jackson Ave.

## MASSAGE THERAPY

Dr. P. Clifford LoBrutto	728-0612	27-51 27th Street
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## MEDICAL CARE

Rapid Medical Clinic	932-5252	33-16 Broadway
Western Queens Hospital	932-1000	25-10 30th Ave.

## OFFICE SUPPLIES

Office Max	426-9055	51-06 Northern Blvd.
Staples	786-3828	38-19 21st Street
Staples	932-9676	51-10 Broadway
Weiss (Barry)	567-9571	438 Central Avenue

## PAINT STORES

Ditmars Paint	278-4130	33-10 Ditmars Blvd.
Sherwin Williams	426-8813	62-16 34th Ave.
Tsigonias Paints	932-3664	41-17 Broadway

## PARTY CENTER

Party Fair	472-0800	34-14 Steinway Street
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## PET CARE

Steinway Court Veterinarian	728-2822	32-41 41st Street
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## POST OFFICE

U.S. Post Office	726-1107	43-04 Broadway
U.S. Post Office	726-1005	27-40 21st Street

## SHOE REPAIR

Astoria Leather & Shoe Repair	392-9349	33-05 36th Ave.
Cut Rate Shoe Repair	728-9775	32-10 Broadway

## SPORTS & FITNESS

Astoria Sports Complex	729-7163	34-38 38th Street
Gold's Gym	472-1455	38-01 35th Ave.
Lucille Roberts	626-6464	32-64 Steinway St.

Modell's Sports Center  
Sports Authority

956-4526  
205-4075

30-88 Steinway St.  
51-30 Northern Blvd.

## TAILORS

San Remo Tailors

278-7979

32-64 Steinway St.

## TOYS

Kaybee  
Toys R-Us

777-0251  
937-8697

30-81 Steinway St.  
35-00 48th Street

## VIDEO RENTAL

Blockbuster Video

726-2400

32-85 Steinway St.

# FOOD

Behind every great movie or TV show, there's a fantastic caterer.

No one knows this better than the staff of the Commissary. Boasting the best coffee in town, the commissary staff serves up breakfast and lunch daily for hundreds of hungry actors, producers, directors and crew members in the historic Commissary dining room — the same place where Rudolph Valentino and Groucho Marx once dined.

The Commissary also offers catering on-set as well as on remote locations. They have travelled as far as Martha's Vineyard and on location throughout the New York Metropolitan area for films and tv remote shoots. Flexibility and experience in understanding a production's needs — along with their great coffee— are what sets The Commissary apart. Call ext. 5332 to speak with the manager for daily menus and about your catering needs.

# AMERICAN

Mary McGuires	728-3434	38-04 Broadway
Modernage	956-5007	32-50 Steinway Street
Pizzeria Uno	706-8800	37-11 35th Avenue

# BAGELS

Big Apple Bagel	932-2435	32-41 Steinway Street
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# BAKED GOODS

Omonia Bakery	274-6650	32-20 Broadway
Terrizzi Pastry	726-9698	35-14 30th Avenue

# CAFÉ

Café-bar	204-5273	32-90 36th Street
Kolonaki	932-8222	33-02 Broadway
Omonia	274-6650	32-20 Broadway

# CHINESE

Sun Lok Kitchen	626-3761	38-10 Broadway
Wok N Roll	777-3838	32-12 31st Street

# COLOMBIAN

Cumbia	726-9118	38-01 Broadway
La Fonda Antioquena	726-9857	32-25 Steinway Street
Tierras Colombianas II	956-3012	33-01 Broadway

# CONTINENTAL

Water's Edge	482-0033	44th Drive & East River
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## DELIS

D & F  
Fratelli's

728-2422  
726-4914

35-13 Broadway  
29-03 Broadway

## GREEK

Greek Captain  
Sagapo  
Uncle George's

786-6015  
626-0303  
626-0593

32-10 36th Avenue  
34-21 34th Avenue  
33-19 Broadway

## HEALTH FOOD

General Nutrition Center  
Neil's Health Foods

956-8675  
728-3532

31-65 Steinway Street  
33-10 Broadway

## ITALIAN

Amici Amore  
Piccola Venezia

267-2771  
721-8470

29-35 Newton Avenue  
42-01 28th Avenue

## JAPANESE

Shima

721-5566

29-13 Broadway

## MEXICAN

Tequila Sunrise

729-3301

40-01 Northern Blvd.

## PIZZA

John's Pizzeria  
Napoli Pizza  
Polito Pizza  
Sac's

721-6904  
472-1146  
626-6344  
278-8252

29-39 Astoria Blvd.  
33-02 35th Avenue  
38-12 Broadway  
47-20 31st Avenue

# SEAFOOD

Elias Corner	932-1510	24-01 31st Street
Gables Seafood House	545-8498	30-18 Broadway
Greek Captain	786-6015	32-10 36th Avenue

# STEAK

Jackson Avenue Steakhouse	784-1412	12-23 Jackson Ave.
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# THAI

Arharn Thai	728-5563	32-05 36th Ave.
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# DIRECTIONS

## PLANES

### **JFK**

Take Van Wyck Expwy North to Grand Central Pkwy. Take Hoyt Avenue exit. Make a left on 31st Street (under elevated train). Stay on left and proceed to the first light. Make a left on Astoria Blvd. South. Stay on right side of Boulevard to 36th Street. Make a right and continue for five blocks. Studio entrance is mid-block (between 34th & 35th Avenues).

### **La Guardia**

Take Grand Central Parkway to Hoyt Avenue. (See directions from JFK for remaining instructions).

### **Newark**

Take 95 north to George Washington Bridge. Follow signs to Triboro Bridge, stay to right and get off at first exit, 31st Street. (See directions from Triboro Bridge for remaining instructions).

# TRAINS

## **R Train**

Take "R" train to Steinway Street (stay on back of train), walk west on 34th Avenue, 3 blocks to 36th Street. Turn left on 36th Street. Studio entrance is mid-block.

## **N Train**

Take "N" train to Broadway. Walk east to 36th street, turn right on 36th Street and walk 1-1/2 blocks to entrance.

## **E or F Train**

Take "E" or "F" train to Queens Plaza, change for "R" or "G" train to Steinway Street and follow directions above.

# AUTOMOBILES

## **Midtown Tunnel**

After exiting the tunnel, stay on the right and take the 21st Street exit immediately after the toll booth. Continue and turn right onto Jackson Avenue. Follow to Northern Blvd. and continue to 35th Street and turn left. Proceed on 35th Street for several blocks to 34th Avenue. Make right on 34th Avenue and an immediate right onto 36th Street. Studio entrance is mid-block.

## **Triboro Bridge**

After exiting toll both, stay on right and take the 31st Street exit off the bridge. Follow service road Astoria Blvd. South to 36th Street and make a right and continue for five blocks. Studio entrance is mid-block (between 34th and 35th Avenues).

## **Queensboro Bridge (59th Street):**

Upper Roadway-take exit to 21st Street. At end of ramp, make a right onto 21st Street. Follow to 34th Avenue and turn right. Go to 36th Street and turn right. Studio entrance is mid-block.

Lower Roadway-follow signs for Northern Blvd. to 35th Street and turn left. Proceed to 34th Avenue, and turn right. Go one block to 36th Street turn right. Studio entrance is mid-block.

## **Brooklyn & Staten Island**

Take B.Q.E. (Route 278) East to Northern Blvd. Make left onto Northern Blvd. to 34th Avenue, and bear right. Proceed to 36th Street and make a left. Studio entrance is mid-block.

## **Whitestone Bridge (from the Bronx and Staten Island)**

Whitestone Expressway (678) to Grand Central Pkwy. West. (See directions from JFK for remaining instructions).

**Long Island Expressway**

Take L.I.E. (495) to Grand Central Pkwy West. (See directions from JFK for remaining instructions).

# PHONE DIRECTORY

**Elaine Ferranti** ext 5307

Project Coordinator/Assistant to Hal Rosenbluth-President

**Maria Kapsis** ext 4816

Notary Public

**Nick Manolakis** ext 5330

Chief Engineer

**John Mitacek** ext 5331

Director of Facilities Management

**Pete Romano** ext 5337

Stage Manager

**Bob Schulman** 786-7990

Manager-K/A/S Lighting, Lighting and Grip Equipment

**Ellen Weisman** ext 5392

Controller

**Commissary** ext 5332

**Freight Elevator** ext 5791

**Front Lobby/Security** ext 5333