

ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL USA

OF MEMPHIS

April 13, 18 & 20, 2024



Come spend an evening in Italy! Enjoy the local premieres of three recent, critically-acclaimed Italian films at the 2024 Italian Film Festival USA of Memphis. All films shown in Italian with English subtitles at the University Center Theatre on the campus of the University of Memphis. Sponsored by the National Italian American Foundation and the University of Memphis. Cultural Partner: Italian Cultural Institute of Chicago.



KIDNAPPED • RAPITO

Saturday, April 13 • 7:00 pm

(Director, Marco Bellocchio, Drama, 2023, 125 min.)

Papal States, 1858. The Pope's soldiers burst into the home of the Mortara family in Bologna's Jewish quarter and, by order of the cardinal, take seven-year-old Edgardo because a maid, believing that he had been on the verge of death, had secretly baptized him as a baby. Edgardo's distraught parents appeal to the international community for the return of their son. Based on the true story of Edgardo Mortara.



THANK YOU GUYS • GRAZIE RAGAZZI

Thursday, April 18 • 7:00 pm

(Director, Riccardo Milani, Comedy, 2022, 117 min.)

Antonio, a passionate but often unemployed actor, takes a job as a teacher for a drama class in a Rome penitentiary. Hesitant at first, he discovers talent in the unlikely company of prisoners and this rekindles his passion for live theatre. He manages to convince the prison warden to stage Samuel Beckett's famous play *Waiting for Godot* in an actual theater. Will a triumphal tour begin?



ZAMORA

Saturday, April 20 • 7:00 pm

(Director, Neri Marcorè, Comedy, 2023, 100 min.)

Walter, an accountant, is forced to transfer from his small town to Milano for work. His boss, who is passionate about soccer, makes the employees engage in weekly soccer games. But Walter, who doesn't like soccer, becomes the hapless goalie and his colleagues rename him "Zamora", sarcastically comparing him to the great Spanish goalkeeper of the 1930s. Feeling betrayed and embarrassed in front of a love interest, Walter devises a plan to take revenge!

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