

ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL USA

of Phoenix

April 12 - 27, 2019



Enjoy the local premieres of six recent Italian films and two programs of short films at the 2019 Italian Film Festival USA of Phoenix. All films shown on the campus of Arizona State University (ASU) in Tempe, the Scottsdale Civic Center Library and Mustang Library. Sponsored by Volpi Foods and ASU's School of International Letters and Cultures. In collaboration with the Italian Cultural Institute of Los Angeles, ASU, Scottsdale Civic Center Library and Mustang Library.



THE VICE OF HOPE • IL VIZIO DELLA SPERANZA

Friday, April 12 • 7:00 p.m. • ASU, Marston Exploration Theatre
(Director, Edoardo De Angelis, Drama, 2018, 96 min.)

Maria lives day to day, without dreams or desires, as she ferries pregnant women across the river, like a modern-day Charon. But hope will pay her a visit, in its most powerful form, as miraculous as life itself, teaching her that staying human is the greatest revolution of all.



MATHERA

Saturday, April 13 • 10:30 a.m. • Mustang Library Auditorium
(Director, Francesco Invernizzi, Documentary, 2019, 90 min.)

A journey to Matera, a troglodyte city once defined as the 'shame of Italy' that, today, has become a desired tourist destination, UNESCO World Heritage Site and the 2019 European Capital of Culture.



RESIN • RESINA

Saturday, April 13 • 1:00 p.m. • Mustang Library Auditorium
(Director, Renzo Carbonera, Drama, 2017, 92 min.)

Young cellist Maria returns to her native Alpine village. Quirino, a member of the local men's choir, asks Maria to help the choir return to its former glory.



THE GIRL IN THE FOG • LA RAGAZZA NELLA NEBBIA

Saturday, April 13 • 3:30 p.m. • Mustang Library Auditorium
(Director, Donato Carrisi, Drama, 2017, 128 min.)

In a small Alpine village, sixteen-year-old Anna Lou disappears. Vogel, a police detective who is famous for using mass media to create a chaos, arrives. There are no clues, no tracks to follow.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM • PROGRAMMA PER BAMBINI

Friday, April 26 • 3:30 p.m. • Mustang Library Auditorium
(Comedy, Drama, Animation, 2018, 95 min.)

A family-friendly program of twelve short films is geared toward an audience of children aged 6-12.

SHORT FILM PROGRAM • PROGRAMMA DI CORTOMETRAGGI

Saturday, April 27 • 10:30 p.m. • Scottsdale Civic Center Library Auditorium
(Comedy, Drama, Animation, 2018, 82 min.)

Seven recent films—*Filmesque*, *Magic Alps*, *Happy Hour*, *SugarLove*, *Day Labor*, *Elvis* and *The World Cup in a Square*—are in competition for your vote for best short film.

AS NEEDED • QUANTO BASTA

Saturday, April 27 • 1:00 p.m. • Scottsdale Civic Center Library Auditorium
(Director, Francesco Falaschi, Comedy, 2018, 92 min.)

Arturo, a talented chef with a troubled past, is assigned to serve community time as a cooking instructor at a school for teenagers with Asperger's syndrome. One of the students, Guido, has great talent and passion for cooking. Will the improbable friendship between the two help Arturo change his life around?

THE STOLEN CARAVAGGIO • UNA STORIA SENZA NOME

Saturday, April 27 • 3:30 p.m. • Scottsdale Civic Center Library Auditorium
(Director, Roberto Andò, Drama, 2018, 110 min.)

Valeria pens anonymous scripts for a successful screenwriter. One day she is approached by a mysterious man who gives her an unusual gift: the plot for her next script. But that plot turns out to be a dangerous one: it is about the mysterious 1969 theft of a famous painting by Caravaggio, *The Nativity*.

FREE admission. For further information, visit www.italianfilmfests.org

