

ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL USA

of Chicago

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Enjoy the local premieres of five acclaimed Italian films at the 2023 Italian Film Festival USA of Chicago. All films shown in Italian with English subtitles. Sponsored by Volpi Foods and the Italian Cultural Institute of Chicago; in collaboration with the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, Eisenhower Public Library and Northbrook Public Library.



NEVIA

Wednesday, April 26 • 5:00 p.m. • Social Science Research Bldg. 122, Univ. of Chicago
(Director, Nunzia De Stefano, Drama, 2019, 86 min.)

Nevia is seventeen, too old to live where she does, and grown up before she's even had the chance to be a child. Tiny and naive, but stubborn, she and her younger sister Enza are being raised by their grandmother and aunt in a container park in Ponticelli.



THE INNOCENTS OF FLORENCE • GLI INNOCENTI DI FIRENZE

Monday, May 22 • 7:00 p.m. • Harris Hall 107, Northwestern University
(Director, David Battistella, Documentary, 2019, 90 min.)

A fascinating look at the history of the Ospedale degli Innocenti, founded in 1446 as a hospital for young mothers and babies, and the restoration of its logo, the painting *The Madonna of the Innocents*. In 2013, the artwork restoration was financed by Jane Fortune of Indianapolis through Advancing Women Artists.



THE CHAMPION • IL CAMPIONE

Thursday, June 22 • 6:30 p.m. • Eisenhower Public Library
(Director, Leonardo D'Agostini, Comedy/Drama, 2019, 105 min.)

Young, talented, and very spoiled, Christian Ferro is "The Champion," a rock star of the soccer world. Valerio, lonely and shy, is the professor who is assigned to the young soccer star to help him pass his high school equivalency exam. The two men could not be more different. But they will learn to lean on each other, generating a bond that will change them.



ASPROMONTE, LAND OF THE FORGOTTEN •

ASPROMONTE, LA TERRA DEGLI ULTIMI

Wednesday, August 23 • 7:00 p.m. • Northbrook Public Library
(Director, Mimmo Calopresti, Drama, 2019, 97 min.)

In 1951, no road connects the small village of Africo in the southern valley of Aspromonte with other towns. In the wake of a tragedy, the inhabitants put aside their work and unite to build a road. But they will have to contend with local mafia leader who is determined to ensure that the town remains cut off and under his control.



THE INVISIBLE WITNESS • IL TESTIMONE INVISIBILE

Wednesday, December 13 • 7:00 p.m. • Northbrook Public Library
(Director, Stefano Mordini, Drama, 2018, 102 min.)

Adriano, a rich industrialist, is charged with murder at an Alpine ski resort. He chooses Virginia Ferrara, a veteran attorney who has never lost a case, to decide the defense strategy. With no alternative, he is forced to tell the full truth to the lawyer. Will he be freed?

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