



ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL USA

of METRO DETROIT April 4 – 21, 2024



Enjoy the local premiere of 14 recent Italian films plus a short film program shown in Italian language with English subtitles at 6 locations: Detroit Institute of Arts, University of Michigan (UofM), Wayne State University (WSU), Michigan State University (MSU), Chippewa Valley High School and Schoolcraft College. Presented under the auspices of the Consulate of Italy in Detroit. **FREE** admission. Visit www.italianfilmfests.org



THANK YOU GUYS • Director, Riccardo Milani, Comedy, 2022, 117 min
Thursday, April 4 • 7:00 pm • Detroit Film Theatre (DIA), 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit
Antonio begins to teach drama in a penitentiary and discovers talent in a group of prisoners. Will a triumphal tour begin?



PERFECT STRANGERS • Director, Paolo Genovese, Comedy, 2016, 97 min
Friday, April 5 • 7:00 pm • WSU, General Lectures 150 Hall, 5045 Anthony Wayne Drive, Detroit
During a dinner party, seven friends play a game sharing their cell phones. How well do we really know those close to us?



SHORT FILM PROGRAM • Comedy, Drama, 2023, 110 min
Friday, April 5 • 7:00 pm • MSU, Wells Hall B122, 619 Red Cedar Rd, East Lansing
Saturday, April 13 • 5:00 pm • Henrichsen Auditorium, Chippewa Valley High School, 18300 19 Mile Rd, Clinton Twp
Eight recent films are in competition for your vote for best short film.



BILLY • Director, Emilia Mazzacurati, Comedy, 2023, 97 min
Saturday, April 6 • 5:00 pm • WSU, General Lectures 150 Hall, 5045 Anthony Wayne Drive, Detroit
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Billy is nineteen and lives with his eccentric mother. A chance meeting with his childhood idol will help him face the future.



LA CHIMERA • Director, Alice Rohrwacher, Drama, 2023, 134 min
Saturday, April 6 • 7:30 pm • WSU, General Lectures 150 Hall, 5045 Anthony Wayne Drive, Detroit
For the band of *tombaroli*, thieves of Etruscan grave relics, the Chimera means the dream of easy wealth. For Arthur, who has a special talent the thieves utilize, the Chimera looks like the woman he loved, Beniamina.



A HUNDRED SUNDAYS • Director, Antonio Albanese, Drama, 2023, 94 min
Saturday, April 6 • 7:30 pm • MSU, Wells Hall B122, 619 Red Cedar Rd, East Lansing
Friday, April 19 • 7:00 pm • Schoolcraft College, Kehrl Auditorium of Vistatech Center, 18600 Haggerty Rd, Livonia
Antonio is overjoyed to use his life savings to pay for his daughter's wedding reception. But is his bank hiding something?



TITINA • Director, Kajsa Næss, Animation, 2022, 91 min
Sunday, April 7 • 5:30 pm • Detroit Film Theatre (DIA), 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit
Italian engineer Umberto Nobile builds an airship to fly over the North Pole with his dog and explorer Roald Amundsen.



ZAMORA • Director, Neri Marcorè, Comedy, 2023, 100 min
Sunday, April 7 • 7:30 pm • MSU, Wells Hall B122, 619 Red Cedar Rd, East Lansing
Walter, an accountant, must take part in employee soccer games and becomes the hapless goalie. Feeling betrayed and embarrassed in front of a love interest, Walter devises a plan to take revenge!



PALAZZINA LAF • Director, Michele Riondino, Drama, 2023, 99 min ♦ *Special appearance by director Michele Riondino* ♦
Thursday, April 11 • 7:00 pm • Detroit Film Theatre (DIA), 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit
Caterino works at the steel mill in Taranto. Company management decides to eliminate problem employees and asks him to spy on co-workers who are then assigned to the LAF building. But what really goes on there? Based on a true story.



WINTER LEMONS • Director, Caterina Carone, Drama, 2023, 110 min
Friday, April 12 • 7:00 pm • Schoolcraft College, Kehrl Auditorium of Vistatech Center, 18600 Haggerty Rd, Livonia
Pietro and Eleonora meet because their two terraces are nearby. Can they take a chance at finding happiness together?



ROMEO IS JULIET • Director, Giovanni Veronesi, Comedy, 2024, 102 min
Saturday, April 13 • 7:30 pm • Henrichsen Auditorium, Chippewa Valley High School, 18300 19 Mile Rd, Clinton Twp
Vittoria is rejected for the role of Juliet; she tries again but as Otto auditioning for the role of Romeo! Can she pull it off?



SALVATORE, THE SHOEMAKER OF DREAMS • Director, Luca Guadagnino, Documentary, 2020, 120 min
Sunday, April 14 • 5:00 pm • Henrichsen Auditorium, Chippewa Valley High School, 18300 19 Mile Rd, Clinton Twp
Salvatore Ferragamo, born in Calabria, immigrated to Los Angeles where he created footwear for silent movie films and celebrities. He returned to Italy and built a fashion empire in Florence. Presented for the *Made in Italy Day*.



A BRIGHTER TOMORROW • Director, Nanni Moretti, Drama, 2023, 95 min
Saturday, April 20 • 5:00 pm • UofM, Lorch Hall, Askwith Auditorium, 611 Tappan St., Ann Arbor
Giovanni, a renowned filmmaker in crisis, is to begin a political film. Can he lead his world towards a brighter tomorrow?



THE DE FILIPPO SIBLINGS • Director, Sergio Rubini, Drama, 2021, 142 min
Saturday, April 20 • 7:30 pm • UofM, Lorch Hall, Askwith Auditorium, 611 Tappan St., Ann Arbor
The story of Eduardo De Filippo, one of Italy's greatest playwrights, and his siblings Titina and Peppino who grew up in the early 1900s in Naples. Their difficult family life gave them a new perspective on theatre.



KIDNAPPED • Director, Marco Bellocchio, Drama, 2023, 125 min
Sunday, April 21 • 5:00 pm • UofM, Lorch Hall, Askwith Auditorium, 611 Tappan St., Ann Arbor
Papal States, 1858. The Pope's soldiers burst into the home of the Mortara family in Bologna's Jewish quarter and take seven-year-old Edgardo because a maid had secretly baptized him. Based on the true story of Edgardo Mortara.

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