

ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL USA OF DETROIT

April 29-May 9, 2010



The 3rd annual Italian Film Festival USA of Detroit will screen the local premieres of eight recent, critically and publicly acclaimed Italian films at five venues in the greater Detroit area: Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts; Wayne State University's General Lecture 100 auditorium; Henry Ford Community College's Forfa Auditorium in the Andrew Mazzara Conference Center; Macomb Community College's Lorenzo Cultural Center and the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts; University of Michigan at Ann Arbor's Angell Hall-Auditorium A. Films will be shown in Italian with English subtitles. Sponsored by the Italian Cultural Institute of Chicago. For further information see www.italianfilmfests.org



BAARIA

Thursday, April 29 • 7:00 pm • Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts
(Giuseppe Tornatore, 150 min., 2009) *Film sponsored by the Dante Alighieri Society*

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, April 30 • 5:45 pm • Henry Ford CC ♦ Saturday, May 1 • 6:30 pm • Macomb CC

Friday, May 7 • 6:30 pm • Wayne State Univ. ♦ Saturday, May 8 • 6:30 pm • Univ. of Michigan
(Fausto Brizzi, 120 min., 2009)

Exes never seem to go away and are all part of your life. The film begins with many declarations of love and lots of kisses... but then, does love go on? Nominated 2009 Best Film.

WE CAN DO THAT • SI PUÒ FARE

Friday, April 30 • 8:00 pm • Henry Ford CC ♦ Saturday, May 1 • 8:45 pm • Macomb CC

Friday, May 7 • 8:45 pm • Univ. of Michigan ♦ Saturday, May 8 • 8:45 pm • Wayne State Univ.
(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 Italian Film.

GIOVANNA'S FATHER • IL PAPÀ DI GIOVANNA

Saturday, May 1 • 5:45 pm • Henry Ford CC ♦ Friday, May 7 • 6:30 pm • Univ. of Michigan
(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.

OUR LAND • LA TERRA

Friday, April 30 • 8:45 pm • Macomb CC ♦ Saturday, May 1 • 8:00 pm • Henry Ford CC
(Sergio Rubini, 112 min., 2006)

Returning to his native Apulian town, Luigi, now a mature university professor of philosophy, becomes involved in the troubled atmosphere of a world he thought he had left behind forever.

THE GIRL BY THE LAKE • LA RAGAZZA DEL LAGO

Friday, May 7 • 8:45 pm • Wayne State Univ. ♦ Saturday, May 8 • 8:45 pm • Univ. of Michigan
(Andrea Molaioli, 95 min., 2007)

A police inspector, who recently moved to a small Northeastern town in Italy, investigates an emotionally-charged crime in this close-knit community. Winner of the 2008 Best Film.

IF BY CHANCE • CASOMAI

Friday, April 30 • 6:30 pm • Macomb CC ♦ Saturday, May 8 • 6:30 pm • Wayne State Univ.
(Alessandro D'Alatri, 114 min., 2002)

Tomaso and Stefania meet, fall in love and marry. Their love is passionate and strong. But they slowly become a couple like so many others: they stop struggling and no longer communicate.

MARCELLO, MARCELLO

Sunday, May 9 • 6:00 pm • Macomb Center for the Performing Arts
(Denis Rabaglia, 97 min., 2008) *Film sponsored by the Federazione Abruzzese del Michigan*

Italy 1956. Young Marcello must follow a unique island custom in order to win the first date with the mayor's beautiful daughter in this romantic comedy--a special Mother's Day presentation.

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