Enjoy the local premieres of seven recent, critically acclaimed Italian films at the 2018 Italian Film Festival USA of Pittsburgh. All films are shown in Italian with English subtitles on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh. Sponsored by Volpi Foods and the Italian Cultural Institute of New York, in collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh.

THE LAST PROSECCO • FINCHÉ C’È PROSECCO C’È SPERANZA
Thursday, April 5 • 7:00 p.m. • Alumni Hall
(Director, Antonio Padovan, Drama, 2017, 102 min.)
A wine-making count, fighting for his territory; a cement factory manager who meets an inexplicable end; a Persian-Italian police inspector: ingredients in a mystery highlighting the conflict between greed and respect for the vineyards, unfolding in the rolling hills of the Veneto region, home to Prosecco grapes.

EARS • ORECCHIE
Friday, April 6 • 7:00 p.m. • Frick Fine Arts Auditorium
(Director, Alessandro Aronadio, Comedy, 2016, 90 min.)
A man wakes up one morning with an annoying ringing sound in his ears and a note on the fridge says: “your friend Luigi has died. P.S. I took the car”. The problem is that he does not even remember who this guy Luigi is. This is just the beginning of a tragicomic day during which he will be plunged into the folly of the world, one of those days that changes your life forever.

THE ORDER OF THINGS • L’ORDINE DELLE COSE
Saturday, April 7 • 7:00 p.m. • Frick Fine Arts Auditorium
(Director, Andrea Segre, Drama, 2017, 112 min.)
Corrado, an agent for the Italian Ministry of the Interior, will soon find himself faced with a choice: respect his orders and the law, or help someone who is in difficulty.

FUNNE, SEA DREAMING GIRLS • FUNNE, LE RAGAZZE CHE SOGNAVANO IL MARE
Wednesday, April 18 • 7:00 p.m. • Frick Fine Arts Auditorium
(Director, Katia Bernardi, Documentary, 2016, 78 min.)
A joyous documentary about discovering new things as it follows a lively group of women on the verge of a grand adventure— “Dreams do not age” is the mantra of the women!

EASY • EASY - UN VIAGGIO FACILE FACILE
Thursday, April 19 • 7:00 p.m. • Frick Fine Arts Auditorium • Special appearance by director Magnani
(Director, Andrea Magnani, Comedy, 2017, 91 min.)
Isidoro is lonely and depressed. His career as a race car driver ended when he gained too much weight and could no longer fit into his car. He is offered an “easy” job: drive a coffin to Ukraine. Can he do it?

FRIENDS BY CHANCE • TUTTO QUELLO CHE VUOI
Friday, April 20 • 7:00 p.m. • Frick Fine Arts Auditorium
(Director, Francesco Bruni, Comedy/Drama, 2017, 116 min.)
Alessandro unwillingly takes a job as an aging poet’s walking companion. Over time, the poet’s failing mind reveals memories of a hidden treasure. Following the clues, Alessandro and his friends take the poet on a trip in search of the treasure, but find the true treasure hidden within their own hearts.

AT WAR FOR LOVE • IN GUERRA PER AMORE
Saturday, April 21 • 7:00 p.m. • Frick Fine Arts Auditorium
(Director, Pierfrancesco Diliberto, Comedy, 2016, 99 min.) • Film Sponsor: Heinz History Center: Italian American Collection
New York City, 1943. Arturo falls in love with Flora, but she’s engaged to the son of a mafia boss. Arturo's only option is to ask Flora’s father for her hand, but he lives in Sicily. Penniless, Arturo enlists in the US Army and takes a “free” trip to Sicily at the start of the Allied invasion.

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