

ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL USA

of Kansas City

April 4 – 25, 2024



Enjoy the local premieres of three recent, critically-acclaimed Italian films and a program of short films at the 2024 Italian Film Festival USA of Kansas City. All films shown in Italian with English subtitles at the Student Union Theater, Room 103, on the campus of the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC). Sponsored by the National Italian American Foundation and in collaboration with UMKC. Cultural partner: Italian Cultural Institute of Chicago.



THE DE FILIPPO SIBLINGS • I FRATELLI DE FILIPPO

Thursday, April 4 • 6:30 p.m.

(Director, Sergio Rubini, Drama, 2021, 142 min.)

Naples, early 1900s. Eduardo, Peppino and Titina live with their mother, Luisa De Filippo. There is no father, or rather, he is hiding under the guise of “uncle” Eduardo Scarpetta, the most famous actor and playwright of his time. While Scarpetta did not recognize his children, he introduced them to the theatre and passed on his talent to the trio who gave life to a new way of portraying reality.



PERFECT STRANGERS • PERFETTI SCONOSCIUTI

Tuesday, April 9 • 6:30 p.m.

(Director, Paolo Genovese, Comedy, 2016, 97 min.)

During a dinner party, seven friends decide to play a dangerous game. Each attendee places their cell phone on the table and agrees to make all texts and calls public in an attempt to prove that they have nothing to hide. What at first seems like a playful distraction between friends quickly turns into something else as the messages begin to reveal how little they know about their partners and friends. How well do we really know those close to us?



THANK YOU GUYS • GRAZIE RAGAZZI

Wednesday, April 17 • 6:30 p.m.

(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?



SHORT FILM PROGRAM • PROGRAMMA DI CORTOMETRAGGI

Thursday, April 25 • 6:30 p.m.

(Comedy, Drama, 2023, 110 min.)

Eight recent films—*Recomaterna*, *Il mare che muove le cose*, *Tracce perdute*, *Sky(pe)*, *Menomale*, *Ignoti*, *La neve coprirà tutte le cose* and *Lisianthus*—are in competition for your vote for best short film.



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