

ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL USA

Winter Edition February 12 – March 6, 2021



Enjoy seven Italian films—dramas, comedies and documentaries—and a program of shorts at the 2021 Italian Film Festival USA's online program IFFUSA@Home Winter Edition, presented in the absence of our annual in-person screenings to our 14 city audience: Boston, Boulder, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Memphis, Milwaukee-Madison, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland, Salt Lake City and St. Louis. Films shown in Italian with English subtitles. Sponsored by the Italian Cultural Institute of Chicago, Anton Art Center, Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, National Endowment for the Arts.



NONE LIKE US • NESSUNO COME NOI

Director, Volfango De Biasi, Romantic Drama, 2018, 103 min.

Friday, February 12, 3 pm EST til 3 am EST on February 13

The imperfections of love and its bitter consequences in Turin, Italy, during the '80s, before social networks and smartphones. What happens to your heart when you discover that you're madly in love with your best friend?



SHORT FILM PROGRAM • PROGRAMMA DI CORTOMETRAGGI

Comedy, Drama, Stop-Action, 83 min.

Saturday, February 13, 3 pm EST til 3 am EST on February 15

Eight recent films, with a romantic theme for your Valentine's Day weekend, are in competition for your vote for best short film: *Corkscrewed*, *Maria – A chent'annos*, *Verdiana*, *Solitaire*, *Luce & Me*, *Beats*, *Child Love* and *Thunderbolts and Lightning Strikes*.



RIIONE SANITÀ: THE CERTAINTY OF DREAMS • RIONE SANITÀ: LA CERTEZZA DEI SOGNI

Director, Massimo Ferrari, Documentary, 2020, 58 min.

Friday, February 19, 3 pm EST til 3 am EST on February 20

The civil, economic and cultural rebirth of the Sanità district in Naples, led by Father Antonio Loffredo. Guided catacomb tours, theatre schools, music, sculpture, a new sports center – things that seemed impossible 15 years ago become reality. A choice of culture in contrast to the world of Gomorrah.



EVERYTHING'S GONNA BE ALRIGHT • COSA SARÀ

Director, Francesco Bruni, Drama, 2020, 101 min.

Saturday, February 20, 3 pm EST til 3 am EST on February 21

Bruno's life is in on hold. His films have never been successful and his producer struggles to finance his next project. One day Bruno discovers he has a serious disease and becomes afraid. His father reveals a secret from his past that could give new hope to the man. Loosely based on the director's real life.



IGNORANCE IS BLISS • BEATA IGNORANZA

Director, Massimiliano Bruno, Comedy, 2017, 102 min.

Friday, February 26, 3 pm EST til 3 am EST on February 27

Ernesto and Filippo, two high school teachers, couldn't be more different! Filippo, a cheerful liberal, is constantly online; Ernesto, a stern conservative, is rigorously computerless. They were best friends but an argument kept them apart. Now they are teaching at the same school. Can they be friends again?



VA' SENTIERO: DISCOVERING THE GRAND ITALIAN TRAIL •

VA' SENTIERO: ALLA SCOPERTA DEL SENTIERO ITALIA

Director, Andrea Buonopane, Documentary, 2020, 50 min.

Saturday, February 27, 3 pm EST til 3 am EST on March 1

Seven young men and women set off to discover the Sentiero Italia, which, at over 4000 miles, is one of the longest trails in the world. Let's join them on their six-month journey as they trek the first part of the trail from Muggia to Visso, through the stunning Alps and Apennines. Enjoy spectacular scenery, meet interesting locals, discover charming mountain villages and rustic lodges. Are you with us?



ONLY THE LIVING CAN DIE • SI MUORE SOLO DA VIVI

Director, Alberto Rizzi, Comedy, 2020, 95 min.

Friday, March 5, 3 pm EST til 3 am EST on March 6

Orlando is a solitary and unambitious man who lives on the banks of the Po River. But an earthquake rocks his world forcing him to take his life back into his own hands. The need to take care of his niece, rekindle an old love and bring his band back together will make him discover the beauty of life.



THE SOUND OF THE VOICE • IL SUONO DELLA VOCE

Director, Emanuela Giordano, Documentary, 2019, 66 min.

Saturday, March 6, 3 pm EST til 3 am EST on March 7

This film recounts the long, international tour of singer Tosca (Tiziana Tosca Donati). In each city there is a concert, interesting discoveries, unexpected meetings, guests who discuss local culture and enchanting musical duets. It is a meeting of ideas and different cultures united in music.

FREE online screenings.

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