

ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL USA

of Cleveland

April 4 - 12, 2023



Enjoy the local premieres of four recent Italian films and one short film program at the 2023 Italian Film Festival USA of Cleveland. All films shown in Italian with English subtitles, at the Strosacker Auditorium on the campus of Case Western Reserve University (CWRU). Sponsored by Volpi Foods, the Italian Cultural Institute of Chicago, in collaboration with CWRU's Italian Program & Film Society.



THE CHAMPION • IL CAMPIONE

Tuesday, April 4 • 7:00 p.m. • CWRU Strosacker Auditorium
(Director, Leonardo D'Agostini, Comedy/Drama, 2019, 105 min.)

Christian is a star soccer player. Valerio, lonely and shy, is the professor who is assigned to help Christian pass his high school equivalency exam. The two could not be more different. But they will learn to lean on each other, generating a bond that will change them both.



THE INNOCENTS OF FLORENCE • GLI INNOCENTI DI FIRENZE

Thursday, April 6 • 7:00 p.m. • CWRU Strosacker Auditorium
(Director, David Battistella, Documentary, 2019, 90 min.)

A fascinating look at the history of the Ospedale degli Innocenti, founded in 1446 as a hospital for young mothers and babies, and the restoration of its logo, the painting *The Madonna of the Innocents*. In 2013, the artwork restoration was financed by Jane Fortune of Indianapolis through Advancing Women Artists.



THE PASSION OF ANNA MAGNANI • LA PASSIONE DI ANNA MAGNANI

Thursday, April 6 • 8:30 p.m. • CWRU Strosacker Auditorium
(Director, Enrico Cerasuolo, Documentary, 2019, 60 min.)

An intimate portrait of the great Italian actress Anna Magnani, a symbol of neorealism and an icon of the world's film industry. In 1956, she was awarded an Academy Award for Best Actress and remains the *only* Italian actress to win for an English-speaking film. The documentary is based on unpublished archival materials, including discussions with her son.



WELL BUT NOT VERY WELL • BENE MA NON BENISSIMO

Monday, April 10 • 7:00 p.m. • CWRU Strosacker Auditorium
(Director, Francesco Mandelli, Drama, 2018, 100 min.)

Candida is fifteen years old. When her father loses his job, she moves to Turin with him, starts a new life, and attends a new high school. She makes friends with Jacopo, an introverted boy who's often bullied by his classmates, and the two get along well, but his father does not approve of their friendship.



SHORT FILM PROGRAM • PROGRAMMA DI CORTOMETRAGGI

Wednesday, April 12 • 7:00 p.m. • CWRU Strosacker Auditorium
(Comedy, Drama, Animation 2022, 110 min.)

Six recent films—*L'allaccio*, *Mammarranca*, *Briciole*, *Caramelle*, *Story of Your Life* and *Tana libera tutti*—are in competition for your vote for best short film.



FREE admission

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