

THE BEST OF THE NEW YORK CITY GREEK FILM FESTIVAL IN ATLANTA

Fact Sheet

The “Best of the NYC Greek Film Festival In Atlanta” is a showcase of contemporary Greek cinema. It is organized by “Lykion Ton Ellinidon,” a 501(c)(3) non-profit education and cultural organization dedicated to preserving Hellenic traditions through folklore, dance, music, song, costume, language, handicrafts, and customs.

In partnership with the New York City Greek Film Festival, the local organizers have brought the best films of that renowned film festival to Atlanta. This is the second annual film festival.

Tickets

Tickets to individual films are \$12. A “Film Lover’s” package is available that includes all screenings for \$75 and a “Festival Pass” for \$100 which includes one ticket to each film and short, one ticket to the closing reception, plus a festival commemorative poster. Tickets are available online at www.ticketalternative.com

Location

Goodrich C. White Hall
Emory University
301 Downman Drive
Atlanta, GA 30322
Parking is free.

Film Schedule

Love Struck ("Apo Erotas")

Friday, November 6 - 7:30pm

Trailer: https://youtu.be/zqh_q-0kBHE

Running Time: 1 hour 44 minutes

Awards: ‘Audience Award’ of OTE TV at the Hellenic Film Academy Awards 2015.

A love story with unpredictable twists and turns between perception and reality, love and its complications and the faults of human nature. Lovestruck is a romantic tale with a twist.

Following this film will be an opening night gathering at Marlow’s Tavern at Emory Pointe beginning at 9:30.

Kisses to the Children

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/QfRWVjtQMGs>

Saturday, November 7 - 3:00pm

Running time: 1 hour 55 minutes

In this enthralling documentary, five Greek-Jewish children, who were saved by Christian families during the German Occupation, five "hidden children" who lived in total silence, tell their stories. Stories of terror, anguish, and confusion but also stories of salvation and carefree childhood into the arms of strangers. Secret Gardens of Eden, nests of love away from the horror of the Holocaust. Five children were forced to mature abruptly. Rosina, Iossif, Eftyhia, Shelly and Marios grew old, carrying the memory of thousands of children, those who were never given the time to grow up.

At Home ("Sto Spiti")

Saturday, November 7 - 5:30pm

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/RRp57bjkCZY>

Running time: 1 hour 43 minutes

Awards: Maria Callimani, Best Actress, 2015, Hellenic Film Academy

For many years, Nadja has worked as a housekeeper for an upper class Greek couple. When she's diagnosed with a serious illness, and the man of the house runs into financial difficulties due to the economic crisis, Nadja loses her job.

Xenia

Saturday, November 7 - 8:00pm

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/gaZ3mOod9hk>

Running Time: 2 hours 14 minutes

Awards: 'Best Picture', 'Best Director', 'Best Screenplay', 'Best Actor in a Supporting Role', 'Best Editing' and 'Best Costume Design' at the Hellenic Film Academy Awards 2015

After the death of their mother, Dany, 16, leaves Crete to join his older brother, Odysseas, who lives in Athens. Born of an Albanian mother and a Greek father they never met, the two brothers, strangers in their own country, decide to go to Thessaloniki to look for their father and force him to officially recognize them.

For Mature Audiences.

A Family Affair

Sunday, November 8 - 1:30pm

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/LAcY6uESCO8>

Running Time: 1 hour 28 minutes

Awards: 'Best Documentary' at the Hellenic Film Academy Awards 2015

The film follows the Xylouris family, Greece's most famous musical clan, for a period of two years as it travels from Crete to Melbourne and back, on a gruelling concert tour and an attempt to deal with the spiralling difficulties of the musical profession.

Stories of Love and Life (A selection of short films)

Sunday, November 8 - 3:30pm

Trailer (Irene and Marie): <https://youtu.be/bP88TiykHSc>

A program of short subjects, ranging from the trivial to the sublime!

Running time: 110 minutes

Shorts include:

"BUTTERFLY" - A little boy's return to school following the death of his mother.

"CURE" - Director: Ifigenia Dimitriou

The new head of Public Service terrorizes employees and establishes new strict "rules" of operating, in order to "cure" the current dysfunctional system. On her first day, a series of "tragicomic" events take place and chaos ensues, creating an adventure full of twists and turns. A hilarious satire on Greek civil servants.

"FOREVER YOUNG" - Director: Spiros Charalambous

The first time hurts. So does the last one. A wonderful story about a young man's visit to a brothel.

"IRENE & MARIE" - Director: Alex Thompson

Olympia Dukakis and Rose Gregorio play Greek-American women in their 70s who create stories to avoid the realities of growing older.

Committed

Sunday, November 8 - 6:00pm

Trailer: https://youtu.be/4_yHiszzLpg

Running time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Committed is the first feature film written and directed by Stelana Kliris. The story follows a man who has just proposed to his girlfriend and who takes off, pressured and terrified by the idea of marriage, taking his problems on the road. It is then that he crosses paths with a runaway bride, who has just escaped her own wedding.

The screenplay explores the fear and also joy, security and panic that the tradition of marriage and timeless ideas such as love and commitment are known to create. It takes two people as its case study, but pushes its subjects to discover universal themes that we can all relate to, and they do all the questioning and truth unraveling to us.

Comedy/Drama (2014)

This film is in English.

It's a Wrap! Festival Closing Reception

Sunday, November 8 - 7:45pm

Emory's Oxford Road Building - 3rd Floor Living Room

Please join us for a celebration of the 2nd Annual Best of The New York City Greek Film Festival in Atlanta"

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