

Friday, March 31 - April 13, 2017

# The 2017 Italian Film Festival USA of Metro Detroit Opens

**Opening Night, Wednesday, April 5**  
7 p.m. (Detroit Institute of Arts' Detroit Film Theatre, Detroit)

**"Like Crazy," 2016** - Director, Paolo Virzi,  
Comedy, 118 min



Beatrice and Donatella are patients of a women's mental institution. Their friendship brings them to a hilarious escape and the search for a little happiness in the world of the sane. A modern day Thelma and Louise!

**Friday, April 7**

7 p.m. (Chippewa Valley High School, Clinton Township)

**"An Almost Perfect Town," 2015**  
Director, Massimo Gaudioso, Comedy, 92 min.



The residents of a small mountain village are desperate to save their small town. Will their wacky plan succeed?

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Founded in 2005 in St. Louis, Missouri, the Italian Film Festival USA is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that screens, for free, premieres of contemporary award-winning Italian films. With 11 other major metropolitan cities and more than 10,000 viewers, the festival is one of a kind in all the United States.

For more information about the Italian Film Festival USA of Metro Detroit, including sponsorship opportunities, please visit the festival's website [www.italianfilmfests.org](http://www.italianfilmfests.org) or call 248-917-2352.

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**Saturday, April 8**

7 p.m. (Chippewa Valley High School, Clinton Twp.)  
**"Italo," 2014**

Director, Alessia Scarso, Drama, 100 min



Based upon the heart-warming true story of Italo, a stray dog that wandered into a small Sicilian town.

*\*Special appearance by director Scarso*

A special afterglow will take place from 9-11 p.m. at the Italian American Cultural Center, 43843 Romeo Plank, Clinton Township. Includes hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, and film festival retrospective, featuring photos and trivia questions from 10 years of film festivals in Metro Detroit. RSVP by Sunday, April 2 at [detroit@italianfilmfests.org](mailto:detroit@italianfilmfests.org) or (586) 421-3030.

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