



LOS ANGELES GREEK FILM FESTIVAL

**LOS ANGELES GREEK FILM FESTIVAL WILL SCREEN "AMERICA AMERICA"
AS PART OF ELIA KAZAN TRIBUTE**

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Los Angeles, CA (April, 2013) - The Seventh Annual Los Angeles Greek Film Festival (June 6-9) has announced that it will screen Elia Kazan's 1963 Oscar-winning drama "AMERICA AMERICA" as its Centerpiece Film on Friday, June 7th at the Writers Guild Theater in Beverly Hills. AMERICA AMERICA will be introduced by HBO's President of Miniseries & Cinemax Programming and LAGFF board member, Kary Antholis.

Loosely based on Kazan's Greek uncle's story, AMERICA AMERICA is about one young man's struggles as he emigrates from Anatolia to America in 1893.

"We are very excited to be able to screen this epic masterpiece on the 50th anniversary of its first release for a generation that has not had the pleasure of experiencing it in the cinema," states Ersi Danou, LAGFF's Creative Director and Co-Founder. "It has been a dream of ours to celebrate Kazan's work, and this seems to be the right moment. And we are grateful to Kary Antholis for shedding light on Kazan's roots and connecting his creative genius with our own history and the history of our ancestors as immigrants," added Danou.

"When I read Elia Kazan's memoir a quarter of a century ago, I related deeply to his perspective on the world... to his immigrant's soul, as he might put it. As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Kazan's most personal work, AMERICA AMERICA, it is a privilege to curate Kazan's own insights into the experiences of a Greek immigrant to the United States and to offer context to the way these insights shaped his masterpiece," states Antholis.

AMERICA AMERICA won the 1963 Academy Award for Best Art Direction, Black-and-White (Gene Callahan) and was nominated for three other Oscars (Best Director - Elia Kazan, Best Picture - Elia Kazan, and Best Writing, Story and Screenplay, Written Directly for the Screen - Elia Kazan). In 2001 the film was classified as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant" and was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress.

The screening is part of the Festival's Tribute to Elia Kazan, which began with the previously announced screening of one of his lesser known films, MAN ON A TIGHTROPE (1953), on April 20th on the 20th Century Fox lot, the Zanuck Theater

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BOX OFFICE for LAGFF is now open for Gold Pass Membership purchases online at <http://www.itsmyseat.com/events/899412.html> through June 4. Gold Pass Membership includes attendance at the Opening night screening and reception as well as an exclusive invitation to the closing night Orpheus Awards Gala, plus all-access and priority seating to all screenings and events.

ABOUT LAGFF

The Los Angeles Greek Film Festival showcases new films from Greek filmmakers worldwide. Our foremost goal is to promote Greek Cinema and cultural exchange while bridging the gap between Greek filmmakers and Hollywood. Orpheus Awards are given to the most outstanding new films in the dramatic, documentary and short film categories.

Now in our seventh year, Los Angeles Greek Film Festival (LAGFF) is witnessing a new wave of Greek Cinema emerging from an irreverent generation of young filmmakers who insist on breaking ties with past trends and seeing things in their own unique way. The results are impressive and include recognition in global film circles such as the Cannes, Venice and Sundance Film Festivals. Our place as a center for Greek filmmakers from around the world is taking on new significance as we assume an active role not only in reflecting the blossoming of Greek Cinema but also in promoting modern Greek culture by highlighting its hidden treasures and roots.

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LAGFF also welcomes the return of our Bronze Patrons, which include *Hollywood Foreign Press Association* and *West Coast Investors*.

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