

# ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL USA of CHICAGO

## April 9 - May 7, 2010



The 2nd annual Italian Film Festival USA of Chicago will screen the local premieres of six recent, critically and publicly acclaimed Italian films at two Chicago venues: the Chandelier Room of the Italian Cultural Center at Casa Italia and Facets Multimedia. Films will be shown in Italian with English subtitles; and films at Casa Italia will be followed by a discussion led by Professor Gino Impellizzeri. Sponsored by the Italian Cultural Institute of Chicago, the Consulate General of Italy in Chicago, and in collaboration with Casa Italia and Facets Multimedia.



### THE FRIENDS AT THE MARGHERITA CAFÉ • GLI AMICI DEL BAR MARGHERITA

Friday, April 9 • 7:00 pm • Casa Italia  
(Pupi Avati, 90 min., 2009)

A comic but realistic tale of the lives of the Bar Margherita regulars in 1950s Bologna as narrated through the eyes of young Taddeo. The director borrowed from his own childhood memories to recreate a magical and nostalgic atmosphere.



### WE CAN DO THAT • SI PUÒ FARE

Friday, April 16 • 7:00 pm • Casa Italia  
(Giulio Manfredonia, 111 min., 2008)

A Milanese businessman, who lost his job, finds himself managing a cooperative of former mental patients. He encourages everyone to learn a trade, inventing a role for each of them that is amazingly adapted to their abilities. Nominated 2009 Best Film.



### IF BY CHANCE • CASOMAI

Friday, April 23 • 7:00 pm • Casa Italia  
(Alessandro D'Alatri, 114 min., 2002)

Tomaso and Stefania meet, fall in love and marry. Their love is sincere, passionate and strong. But they slowly become a couple like so many others: they stop struggling and no longer communicate. But their love is not lost.



### GIOVANNA'S FATHER • IL PAPÀ DI GIOVANNA

Friday, April 30 • 7:00 pm • Casa Italia  
(Pupi Avati, 104 min., 2008)

Giovanna is a shy and insecure young girl. Her father is devoted to giving her the best education in order to secure a good future for her, but everything will turn into tragedy when Giovanna becomes insanely jealous of her beautiful and generous classmate.



### BAARÌA

Saturday, May 1 • 7:00 pm • Facets Multimedia  
(Giuseppe Tornatore, 150 min., 2009)

The passions, dreams and hopes of an entire Sicilian community, Bagheria, as seen through the eyes of three generations in this epic film by the director of *Cinema Paradiso*.



### MANY KISSES LATER • EX

Friday, May 7 • 7:00 pm • Casa Italia  
(Fausto Brizzi, 120 min., 2009)

Exes never seem to go away and are all part of your life. If today you are who you are, it's also the fault or the merit of your Exes. The film begins with many declarations of love and lots of kisses... But then, does love go on? Nominated 2009 Best Film.

All films are **FREE** and open to the general public.

For further information see [www.italianfilmfests.org](http://www.italianfilmfests.org)