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# Italian Film Festival USA Next Saturday at SWIC

Southwestern Illinois College joins Washington University in St. Louis and 21 other venues nationwide in hosting the Italian Film Festival USA. Enjoy two recent Italian films at screenings to be held on Saturday, April 30, at the Liberal Arts Theatre, on the Belleville Campus: *I, Harlequin*, at 6:00 p.m. and *Palio*, at 8:00 p.m.

*I, Harlequin* (Io, Arlecchino), by directors Matteo Bini and

Giorgio Pasotti (2014, 90 min., courtesy of Officina della Comunicazione) is a drama about a father-son relationship and also a homage to the theatrical tradition of the Commedia dell'Arte.

The documentary *Palio*, by Cosima Spender (2015, 92 min., courtesy of us.thepalio.com), is about the oldest horse race in the world, the Palio, which is run twice a year in the city of Siena.

But it's not your average race! The documentary gives an inside look at the pageantry and strategy that play as much a part in the race as the skill of the jockeys.

Admission is free and open to the general public. All films are in Italian with English subtitles. For further information, visit the festival's website [www.italianfilmfests.org](http://www.italianfilmfests.org).