

ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL USA OF PORTLAND

April 12-14 & 19-21, 2024



Enjoy nine recent Italian films and one program of short films at the 2024 Italian Film Festival USA of Portland. Films shown in Italian with English subtitles at Fifth Avenue Cinema, 510 SW Hall Street, on the campus of Portland State University, and the Lincoln High School Theatre, 1750 SW Salmon St. Sponsored by the National Italian American Foundation, Caffè Umbria, Gallo Nero, Italian Benvenuti Club, Mucca Osteria, Nicoletta's Table, Nostrana and Pinolo Gelato; in collaboration with the Associazione Culturale Italiana and Portland State University. Cultural Partner: Italian Cultural Institute of San Francisco.



ROMEO IS JULIET • ROMEO È GIULIETTA • Director, Giovanni Veronesi, Comedy, 2024, 102 min.

Friday, April 12 • 7:00 p.m. ♦ Lincoln High School Theatre ♦ *Film Sponsor: Italian Benvenuti Club*

Young actress Vittoria is humiliated by a director during an audition for the role of Juliet; she tries again but under a false identity...as Otto auditioning for the role of Romeo! Can she pull it off?



PERFECT STRANGERS • PERFETTI SCONOSCIUTI • Director, Paolo Genovese, Comedy, 2016, 97 min.

Saturday, April 13 • 6:00 p.m. ♦ Lincoln High School Theatre

During a dinner party, seven friends play a game. Each places their cell phone on the table and makes all texts and calls public to prove they have nothing to hide. How well do we really know those close to us?



ZAMORA • Director, Neri Marcorè, Comedy, 2023, 100 min.

Saturday, April 13 • 8:15 p.m. ♦ Lincoln High School Theatre

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!



WINTER LEMONS • I LIMONI D'INVERNO • Director, Caterina Carone, Drama, 2023, 110 min.

Sunday, April 14 • 4:00 p.m. ♦ Lincoln High School Theatre ♦ *Film Sponsor: Mucca Osteria*

Pietro and Eleonora are strangers who only meet because their two terraces are close to each other. Can the two take a chance at finding happiness?



SALVATORE, SHOEMAKER OF DREAMS • SALVATORE, IL CALZOLAIO DEI SOGNI

Director, Luca Guadagnino, Documentary, 2020, 120 min.

Sunday, April 14 • 6:15 p.m. ♦ Lincoln High School Theatre ♦ *Film Sponsor: Nostrana*

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 headquartered in Florence. Film in honor of the "Made in Italy" Day.



THE DE FILIPPO SIBLINGS • I FRATELLI DE FILIPPO • Director, Sergio Rubini, Drama, 2021, 142 min.

Friday, April 19 • 7:00 p.m. ♦ 5th Avenue Cinema ♦ *Film Sponsor: Gallo Nero*

Eduardo De Filippo, one of Italy's greatest playwrights, and his siblings Titina and Peppino grew up in the early 1900s in Naples. Their difficult family life gave them a new perspective on theatre.



BAD CONSCIENCE • CATTIVA COSCIENZA • Director, Davide Minnella, Comedy, 2023, 110 min.

Saturday, April 20 • 6:00 p.m. ♦ 5th Avenue Cinema ♦ *Film Sponsor: Nicoletta's Table*

Filippo is a classic good guy and faithful fiancé to Luisa. Is it possible to be so perfect? Yes, if you have a conscience like Otto that controls your every move. One day, however, Otto arrives late at his workstation...



THANK YOU GUYS • GRAZIE RAGAZZI • Director, Riccardo Milani, Comedy, 2022, 117 min.

Saturday, April 20 • 8:15 p.m. ♦ 5th Avenue Cinema ♦ *Film Sponsor: Caffè Umbria*

Antonio takes a job as a drama teacher in a penitentiary and discovers talent in an unlikely company of prisoners. He convinces the warden to stage a play at an actual theatre. Will a triumphal tour begin?



SHORT FILM PROGRAM • Comedy, Drama, 2023, 110 min.

Sunday, April 21 • 4:00 p.m. ♦ 5th Avenue Cinema

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.



KIDNAPPED • RAPITO • Director, Marco Bellocchio, Drama, 2023, 125 min.

Sunday, April 21 • 6:00 p.m. ♦ 5th Avenue Cinema ♦ *Film Sponsor: Pinolo Gelato*

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, believing that when he was a baby he had been on the verge of death, had secretly baptized him. Based on the true story of Edgardo Mortara.



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