



# ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL USA

## OF METRO DETROIT April 4 – 27, 2025



Enjoy the local premiere of 13 recent Italian films plus a short film program shown in Italian language with English subtitles at 6 locations: Detroit Institute of Arts, University of Michigan (UofM), Wayne State University (WSU), Michigan State University (MSU), Chippewa Valley High School and Schoolcraft College. Presented under the auspices of the Consulate of Italy in Detroit. **FREE** admission. Visit [www.italianfilmfests.org](http://www.italianfilmfests.org)



**GLORIA!** • Director, Margherita Vicario, Drama, 2024, 106 min

Friday, April 4 • 7:00 pm • WSU, General Lectures 150 Hall, 5045 Anthony Wayne Drive, Detroit

Friday, April 11 • 7:00 pm • MSU, Wells Hall B122, 619 Red Cedar Rd, East Lansing

Late 1700s. A maid in a religious institution that musically trains girls begins to explore the keys of a new instrument—a piano—unlocking her musical talents and attracting the attention of all.



**SHORT FILM PROGRAM** • Comedy, Drama, 2024, 110 min

Saturday, April 5 • 5:00 pm • WSU, General Lectures 150 Hall, 5045 Anthony Wayne Drive, Detroit

Seven recent films are in competition for your vote for best short film.

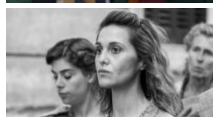


**MY KILLER BUDDY** • Director, Gianluca Santoni, Drama, 2024, 99 min

Saturday, April 5 • 7:30 pm • WSU, General Lectures 150 Hall, 5045 Anthony Wayne Drive, Detroit

Saturday, April 12 • 5:00 pm • MSU, Wells Hall B122, 619 Red Cedar Rd, East Lansing

A ten-year-old boy is on a mission to save his mother from his father's physical abuse. Too small to do it alone, he hires a professional hit man and chooses Secco, who is not a criminal at all, but rather a harmless, unemployed father-to-be.



**THERE'S STILL TOMORROW** • Director, Paola Cortellesi, Drama, 2023, 118 min

Sunday, April 6 • 5:00 pm • Detroit Film Theatre (DIA), 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit

In post WW2 Rome, Delia rises above the daily challenges of family life and dreams for her daughter Marcella to one day have a better life. Delia accepts her fate, until one day a mysterious letter arrives....



**THE COMMANDER** • Director, Edoardo De Angelis, Drama, Historical, 2023, 122 min

Wednesday, April 9 • 7:00 pm • Detroit Film Theatre (DIA), 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit

After a naval battle in 1940, the commander of the submarine *Cappellini* makes a decision that goes down in history.



**A DARK STORY** • Director, Leonardo D'Agostino, Drama, 2024, 100 min

Saturday, April 12 • 5:00 pm • UofM, Rackham Amphitheatre, 915 E Washington St, Ann Arbor

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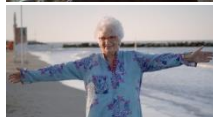
Vito and Carla were separated for a long time when Vito disappears without a trace. Does a singular truth really exist?



**MY PLACE IS HERE** • Directors, Cristiano Bortone and Daniela Porto, Drama, 2024, 110 min

Saturday, April 12 • 7:30 pm • UofM, Rackham Amphitheatre, 915 E Washington St, Ann Arbor

Calabria, 1940. Marta, an unwed mother, is promised in marriage by her father to a man she does not love. She meets Lorenzo and begins to imagine a different world in which she can live with freedom and dignity.



**LILIANA** • Director, Ruggero Gabbai, Documentary, 2024, 97 min

Sunday, April 13 • 4:00 pm • UofM, Rackham Amphitheatre, 915 E Washington St, Ann Arbor

Liliana Segre retraces her extraordinary story, from her deportation to Auschwitz at the age of thirteen, to her nomination in 2018 to Senator for life by President of the Republic Sergio Mattarella.



**THE TRAINERS** • Director, Andrea Jublin, Comedy, 2024, 100 min

Saturday, April 19 • 5:00 pm • Henrichsen Auditorium, Chippewa Valley High School, 18300 19 Mile Rd, Clinton Twp

Pasquale dreams of owning a canine training center. He organizes a class but his flyer ends up being misunderstood by several parents who bring their unruly children to the week-long session instead of their dog.



**A WORLD APART** • Director, Riccardo Milani, Comedy, 2024, 112 min

Saturday, April 19 • 7:30 pm • Henrichsen Auditorium, Chippewa Valley High School, 18300 19 Mile Rd, Clinton Twp

After years of teaching in Rome, Michele moves to a village in the heart of the Abruzzo National Park. But unwelcome news arrives: his new school will be forced to close. Thus begins a race to save the school...whatever it takes!



**DUSE THE GREATEST** • Director, Sonia Bergamasco, Documentary, 2024, 99 min

Saturday, April 26 • 3:00 pm • Schoolcraft College, Kehrl Auditorium of Vistatech Center, 18600 Haggerty Rd, Livonia

A look at the actress Eleonora Duse on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her death in Pittsburgh. La Divina beyond the myth.



**HIGH STAKES** • Director, Giovanni Dota, Comedy, 2024, 84 min

Saturday, April 26 • 5:00 pm • Schoolcraft College, Kehrl Auditorium of Vistatech Center, 18600 Haggerty Rd, Livonia

It's Ferragosto in a practically deserted hospital in Naples. Two nurses, Angelo and Salvatore, make a bet. The stakes are high: the winner gets to take off work during the Christmas holidays. Anything can happen during the night shift!



**TRIFOLE** • Director, Gabriele Fabbro, Drama, 2024, 100 min ♦ *Special appearance by director Gabriele Fabbro* ♦

Saturday, April 26 • 7:30 pm • Schoolcraft College, Kehrl Auditorium of Vistatech Center, 18600 Haggerty Rd, Livonia

Dalia is sent by her mother to a small village in Piedmont to take care of her grandfather, Igor, and his faithful truffle-hunting dog, Birba. She finds he has received an eviction notice. Will she be able to save her grandfather's beloved home?



**THE TIME IT TAKES** • Director, Francesca Comencini, Drama, 2024, 110 min

Sunday, April 27 • 5:00 pm • Detroit Film Theatre (DIA), 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit

During the 1970s, a filmmaker immerses his daughter in the magic of cinema, where chaos meets fantasy. The father is Luigi Comencini, the famous director, who is on the set of his film *Pinocchio*; the daughter is his child Francesca.

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