

Congratulations to the Los Angeles Greek Film Festival!

We are grateful for the incredible work and dedication that the festival team, its founders, volunteers and filmmakers have shown throughout the years. They are true champions of the Hellenic arts and culture.

The enthusiasm and financial support of people that love film and the arts in the Greek and greater Los Angeles community is essential for the festival to continue to flourish and build a beautiful, enduring legacy.

May the LAGFF forever continue to be a light of Hellenic culture in Los Angeles and throughout the world!

With best wishes from the Kolovos family,

George, Tina, Peter, Sole, Konstalena Maria-Elena, Brett, Akylas and Ioni

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It is with great pleasure to welcome you at the 17th edition of the Los Angeles Greek Film Festival. I would like to congratulate the organizers for setting up a rich and diverse lineup of films and events, featuring world premieres, West Coast premieres, workshops and panels, as well as a virtual program of screenings, following the festival.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the LAGFF 2023 participants, talented filmmakers from Greece and Cyprus and international filmmakers of Greek descent.

LAGFF is a major cultural event for our community, attracting not only Greek-Americans, but also cinephiles from different areas and organizations. This festival is always a much-awaited celebration of cinema, a well-established institution that promotes Greek talent and creativity. It is also a live networking platform that facilitates Greek filmmakers meet with industry professionals, and an incubator for new films and projects.

This year there's another reason to be excited about LAGFF, as the festival expands its mission and scope of action with an ambitious agenda under the umbrella program Global Greek Film Initiative (GGFI). GGFI is strategically designed to establish an array of new annual programs to promote cultural exchange between Greece, USA and the Hellenic Diaspora, aspiring to become the North American hub and global one-stop collective for Greek film programs and initiatives. We wholeheartedly welcome this new endeavor and we look forward to its fruitful outcome.

Greeting message by the Consul General of Greece in Los Angeles, Ioannis Stamatekos, for the 17th Los Angeles Greek Film Festival

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Dca able on our platform, while showcasing the full spectrum of film production with Fiction Feature Films, Short Films, Documentaries and Animation. Over 45 filmmakers are attending the festival supporting their films and networking. Films are the backbone of our festival, but it is our Masterclasses and Workshops that make it special. The George Pelecanos Masterclass, the Cinematherapy Session with Denise Nikolakou, the discussion between the Greek Society of Cinematographers and the Local 600 from Hollywood, and the Filmmakers' Guidelines for the International Market, make these a unique 9 days in Los Angeles.

Honoring acclaimed author and showrunner George Pelecanos is certainly a highlight of the 17th LAGFF and we are very excited to establish a collaboration with LA City College which is hosting the Pelecanos Masterclass. This year LAGFF is reaching out even more and widening our horizons. We have established a collaboration with the Drama International Film Festival in the "Drama is travelling to LAGFF" program. DISFF is one of the top European Short Film Festivals and we are honored to bring the festivals together, director Yannis Sakaridis is attending this year's festival. The inaugural Fellowship of student filmmakers is a reality with Despina Mavridou and Kalliopi Arabatrzi visiting and enjoying the festival while supporting their winning film HUSSIES, while the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki professor of screenwriting Panos Iosifelis is also here. Our strong collaboration with the UCLA Stavros Niarchos Foundation for the Study of Hellenic Culture, the Loyola Marymount University Bellarmine College, and the 10-year long internship program, the Basil. P. Caloyeras Center for Modern Greek Studies at LMU, all collaborations continue bearing fruit.

Global Greek Film Initiative (GGFI), our new initiative launched by LAGFF only late last year, is strategically designed to establish an array of new annual programs to promote cultural exchange between Greece, the US and the Hellenic Diaspora, service opportunities for employment and economic growth within Greece.

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing staff and volunteers and sponsors that make this festival what it is and would not exist without their efforts and support.

Looking forward to an even stronger 18th film festival in LA, with more collaborative partners and solid films of Greek origin. While we pay close attention to the theatrical vs. virtual current challenges, nothing can replace the theatrical viewing experience, the networking, connections making, and brainstorming that this film festival and its engaged filmmakers bring to the table. A celebration of the art of cinema.

A Message from LAGFF Director, Aris

Films, Filmmakers, Masterclasses, Workshops, events, and yes!

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George Pelecanos Masterclass

Are you an aspiring or emerging filmmaker? Don't miss a unique opportunity to participate in a masterclass with novelist, screenwriter, director, producer, and showrunner George Pelecanos at Los Angeles City College, on Sunday, June 4, 2023. Filmmaker and educator Joe Petricca will moderate.

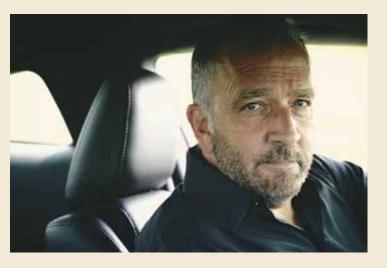
Free and open to the public. Registration requested.





George Pelecanos Tribute

Novelist, screenwriter, film and television producer, George Pelecanos, will receive the 2023 Honorary Orpheus Award at the Festival's Opening Night Ceremony on June 3rd on the UCLA campus in the James Bridges Theater in collaboration with the UCLA Stavros Niarchos Foundation Center for the Study of Hellenic Culture. Pelecanos' longtime collaborator, producer and former HBO Executive, Kary Antholis, will be on hand to present the award.



recipient of the Raymond Chandler award in Italy, the Falcon award in Japan, and the Grand Prix Du Roman Noir in France. *Hell to Pay* and Soul Circus were awarded the 2003 and 2004 Los Angeles Times Book Prizes. The Turnaround won the Hammett Prize for literary excellence in the field of crime writing. His fiction has appeared in Playboy, Esquire, and the collections Unusual Suspects, Best American Mystery Stories of 1997, Measures of Poison, Best American Mystery Stories of 2002, Men From Boys, and Murder at the Foul Line. He served as editor on the collections D.C. Noir and D.C. Noir 2: The *Classics*, as well as *The Best Mystery Stories of 2008*. He is an award-winning essayist who has written for The New York Times, The New Yorker, The Washington Post, GQ, Sight and Sound, Uncut, Mojo, and numerous other publications. Esquire magazine called him "the poet laureate of the D.C. crime world." In Entertainment Weekly, Stephen King wrote that Pelecanos is "perhaps the greatest living American crime writer." Pelecanos would like to point out that Mr. King used the word "perhaps." Pelecanos was a producer, writer, and story editor for the acclaimed HBO dramatic series, The Wire, winner of the Peabody Award, the AFI Award, and the Edgar. He was nominated for an Emmy for his writing on that show. He was a writer and co-producer on the World War II miniseries *The Pacific*, and was a writer and executive producer on the HBO series *Treme*. He co-created and was showrunner on HBO's *The Deuce*. His most recent show for HBO was the limited series We Own This City, on which he served as co-creator, writer, and showrunner. He was a producer and director of DC Noir, a feature film he wrote based on his short stories. Pelecanos lives in Silver Spring, Maryland and wherever he is shooting film. He is at work on his next project.



George Pelecanos was born in Washington, D.C. He worked as a line cook, dishwasher, bartender, and woman's shoe salesman before publishing his first novel in 1992. Pelecanos is the author of twenty-one books set in and around Washington, D.C.: A Firing Offense, Nick's Trip, Shoedog, Down By the River Where the Dead Men Go, The Big Blowdown, King Suckerman, The Sweet Forever, Shame the Devil, Right as Rain, Hell to Pay, Soul Circus, Hard Revolution, Drama City, The Night Gardener, The Turnaround, The Way Home, The Cut, What It Was, The Double, The Martini Shot and The Man Who Came Uptown. He has been the





Black Stone



Greece | 2022 | 87 min | LA Premiere

A documentary crew stumbles on Haroula, a desperate, overprotective Greek mother in search of her son, who is accused of fraud. Haroula, accompanied by her other son, who is disabled, and a Greek-African taxi driver, sets out to bring him back home where he belongseven if this means Haroula will discover who her son really is.

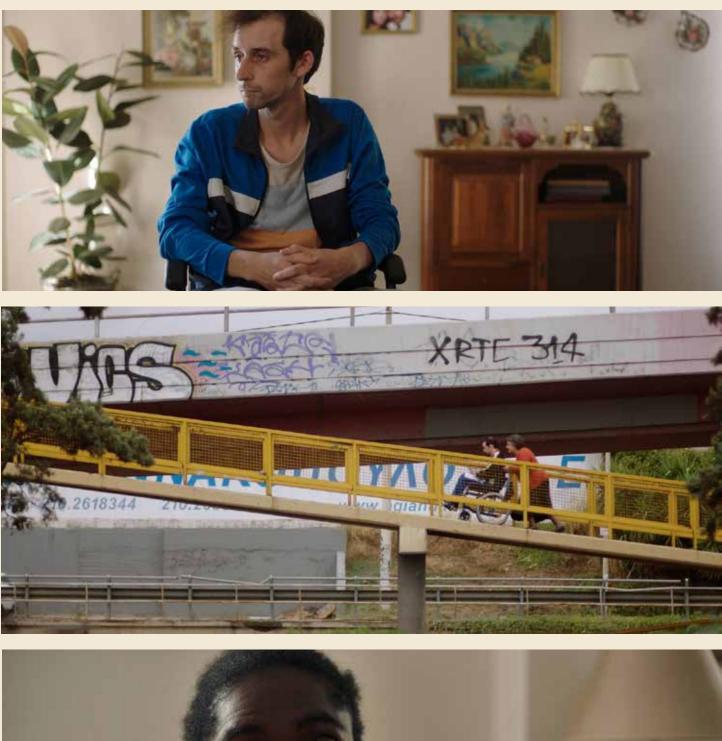
Director: Spiros Jacovides
Writer: Spiros Jacovides, Ziad Semaan
Producer: Maria Kontogianni
Cast: Eleni Kokkidou, Julio George Katsis, Kevin Zans Ansong, Achilleas Chariskos



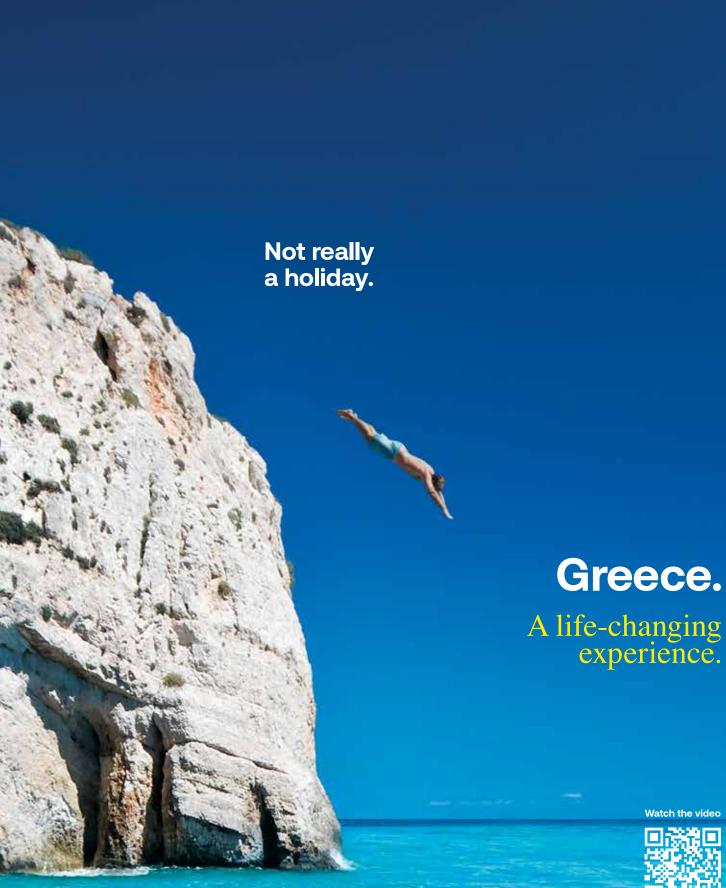
Spiros Jacovides studied directing at Stavrakou Film School and Film Studies at the London College of Printing and was a guest student at the German Film and Television Academy Berlin (DFFB). He has worked as an assistant director on TV commercials and currently, writes, produces, and directs web ads, short docs, corporate videos. He has written and directed three short films. *Black Stone* is his first feature film.

Spiros Jacovides

2022 Thessaloniki International Film Festival - Best Newcomer Director, 4 Audience Awards 2023 Trieste Film Festival - Special Mention of the Jury Award, Audience Awards 2023 The Greek Film Festival in Berlin - Emerging Greeks Award 2023 Nominated for seven Iris Awards







Listen (Akouse Me)



Greece-Bulgaria, 2022, 108 min, LA Premiere

Financial upheaval forces a sixteen-year-old deaf girl to leave her progressive Athens school and return to her father's struggling island, where she is confronted by the danger of prejudice and intolerance-including, most shockingly, her own.

Director: Maria Douza Writer: Maria Douza Producer: Michael Sarantinos, Ivan Tonev **Cinematographer:** Zaphiris Epaminondas Editor: Ioanna Pogiantzi Music: Anna Stereopoulou Cast: Efthalia Papacosta, Dimitris Kitsos, Yorgos Pyrpasopoulos, Yoana Bukovska Davidova, Nikos Koukas, Vangelio Andreadaki



Maria Douza is a Greek film director who studied in Athens and England. She has directed several documentaries and feature films, including *The Tree and the* Swing and Listen. She is currently working on her next project, End Point, a feature film about the destructive nature of war.

2023 Dhaka International Film Festival - Women Filmmakers Section - Best Feature Film Award 2023 Sofia Film Festival 2023 The Greek Film Festival in Berlin 2022, Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival 2022, Thessaloniki International Film Festival 2022, Cairo International Film Festival 2022 WIFT GR Film Festival



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Orpheus Awards 2023

FEATURE

Orpheus Award Winner: Listen by Maria Douza

Special Jury Award: Iman by Corinna Avraamidou, Kyriacos Tofarides

Audience Award: Black Stone by Spiros Jacovides

BEST DIRECTOR Orpheus Award Winner: Panos Koutras for Dodo

BEST DIRECTOR Honorable Mention: Spiros Jacovides for Black Stone

BEST PERFORMANCE Orpheus Award Winner: Efthalia Papacosta for her role in *Listen*

BEST PERFORMANCE Honorable Mention: Stephanie Atala for her role in *Iman*

DOCUMENTARY

Orpheus Award Winner: The Other Half by Giorgos Moutafis

Honorable Mention: *Queen of the Deuce* by Valerie Kontakos

Audience Award: Venizelos: the Struggle for Asia Minor by Nikos Dayandas

SHORT FILM

Orpheus Award Winner: *Pebble* by Karina Logothetis

Honorable Mention: 5pm Seaside by Valentin Stejskal

Special Jury Award: Air Hostess-737 by Thanasis Neofotistos

Audience Award: Share For Me by Alexander Georges

ANIMATION

Orpheus Award Winner: *My Mother the* Sea Director/animator: Aspasia Kazeli

Honorable Mention: Trojan Horace by Scott Graham

Juror Bios



Adam Montgomery is senior manager of programming for the Sundance Film Festival, where has overseen the selection process since 2005, with over 14,000 submissions received annually. In addition to programming feature films and documentaries, Adam also programs the Festival's Midnight section and lends his past experience in television development to Sundance's Indie Episodic program. Prior to joining the Institute, he spent five years at Imagine Entertainment, where he worked on acclaimed series such as *Arrested Development* and 24. From 2014–2017, he served as director of programming for CIMMfest, a film and music festival based in Chicago.



David Derks is an executive at Paramount, working alongside Paramount+, Showtime, MTV, BET, Comedy Central, TV Land, CMT, Awesomeness TV, and Nickelodeon. A member of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences and the Society of Composers and Lyricists, David is producer of digital content for EuroPacific Films. He is also currently the CEO and president of the La Mirada Symphony and vice president of ASIFA-Hollywood. He was previously at Twentieth Television and ABC Studios and was on the studio teams for projects such as Desperate Housewives, LOST, Alias, Grey's Anatomy, According to Jim, Jimmy Kimmel Live, Divorce Court, Judge Alex, The New Ricki Lake Show, and Dish Nation, as well as television miniseries like Muppets' Wizard of Oz and Stephen King's Kingdom Hospital. Additionally, David's online Web comic String Theory Cartoons looks at the lighter side of life.

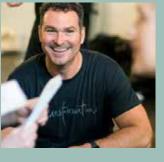


Angelo Hatgistavrou, or Angelo "Hat" for short, is a Los Angeles-based animation director, producer, and writer. He has worked as a supervising director for series at Netflix and Amazon and as a consulting director for Fox. His work has been nominated at the Annie Awards and has been shown at the Annecy International Animation Film Festival. Other notable studios he has worked with include Adult Swim, Cartoon Network, Warner Brothers, Comedy Central, and Disney. Outside of the animation industry, he enjoys making his own absurd animated films, one of which was recently licensed by FX. Through his production company, Ionian Productions Inc, he plans on developing original content by himself and others, with an emphasis on harnessing and expanding personal experiences.



Anthony Yooshin Kim, a Korean-American storyteller hailing from the San Francisco Bay Area, is presently in digital programming and curation at American Documentary, the producer of the critically acclaimed nonfiction film series POV and America ReFramed. He is also crafting his debut collection of essays, Motions of Search, which frames Korean diasporic history and culture through its entanglements with perpetual war, national division, and authoritarian governance. Anthony earned a doctorate in literature from the University of California, San Diego, and he previously served as visiting faculty in American Studies at Williams College. In his

spare time, Anthony is an avid long-distance runner and can out-Sinatra anyone under the table at karaoke.



Hugh O'Gorman is an actor, director, author, and teaching-artist active in professional theater for over 30 years. Since 2002, he has been the head of acting at California State University Long Beach, where he oversees the BA, BFA, and MFA actor training programs. Hugh is the author of *Acting* Action: A Primer for Actors and The Keys to Acting. He is a faculty member of MICHA: the Michael Chekhov Association, as well as MCE Michael Chekhov Europe, and he runs his own acting studio in Los Angeles, The Praxis Studio. He is a co-executive director of the National Alliance of Acting Teachers. Hugh has appeared on Broadway, Off-Broadway, Off-Off-Broadway and at over a dozen of the nation's regional theaters and Shakespeare festivals. He is a founding member of New York City's Mint Theatre Company. Hugh portrayed Jeff Singer on AMC's Remember WENN. His other television appearances include John Adams, Still Standing, That's *Life, The 10th Kingdom, Law & Order* and *ER*, and his films include *Killers, Upstate,* and *The Bend*. Hugh earned a BA from Cornell and an MFA in Acting from the University of Washington. www. hughogorman.com



Jenna Suru is an auteur and programmer based in Paris. Suru kickstarted MIP x Canneseries Connection and runs the Paris International Film Festival (PIFF). In six years, Jenna has grown PIFF to an eight-day annual celebration of cinema at Le Champo, screening more than 100 films and television series from around the world. Under the label of her company Belle Époque Films, Jenna has created scripted and unscripted comedy content, working with actors such as Robert Sheehan and distributors such as StudioCanal and Pathé Films. Jenna's auteur debut, L'Age d'Or screened at Cinequest in San Jose, California. parisintlfest.com



José Garcia Moreno was born in Mexico City and studied at the Film and TV School of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague (FAMU). He completed his education with an MFA at UCLA. During the 1980s, he was the producer and creative director of radio stations in Mexico City. His films have been screened and awarded in film festivals around the world, and he has received the Fulbright Scholarship and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Grant. He has served as chair of the animation department at Loyola Marymount University, and in 2012, he was appointed to the Loyola Marymount University Strategic Planning Committee and also chair of the

Strategic Committee for Internationalization. In 2020, he was appointed director of the Academy of Catholic Thought and Imagination (ACTI) at Loyola Marymount. In 2023, his film Long Is the Way to Heaven was programmed at the Annecy International Film Festival "as part of the history of Mexican animation and its legacy."



Valorie Massalas co-produced and cast the acclaimed *Gods and Monsters*, nominated for three Oscars, including Ian McKellan for best actor, Lynn Redgrave for best supporting actress, and Bill Condon for best screenplay. The movie also won Best Feature Film of the Year from Independent Spirit Awards. In *Chaplin*, Massalas cast Robert Downey Jr., who received an Oscar nomination. For her work on *Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story* produced by Barbra Streisand and Glenn Close, she won the Artios Award, the Casting Society of America's highest honor. In Amazing Stories, Massalas cast for various directors including Steven

Spielberg, Martin Scorsese, and Clint Eastwood. Soon after, she cast Sharon Stone in Total Recall, directed by Paul Verhoeven. In 2005, Massalas joined with Ron Digman to cast feature films, including Obsessed, Walking Madison, Into Temptation, and the TV movie, Outlaw Prophet, produced by Craig Zadan and Neil Meron.



Michael F.X. Daley is a television writer whose credits include *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* and *Reaper*, for which he wrote the series finale. He's worked for Netflix on *Maniac*, HBO on *The Leftovers* and *Big Love*, ABC on Secrets and Lies and Resurrection, TNT on Murder in the First, STARZ on Boss, NBC on Crossing Jordan, Comedy Central on That's My Bush! And FOX on *The X-Files*. Michael has an M.F.A. in Screenwriting from Loyola Marymount University, where he now teaches screenwriting and serves as the graduate director for the Writing and Producing for Television program. He's writing a book titled The Writers Took Television, interviewing TV show

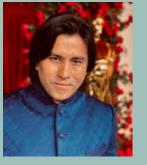
runners including Norman Lear, Carol Mendelsohn, Chris Carter, Damon Lindelof, Tom Spezialy, and Vince Gilligan. He originally hails from Syracuse, New York, where he got his BA in English Communication from Le Moyne College.



Patricia K. Meyer, a screenwriter, producer, and educator, has sold and written numerous feature screenplays, from dark comedy to true crime drama, for Martin Scorsese, Robert De Niro, and major studios. In addition, she has written network miniseries and movies-of-the-week, as well as an original drama pilot for CBS. Meyer launched her career by optioning Gloria Naylor's novel, *The Women of Brewster Place*, which she produced as mini-series starring Oprah Winfrey. Next, she executive produced Nora Ephron's feature directorial debut, *This Is My Life*. Following a decade teaching screenwriting at the AFI Conservatory, Meyer has enjoyed serving for seven years as associate clinical professor and graduate director of screenwriting at Loyola Marymount University's School of Film and Television. In 2019 she was named one of the top film educators in the country by *Variety*. Meyer is a member of the Writers Guild of America and the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. She earned a BA in History and Literature from Harvard University and an MFA in Fiction Writing from Boston University. www.patriciakmeyerwriter.com



Richard Ray Pérez "Rick" Pérez (he/him/his) is the former executive director of the International Documentary Association (IDA), where he oversaw all IDA programs and operations, including filmmaker services, funding, educational programs, and the IDA Awards. Prior to leading IDA, Pérez was director of creative partnerships at Sundance Institute, where he developed, designed, and led artist-based filmmaking programs. As a filmmaker, Pérez directed and executive produced the feature documentary Cesar's Last Fast, a project that premiered in US Competition at the Sundance Film Festival and which the New York Times recognized as one of 20 essential films that capture the Latinx experience.



er with more than 15 years of experience in the global film and series industry. He's worked with top studios in the United States, India, Sweden, Germafocusing on South Asian and female filmmakers, and included Oscar-nomi-

Sunil Sadarangani is a Mumbai-born, Los Angeles-based producer and writny, Lebanon, France, Australia, and the United Kingdom, including First Look Media, Al Jazeera, Shorts T.V., and Swedish and German National T.V. He founded the Ojai Short Film Festival, curated and programmed diverse films nated and winning works. Sunil serves on the programming committees of Outfest and the Indian Film Festival of Los Angeles. He's a member of the Programmers of Colour Collective and was on the jury of the 2019 Los Angeles Greek Film Festival. Sunil also co-founded Omagination Pictures, securing content and forging industry relationships.





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LAGFF INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2023 LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

Now in its 8th year, the "Representations of Greece: Ancient and Modern" course offered new opportunities for LMU students to learn, engage with film and cultural theories, and integrate study in the classroom with internships at the Los Angeles Greek Film Festival (LAGFF), facilitated by Prof. Katerina Zacharia in her capacity as the LAGFF Director of Education.

"Representations of Greece: Ancient and Modern" is a unique course where students study complex issues of representation through an interdisciplinary approach that highlights four areas of study: politics and economics; food and travel; theater and film; family, religion, and state. Students look at features attributed to 'the other' in the contact between cultures of asymmetrical power, explore how stereotypes are linked to contextual negotiations of identity, and consider how such identities may have originated in representations of Greece from antiquity to the modern era.

Students also gain first-hand experience of the inner workings of the LAGFF, from reviewing film submissions and projects in-development, to offering social media support, preparing film loglines, assisting with the sponsorship packets, and with videography and hospitality during the event. Students work directly with the LAGFF Festival Manager, the Discovery Days team, the Development, Publicity, and Production teams. The student-interns produce blogs which include research essays inspired by the LAGFF film submissions, as well as internship reflections on performance, goals set and met, skills honed and acquired. For an overview of the course, student blogs and internship reports curated by **Carla Goolsby** (Junior, Classics & Archaeology



From Left, Back Row:

Rejiar Barzani (Senior, Film Production major; Classics & Archaeology and Business Administration minors), Sara Gerbereux (Junior, Film Production major; Animation minor), Nicole Huddleston (Junior, Screenwriting major), Gabriella Gilchriese (Sophomore, Classics & Archaeology major; Studio Arts minor), Prof. Katerina Zacharia, Jacob Gold (Junior, Film, TV & Media Studies major; Screenwriting minor), Pierce Nakamura (Senior, Film Production and Screenwriting majors)

From Left, Front Row:

Cecilia Conforti (Junior, Graphic Arts major; Business Administration minor), Andrew Hilmes (Sophomore, Film Production major; Screenwriting minor), Michael Kibiloski (Junior, Screenwriting and Recording Arts majors), Kieran Bunikiewicz (Senior, Finance major; Computer Information minor), Yuanqing Luo (Senior, Economics)

and Biochemistry double majors), visit: http://zacharia.lmu.build.

Since the pilot LMU-LAGFF internship in 2014, more than 160 LMU students have worked as interns with the LAGFF, and at least 100 more have attended the "Greek Cinema" summer courses and wrote essays on the LAGFF films. The high response rate (80%) of a 2020 survey sent to our alumni, in combination with the overwhelmingly positive student responses, are spotlighted in an article on "Connecting the Liberal Arts, Classics, and Film"



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published by the LMU Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts in 2021. The reason for the success of this course is that it provides good background on Greek history, culture and identity while integrating cultural and film theories to better equip the students for reviewing the Greek film submissions. The Representations of Greece digital booklet includes more than 50 student alumni testimonials and aims to publicize the course and program to attract donors and new collaborations.

The LMU students and LAGFF team leaders partnered with the LMU Career and Professional Development (CPD) office, which helped to provide a guideline for the spring semester, as well as some training. Rejiar Barzani ('23 Film Production major; Classics & Archaeology and Business Administration minors) continues a 2-unit Greek film festival course, whereas the CPD office granted summer fellowships to Jacob Gold (Junior, Film, TV & Media Studies major; Screenwriting minor), and Brennan McCormick (Senior, Theater Studies) to intern at the LAGFF for eight weeks. An international student, Anna Gabriela Barongeno de Mendonca from Brazil (Sophomore, Film Production), and a recent graduate, Matthew Wilcox ('23 Film Production) are also interning at the festival.

Nicole Huddleston (Junior, Screenwriting) interned with the film festival in spring 2023, and the Development team was so impressed with her performance that they hired her as the new LAGFF Development Coordinator!

The LAGFF launched its inaugural short-term Film Student Fellowship and will be hosting two young filmmakers from Greece during the film festival in June. The two Greek students will engage with LMU students in Prof. Zacharia's "Greek Cinema" summer course as exchange students invited by the LMU Classics & Archaeology Department, and with support from the LMU Office for International Students & Scholars. A screening event on June 6 in LMU's Broccoli Theater will showcase their films. Building on an already vibrant student internship program, Prof. Zacharia is looking into adding an expanded global learning component, namely, hosting an international short film festival on campus in spring 2024.







Zacharia is a Professor of Classics at Loyola Marymount University. Her publications include Converging Truths: Euripides' Ion and the Athenian Quest for Self-Definition (2003), Hellenisms: Culture, Identity and Ethnicity from Antiquity to Modernity (2008), and articles on classical

antiquity in visual culture, Greek tourism, and cultural politics. She wrote, directed, and produced the awardwinning short documentary Blessings and Vows (2018), which has screened at 34 film festivals and garnered nine international awards, and she published "Into the Light: Making Blessings and Vows" (Ergon 2021). Prof. Zacharia co-created Enthralled, a new conversation game for higher education, drawing on classical drama. Her work has been supported with fellowships from the A.S. Onassis Foundation, A.G. Leventis Foundation, Heritage Management Organization, Stanford University, and innovative teaching awards, including the 2018 LMU President's Fritz B. Burns Distinguished Teaching Award, and the LAX Chamber of Commerce Eddy Award (2019). Prof. Zacharia serves as Treasurer for the Modern Greek Studies Association in North America. She is an experienced dramaturge and serves as Artistic Associate for the Cacovannis Foundation in Athens. She served as LAGFF juror (2014), as programmer (2015-18), and as the Director of Education for the LAGFF since 2014.



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Travelling Ghosts (Fantasmata tis Epanastassis)



Greece-Italy | 2022 | 103 min | North American Premiere

A Greek filmmaker finds himself in Trieste, Italy where he plans to make a documentary film on the occasion of the bicentenary of the Greek Revolution (1821-2021), following the footsteps of the Greek revolutionary Rigas Feràios. While visiting the Greek Orthodox cemetery, a group of ghosts from the 18th century decides to follow his path. A modern comedy based on real historic events.

Director: Thanos Anastopoulos

Writers: Thanos Anastopoulos, Stefano Dongetti Producers: Stella Theodorakis, Nicoletta Romeo Cast: Georges Corraface, Pinelopi Tsilika, Paolo Rossi, Aineias Tsamatis, Nikos Georgakis, Theodora Tzimou, Yiorgos Symeonidis, Rade Šerbedžija **Music:** Greg Eleftheriou **Cinematographer:** Ilias Adamis



Born in Athens, **Thanos Anastopoulos** studied philosophy at the University of Ioannina He did post-graduate studies at the University of Paris I and at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales. His films Atlas - All the weight of the world, Correction, The Daughter (I Kori), and Ultima *Spiaggia (The Last Resort)* have won several awards.

2022, Thessaloniki Film Festival 2022, Panorama of European Cinema - Best Greek Film

Best wishes from all of us for a wonderful 17th LAGFF!



Magnetic Fields



Greece, 2020, 78 min

Having met by chance on the way to an island, a man and a woman wander around together in search of a good place to bury a metal box.

Director: Yorgos Goussis Writer: Yorgos Goussis, Elena Topalidou, Antonis Tsiotsiopoulos Producer: Yorgos Goussis,Giorgos Karnavas, Konstantinos Kontovrakis Cinematographer: Yorgos Koutsaliaris Music: Lefteris Volanis Cast: Elena Topalidou, Antonis Tsiotsiopoulos, Nikos Spanidis, Dimitris Smaelis



Yorgos Goussis was born in Athens and studied graphic design. He is a wellknown Greek comic book artist and edited a monthly Greek magazine for comics. He made his directorial debut with *The Arm Wrestler*, a short documentary that won the Best Greek Short Documentary of 2020 from the Greek Film Academy. *Magnetic Fields* is his debut feature film.

2022, Thessaloniki International Film Festival - Golden Alexander-Film Forward Award, FIPRESCI Award, ERT Award, Location Award, Greek Association of Film Critics (PEKK) Award 2022, San Francisco Greek Film Festival - Jury Award: Best Narrative Feature 2022, London Film Week

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Where We Live (Ekei Pou Zoume)



Greece, 2023, 89 min, US Premiere

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It's Antonis Spetsiotis' birthday. Antonis is a down-on-his luck attorney, but this day will be a turning point: all his relationships and commitments will be challenged and re-examined as this modern Ulysses travels from the courthouses to remote Athenian outskirts. When the new dawn breaks, he will be a changed man.

Director, writer: Sotiris Goritsas Producer: Iraklis Mavroeidis **Cinematographer:** Dionisis Euthimiopoulos Editor: Dimitris Peponis **Music:** Nikos Portokaloglou **Cast:** Promitheas Aliferopoulos, Stelios Mainas, Xristina Tsafou, Natalia Tsaliki, Mary Mina, Makis Papadimitriou

Sotiris Goritsas was born in Athens and studied directing at the London International Film School. From 1985 to 1988, he made 25 documentaries for the national Greek TV channel. His filmography includes Despina (1990), From the Snow (1993), Balkanizateur (1997), and Welcome to All Saints (2011).

2023, The Greek Film Festival in Berlin 2023, Nominated for Iris Best Male Actor

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Dignity (Me Axioprepeia)



Greece, 2022, 75 min, LA Premiere

On their ailing, elderly father's birthday, three siblings have an intense confrontation, after which their lives can no longer remain the same.

Director, writer: Dimitris Katsimiris **Producer:** Vasilis Stavropoulos **Cinematographer:** Vasilis Stavropoulos **Editor:** Vasilis Stavropoulos Music: Their Methlab Cast: Vaggelio Andreadaki, Thanassis Chalkias, Ilektra Gennata, Giorgos Geronimakis, Giannis Kotsifas, Marouska Panagiotopoulou, Charis Tsitsakis



Born and raised in Rhodes, Dimitris Katsimiris worked as a social worker and now works in Athens as a writer and director in theater and cinema. He has written two theatrical plays, My Suicide (2014) and The Fetus (2015), and directed the award-winning short films *Birthday* (2016), *Mum, I'm Back* (2017) and *Fake News* (2018).

2023, Greek Film Festival in Berlin 2023, San Francisco Greek Film Festival 2023, Cinergo International Film Festival 2022, Thessaloniki Film Festival - Audience Award

Dodo



Greece/France/Belgium, 2020, 122 min, LA Premiere

In their luxurious villa near Athens, Mariella and Pavlos, a couple on the brink of financial ruin, are about to celebrate the long-awaited wedding of their daughter Sofia to a wealthy heir. Then, a dodo, a bird that became extinct 300 years ago, appears, dragging all the protagonists into a crazy situation that will soon be out of control.

Director, writer: Panos H. Koutras Producer: Eleni Kossyfidou **Cinematographer:** Olympia Mytilinaiou Editor: Vincent Tricon **Music:** Delaney Blue **Cast:** Smaragda Karydi, Akis Sakellariou, Natasa Exintaveloni, Marisha Triantafyllidou

Panos H. Koutras was born in Athens. He is a director, producer, and screenwriter, who made his debut with the feature film The Attack of the Giant Moussaka (1999), a science-fiction parody that has become a cult classic. Koutras has directed, produced and written three more films: Real Life (2004), Strella (2009), and Xenia (2014).

2023. The Greek Film Festival in Berlin 2022, Cannes International Film Festival 2022, Thessaloniki International Film Festival

Blossoms To Blossoms (Ta anthi sta anthi)



Greece, 2022, 75 min, North American Premiere

On his last day in Athens before moving abroad, Konstantinos meets Sofia at the park. The two not-so-close friends play a game to discover what they don't know about each other yet. The conversation alternates between fun and serious, personal and casual, witty and clumsy, as the two gradually reveal fragments of themselves and navigate the gaps of their friend-ship.

Director: Giorgos Athanasiou Writer: Giorgos Athanasiou Producer: Giorgos Athanasiou Cinematographer: Yorgos Athanasiou Editor: Yorgos Athanasiou Music: DEFTERA Cast: Sofia Ioannou, Konstantinos Konios



Giorgos Athanasiou was born in 1991 in Athens. He studied filmmaking at Kingston University in London. He has worked as a director, videographer, and editor for Bright, DK Productions, and White Room.

2022, Thessaloniki International Film Festival 2023, The Greek Festival in Berlin

Iman



Cyprus, 2022, 110 min, North American Premiere

Three stories about characters whose actions may mean the difference between life and death: an Arab Muslim civil engineer has to come to terms with his responsibility in the collapse of a building in an Arab refugee settlement; two young radicalized Europeans of Arab origin are sent on a secret mission; a 17-year old girl falls for a domineering young man.

Directors, Writers: Corinna Avraamidou, Kyriacos Tofarides
Producer: Andros Achilleos
Cinematographer: Sofronis Sofroniou
Editor: Elina Antoniou
Music: Demetris Zachariou
Cast: Stephanie Atala, Rita Hayer, Andreas Tselepos, Prokopis Agathocleous, Margarita Zachariou, Pambina Georgiou



Corinna Avraamidou is a Cyprus-born film and television director who has specialized in period dramas and won awards for her television series. She directed the feature *The Last Homecoming*. A founding member of the Cyprus Directors' Guild and its president since 2016, she promotes film culture and education in Cyprus and organizes screenings and workshops for aspiring filmmakers.

Kyriacos Tofarides is a Cyprus-based theater director, actor, television director, and film producer. He is known for producing and directing award-winning films such as *The Last Homecoming* and *Block 12*, and has directed music videos, including for the Cypriot band Monsieur Doumani.

2023, Beirut International Women Film Festival 2023, Sofia Film Festival 2023, San Antonio Independent Film Festival, Ecuador - Best Fiction Feature

2023, Cyprus Film Days International Festival

2022, Thessaloniki International Film Festival

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Greece/US/Colombia, 2022, 94 min, US Premiere

During the Nazi invasion of Greece, a female resistance fighter embarks on a revenge operation to assassinate her own mother, in the name of God. Inspired by the tragedy *Electra*, by the ancient Greek playwright Euripides.

Director, writer: Spiros Stathoulopoulos Producer: Andrés Gómez, Jose David Corredor **Executive Producers:** Paris Kassidokostas-Latsis, Terry Dougas, Alexis Varouxakis, Jose David Corredor, Tatiana Ronderos, Simon Acosta **Cinematographer:** Andres Morales, Spiros Stathoulopoulos Editor: Andres Gomez, Spiros Stathoulopoulos Music: Antonio Vivaldi, Niccolo Paganini, Dougie Maclean Cast: Angeliki Papoulia, Ewen Bremner



Spiros Stathoulopoulos is a Greek-Colombian screenwriter and director known for his films PVC-1 (2007) and Meteora (2012). PVC-1 won awards at numerous festivals, including Cannes; Meteora, which includes animated scenes that illustrate the characters' inner states, was nominated for the Golden Bear at the Berlin International Film Festival.

2023, Cartagena International Film Festival 2022, Thessaloniki International Film Festival - J.F. Costopoulos Foundation Award

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A Day in the Life of a Teddy Bear



Greece-China, 2022, 105 min, LA Premiere

A boy-meets-girl-meets-teddy bear story. In Shanghai, Jinxi is a violinist, about to fulfill her dream of moving to Vienna to continue with her music studies. Her encounter with Panos, a Greek architect newly arrived in Shanghai, will disrupt her life. Over one day, their relationship will go through ups and downs and confront them with life-changing dilemmas.

Director, writer: Vassilis Xiros Producer: Vassilis Xiros, Tian Lan, Steve Krikris, Xiao Yu, Nikolas Alavanos **Cinematographer:** Pan Xuexue Editor: Lambis Charalambidis Music: Nikos Platyrachos **Cast:** Tu Hua, Dimitris Mothonaios



Vassilis Xiros is a writer, director, and diplomat whose debut film, *A Day in the Life of a Teddy Bear*, is the first Greek-Chinese co-production. He has also written screenplays, published a novel, recorded a music album, directed a cabaret performance, and served as a Consul General of Greece in Shanghai and Diplomatic Advisor to the Greek Minister of Culture.

2023. San Francisco Greek Film Festival 2022, Thessaloniki International Film Festival 2022, European Union Film Festival 2022, European Film Festival (Seoul, South Korea)

Purgatory (Kathartirio)



Greece, 2022, 94 min, US Premiere

Seven different stories about love in modern Greece, by people who seek it, find it, lose it.

Director: Vassilis Mazomenos Writer: Vassilis Mazomenos Producer: Vassilis Mazomenos, Panos Papadopoulos **Cinematographer:** Fotis Mitsis Editor: Alexander Christaras, Evi Loi **Music:** Alexander Christaras, Michalis Nivolianitis Cast: Maria Zorba, Thodoris Katsafados, Nefeli Kouri, Yannis Kokiasmenos, Vangelis Psomas, Angeliki Karistinou



Vassilis Mazomenos is a Greek director, writer, and producer. Founder and director of Horme Pictures, he has directed ten feature films and produced forty shorts. His films have been presented and won awards in many international festivals.

2023 8 and HalFilm Award - Best Narrative Feature 2023 Thessaloniki International Film Festival 2022 London Greek Film Festival 2022 Maverick Movie Awards - Best Picture: Feature, Best Ensemble Performance: Feature

Karagiozis The Movie



Greece, 2022, 74 min, LA Premiere

The first CGI animation movie produced and created in Greece. The Commander decides to appoint a public secretary to serve the citizens in their need to communicate in writing. Hadjiavatis undertakes the task to find the right candidate for the job. He meets Karaghiozis, who shows off his grammatical knowledge and hilariously but paradoxically takes the job.

Director: Akis Karas, Aikaterini Papageorgiou, Christos Livaditis Writer: Athos Danellis **Producer:** Anastasia Manou **Editor:** Athos Danellis **Music:** Kostas Haritatos, Anastasios Katsaris Cast: Athos Danellis, Elena Maragou

Akis Karas (Grigoris Karatinakis), the movie's art director, is a theater, film, and television director whose movies include *Smyrna my Beloved*). Aikaterini Papageorgiou is a young director who was recently named the new artistic director at the BelosTheater. Christos Livaditis, visual effects supervisor, was also involved in the movie's direction.

2022, Berlinale Work in Progress 2023, San Francisco Greek Film Festival

Congratulations on an excellent festival! Wishing the filmmakers and LAGFF Team continued success.

Jim Gianopulos



Dogwatch (Vardia)



Greece, 2022, 78 min, LA premiere

Mercenaries set sail for a life of action against Somali pirates. The sea is full of surprises — or lack thereof.

Director: Gregoris Rentis Writer: Gregoris Rentis Producer: Gregoris Rentis, Vicky Miha, Clement Duboin, Florence Cohen Cinematographer: Thomas Tsiftelis Editor: Chronis Theocharis Music: Forest Swords



Born in Athens, **Gregoris Rentis** received his MFA in film directing from California Institute of the Arts, then went on to direct award-winning commercials and music videos. His graduation film *Sundown* premiered at Rotterdam Film Festival. *Dogwatch*, his first feature-length documentary film, received the TitraFilm Jury award at Les Arcs as a work in progress.

2022, Visions du Réel 2023, Thessaloniki International Documentary Festival 2023, True/False Film Fest



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Venizelos: The Struggle for Asia Minor (Βενιζέλος, ο Αγώνας για τη Μικρά Ασία)



Greece, 2022, 85 min, LA premiere

Eleftherios Venizelos, one of Greece's greatest statesmen, faces challenges that test his diplomatic and humanitarian skills during the critical decade from the Balkan Wars and World War I, up to the Asia Minor Catastrophe and the 1923 Treaty of Lausanne. His struggle is told through dramatized scenes, rare archival material, and expert interviews.

Director: Nikos Dayandas

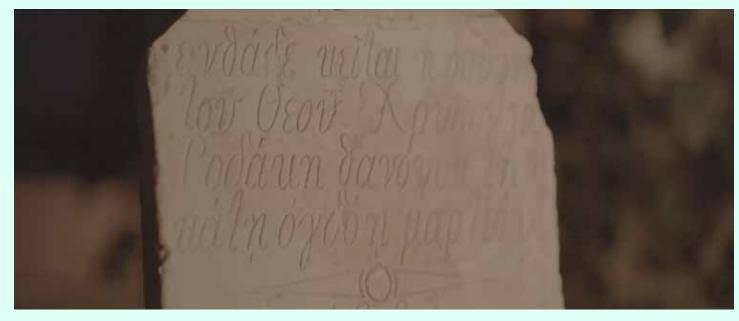
Writer: Apostolos Karakasis, Nikolas Papadis Papadakis
Producer: Leonidas Liambeys
Cinematographer: Stelios Apostolopoulos
Editor: Yorgos Paterakis
Music: Yiorgos Kaloudis



Nikos Dayandas is a Greek director, writer, researcher, editor, and producer who has worked on international co-productions for broadcasters such as NATGEO, ARTE, and ZDF. He collaborates with the American School of Classical Studies at Athens to produce films and has worked on promotional, corporate, and educational videos for a diverse group of clients.

2023, Thessaloniki International Documentary Festival 2023, San Francisco Greek Film Festival

Searching For Rodakis



Denmark/Turkey, 2022, 60 min, North American premiere

A Greek tombstone of unknown origin is discovered underneath the floorboards in an old village house in Turkey, and an almost forgotten story from the country's creation unravels: the forced population exchange between Greece and Turkey in 1923.

Director/writer: Kerem Soyyilmaz Producer: Maj Susanne Junker Cinematographer: Andreas Ascanius Lundmark Jokobsen Editor: Burak Dal, KUDA Re-recording Mixer: Onan Karagözoglu



Kerem Soyyilmaz was born and raised in Besiktas, Istanbul. He has a background in commercial films, and *Searching for Rodakis* is his first documentary feature.

2023, Thessaloniki International Documentary Festival

Tilos Weddings (Oi Gamoi Tis Tilou)



Greece, 2022, 74 min, US premiere

In 2008, the mayor of the island of Tilos agreed to perform the first gay and lesbian civil marriages in Greece. The film follows the story of these two civil marriages, using material shot at time, including that year's gay Pride, press conferences, and other demonstrations.

Director/writer: Panayotis Evangelidis Producers: Panayotis Evangelidis, Romanna Lobach Cinematographer: Panayotis Evangelidis Editor: Alkis Papastathopoulos Music: Deus Ex Machina



Panayotis Evangelidis was born in Athens, where he lives and works. He works as a script writer and is the director of six documentary films. As a script writer he has worked with Panos Koutras, with whom he co-wrote the films *True Life*, *Strella* and *Xenia*.

2022, Thessaloniki International Documentary Festival 2022, Queer Wave: Cyprus LGBTQIA+ Film Festival



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Queen Of The Deuce



United States, 2022, 78 min, LA premiere

Chelly Wilson was a Jewish grandma and proud owner of porn theaters in the 1970s NYC. Through audio recordings, Chelly recounts her pre-war escape from Greece, her unlikely motherhood, and her rise to wealth as a shrewd businesswoman on "The Deuce," aka New York's infamous 42nd Street.

Director: Valerie Kontakos Writers: Valerie Kontakos, Despina Pavlaki Co-Writer: Christos Asteriou Producers: Ed Barreveld, Valerie Kontakos, Despina Pavlaki **Executive Producers:** Ed Barreveld, Don Walters, Bondi Wilson Walters **Cinematographers:** Patrick McGowan, Martina Radwan **Editor:** Rob Ruzic **Music:** Ken Myhr

Animation Director/Lead Animator: Abhilasha Dewan



A native New Yorker, Valerie Kontakos graduated from New York University, worked as a sound editor, and has served as deputy director of the Hellenic Foundation in NYC, where she started the NYC Greek Film Festival. For over a decade, she has been on the board of directors of the Greek Cinematheque. She has directed three previous features: A Quality of Light, Who's on First?, and Mana.

2022, DOC NYC 2022, Docaviv International Documentary Film Festival

Like The Seagulls Over The Golden Horn



Greece, 2020, 73 min, LA premiere

The modern history of the oldest educational institution of Hellenism: the Patriarchal Great School, as seen through the eyes of its students and teachers. The movie takes viewers on a journey to Constantinople in the 1950s and 1960s, with its famous red bus and legendary Istiklal cinemas, but also its disasters at the expense of the Greek community.

Director/writer: Thomas Sideris Producer: Thomas Sideris Cinematographer: Aristotelis Metaxas Editor: Theodoros Metaxas Music: Nikos Grapsas, Thanasis Alatas Cast: Students and Teachers of the Patriarchal Great School



Thomas Sideris is an investigative journalist and director at Greek Broadcasting Corporation. His name was on the shortlist two years in a row (2018 and 2019) for the PRIX EUROPA PRIZE, a special EU prize for the best journalist in Europe. He studied political sciences and public administration at the Law School of the University of Athens and specialized in mass media.

2020, London Greek Film Festival 2020, International Documentary Festival of Ierapetra 2020, Athens International Digital Film Festival 2020, AegeanDocs International Documentary Film Festival

In Support of Liberty; Philadelphia and The Greek War of Independence



Greece, 2020, 73 min, LA premiere

In Support Of Liberty introduces the little known history of Philadelphia's support and ties to the Greek War of Independence.

Director, Writer, Producer: Eleftherios Kostans Cinematographer: Tom Koveleskie Editor: Tom Koveleskie Music: Adam Goldman Animation: Alessandro Teddi Public Relations/Marketing: Diana Ramos, Santiago Carter

Eleftherios Kostans is a veteran international photographer who has worked for a variety of organizations, agencies, and publications. He is the media representative of the Greek American Heritage Society of Philadelphia, and a co-founder of Cosmos Philly, a community-based Web TV and media program.

2023, Golden State Film Festival

Lights Out, Berlin!



Germany, 2023, 90 min, West Coast premiere

Lights Out, Berlin! is a documentary about the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on Berlin's music and club scene. Berlin, a vivid, colorful city with a rich cultural background, artistic opportunities, and loud nightlife, was on hold for two years.

Director, Writer, Producer: Dimitris Argyriou Cinematographer: Alkistis Kafetzi Editor: Dimitris Argyriou

Music Composer: Mihali Paleologou

Cast: Anja Schneider, Fink, Pan-Pot , Mark Reeder, Kid Simius, Craig Walker, Frankey & Sandrino, Markus Kavka, Emanuel Satie



Dimitris Argyriou completed his studies at the Ionian University and Berlin University of Arts. As a director, he has participated in Berlinale Talents and Talents Sarajevo, among others. He has made 10 short films that have won more than 100 awards and have been shown at more than 1,000 international film festivals.

2023, New Jersey Independent Film Festival 2023, Ghent Viewpoint Documentary Film Festival 2023, The Greek Film Festival in Berlin



Greece, 2022, 75 min, LA premiere

Three lives in Thessaloniki. Anna-Maria takes her first steps in life. Orestis makes his first professional steps in painting. Maria finishes high school and dreams about her future. All three of them were born with an extra chromosome. All three of them were born with Down syndrome.

Director, Writer, Producer: Argyris Liapis
Cinematographer: Argyris Liapis
Editor: Argyris Liapis
Music: Theo Bikos
Cast: Orestis Chiotis, Maria Theodosiou, Anna Maria Kehayioglou



Argyris Liapis lives and works in Thessaloniki, Greece. He is an amateur photographer, videographer, and filmmaker. His debut feature *Athos, the World's Brightest Peak* (2020) has been presented at festivals in Greece and abroad. +1 is his second film.

2022, Thessaloniki International Documentary Festival, Fischer Audience Award 2022, San Francisco Greek Film Festival 2022, AegeanDocs International Documentary Film Festival 2022, Chania Film Festival

+1

Everything You Say About Me (Oti Vakeresa Mange - Romani)



Greece, 2023, 86 min, US premiere

A wooden chest opens, revealing well-hidden secrets. A love story, an honor killing, and the wandering of a great family through space and time. The movie follows the life of a family over four generations. Its patriarch, who was liberated from the nomadic Gypsy life at a young age, is educated and integrated into society, but his world collapses in a moment.

Director, Producer: Evangelia Goula **Cinematographer:** Evangelia Goula Editor: Evangelia Goula **Music:** Spyridon Roumeliotis



Evangelia Goula is a visual artist and filmmaker. A graduate of the Athens School of Fine Arts with a MA in digital arts. Her first film, *i itsai Romni*, (2017), focused on the position of Roma women, with an implicit comment on woman's position in contemporary society.

2023, Thessaloniki International Film Festival

The Other Half



Greece, 2022, 72 min,

For 15 years, photojournalist Giorgos Moutafis has documented the journey of migrants across European borders. His camera delves into inaccessible places, bearing witness to the stories of people who push human boundaries, facing danger in unfamiliar and unwelcoming places.

Director, Writer, Producer: Giorgos Moutafis **Cinematographer:** Giorgos Moutafis Editor: Giorgos Moutafis Music: Dimitris Mystakidis



Giorgos Moutafis has documented the most severe humanitarian crises and conflicts in more than 25 countries all over the world. His work has been published in Newsweek, TIME, Liberation, Al Jazeera, BILD, The New Yorker, CNN and the BBC, among others. Based in Athens, he now works as a freelance photojournalist and filmmaker.

2022, Thessaloniki International Documentary Festival - Youth Jury Award 2022, International Documentary Festival of Ierapetra - 1st Award Greek Feature-Length Documentary Film, Best Cinematography 2022, Chania Film Festival, #ThisisEU European Values Award 2022, AegeanDocs International Documentary Film Festival - Honorary Distinction

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IODINE: Greece on the Ruins of Missolonghi

(IODINE: I Ellada sta Eripia tou Messolongiou)



Greece, 2022, 49 min, US premiere

Inspired by Eugène Delacroix's painting "Greece on the Ruins of Missolonghi" (1826), the filmmaker visits this lagoon-bound town. He records his thoughts and the daily life of the youths, and he converses with local artists and poets in search of a connection between the painting and contemporary Missolonghi.

Director, Writer: Orfeas Peretzis Producer: Konstantinos Vassilaros Cinematographer: Fanis Karagiorgos Editor: Giorgos Zafeiris Music: Larry Gus

2023, Hellenic Film Academy 2022, Thessaloniki International Documentary Festival - Fischer Audience Award











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Greece, 2023, 91 min, World premiere

A poetic documentary based on a new interpretation of Mikis Theodorakis's & lakovos Kambanellis's "Mauthausen Cantata" by Aristarchos Papadaniel (voice) and Aris Zervas (cello), and the original handwritten unpublished text for a film, "Travelogue to Mauthausen - May 1988" by Kambanellis, a concentration camp survivor.

Directors: Panagiotis Kountouras, Aristarchos Papadaniel Writers: Iakovos Kambanellis, Aristarchos Papadaniel **Producers:** Aristarhos Papadaniel, Panagiotis Kountouras **Cinematographer:** Panagiotis Kountouras, Romnick Palo Editor: Panagiotis Kountouras, Aristarchos Papadaniel Music: Mikis Theodorakis

Cast: Aristarchos Papadaniel, Aris Zervas, Tasos Pappas-Petridis, Thisvi Vourliotaki, Panagiotis Kountouras, Xenia Alexandrovna, Stavroula Milona, Avigdor (Viktor) Neumann



Panagiotis Kountouras was born in Thessaloniki in 1991. After graduating from the School of Fine Arts - Film Studies Department (AUTH), he studied at the University of West Macedonia. His work focuses on human behavior and reveals ubiguitous absence, diversity, and solitude.

Aristarchos Papadaniel is an author, artist and visual communication designer. Awarded director/performer and co-creator of the first Greek educational animated TV series and creator of book series. Co-founder of creative studio Syllipsis and ASIFA Hellas founding member.

Best Wishes for a Successful Festival

James and Angela Ananias



George



United States, 2022, 28 min, LA premiere

George Manias has operated a shoe shine shop for 76 years, since escaping the Nazi occupation of Crete at the age of 14. Today, at 91, he is haunted by the loss of his sister Angela as he struggles to decide whether to retire, and whether to visit Crete again without Angela by his side.

Director: Matt Richmond

Producer: Jon Michael Ryan, Matt Richmond
Executive Producer: John Morris, Lucas Harger
Cinematographer: Noah Readhead
Editor: Jasmine Kettenacker
Cast: George Manias, Emmanuel Manias



Early jobs as a janitor, bartender, and landscaper inform **Matt Richmond's** blue-collar approach as a director and writer. Since then, he's worked as a reporter, copywriter, independent publisher, and producer for shows on CBS, Fox, MTV, and more. He has directed two award-winning feature documentaries: *Gemutlichkeit*, about the closing of a beloved family restaurant, and *Never Had a Bad Day*, about an engineer working in Alaska's wilderness.

2023, Sebastopol Documentary Film Festival 2023, Capital City Film Festival 2023, Julien Dubuque International Film Festival 2022, St Louis International Film Festival 2022, Kalamata International Short Film Festival

Congratulations to George Pelecanos on his Orpheus Award Honor!

The Antholis Family





Greece, 2022, 30 min, International premiere

Rebetiko Underground is a short documentary about the spread of Rebetiko music and culture through Europe. The filmmakers experiment with different media and ideas to develop interesting concepts, catch the attention, and engage the audience.

Directors: Apostolos Polymeris, Georgios Polymeris **Producer:** Seventea Studios **Cinematographer:** Apostolos Polymeris **Editor:** Georgios Polymeris **Cast:** Giannis Sarris, Christos Sarantidis, Kostantinos Michos, Elpida Georgopoulou



Georgios Polymeris is an experienced film director and editor with a history of working in the media production industry.

Apostolos Polymeris is an interdisciplinary artist, graduated Visual Communication from the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Brussels. His work experience focuses on directing, visual arts, the creation and promotion of concepts, and musical compositions.

2022, Athens Marathon International Film Festival



Memories with a Tail (Mnimi me ourá)



Greece, 2022, 43 min, North American premiere

As the eels return to the sea where they were born, a 90-year-old painter returns to the memories of his childhood during the war years.

Director, Producer: Dimitris Indares **Cinematographer:** Dimitris Katsaitis Editor: Despina Kontargyri Music: Nefeli Beri **Cast:** Leandros Spartiotis, Fotini Stylianopoulou, Neuroscientist - Constantin Koutsikopoulos

Born in Patras in 1964, Dimitris Indares studied political science at the Panteion University of Athens and film directing at the Stavrakos School. Since 1987, he has been directing fiction and advertising films, and has also been actively involved in cinema education.

2022, Thessaloniki International Documentary Festival 2023, Docfest Chalkida 2023, Festival de films Pêcheurs du Monde, Lorient

To Each Their Own Voice; Theo Ange-**Iopoulos & Nikos Panayotopoulos** (Thodoros Angelopoulos - Nikos Panayotopoulos; o kathenas kai i mousiki tou)



Greece, 2022, 77 min, North American premiere

This documentary presents an unpublished conversation from the 1980s between filmmakers Theo Angelopoulos and Nikos Panayotopoulos. It offers a fresh look at the New Greek Cinema and at the work of two distinctive film directors, showing their common ground alongside their conflicting views on cinema and film culture.

Directors, Writers: Antonis Kokkinos and Yannis Soldatos **Producer, Cinematographer:** Nikos Vassilopoulos **Editor:** Pericles Eliou

Cast: Yannis Economides, Phoebe Economopoulou-Angelopoulou, Katerina Evangelakou, Angelos Frantzis, Yorgos Frentzos GSC, Tassos Goudelis, Alexia Kaltsiki, Vangelis Karamanolakis, Maria Katsounaki, Nikos Kavoukidis, Maria Komninou, Konstantinos Kyriakos, Petros Markaris, Alix Panayotopoulou, Thanassis Rentzis, Yannis Smoilis, Syllas Tzoumerkas, Vassilis Vafeas, Yannis Zoumpoulakis

Antonis Kokkinos is a director who studied cinema at Stavrakos Film School. He also teaches cinema, and has run educational film programs in the prisons of Korydallos and Thebes.

Yannis Soldatos is a film historian, novelist, playwright and filmmaker. He served as the general secretary of the Greek Association of Film Critics, and as president of the Association of Book Publishers.

2023. The Greek Film Festival in Berlin 2022, Thessaloniki International Film Festival 2022, Chania Film Festival

I cannot find enough words to congratulate you for your hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication to sharing this event with the Greek Community.

Stavros & Ann Marie Olympios



Don't Break My Stones



Greece, 2021, 18 min, US premiere

A documentary about the katikés, or country houses, of Paros island, Cyclades, Greece. Four people share their stories and memories from their katikés, which are residences outside the main island settlements, around which Parians housed their agricultural activities and livestock farming.

Director/writer: Katerina Patroni Producer: Routes in Marpissa Nonprofit Association **Cinematographer:** Christos Nikolareas **Editor:** Alexis Falantas Music: Vaggelis Fabas



Katerina Patroni studied filmmaking at Eugenia Hadjikou Film School in Athens, The London International Film School, and the National Film and Television School. She has written and directed fiction and documentaries and taught filmmaking at Aristoteleion University of Thessaloniki and the State School of Drama of Northern Greece.

2022, Chania Film Festival 2022, Kalamata Short Docs Flim Festival 2022, Mediterranean Film Festival Cannes-Milan-Athens 2022, Stockholm City Film Festival 2022, Ethnografilm Paris

In-Person Events Hollywood Scene & Be Seen Party



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Rendezvous at the Sunset House in West Hollywood!



In-Person Events Filmmakers Brunch at the Consular Residence

Gold Pass holders will have the opportunity to meet and mingle with the Filmmakers from Greece, local Filmmakers and Industry Experts.



Cinematherapy

Cinematherapy is associated with the ancient art of storytelling as an educational tool.

A session led by **Denise Nikolakou** based on the short documentary film *Toxic Magnus* by Nasos Gatzoulis.

The director **Nasos Gatzoulis** will be participating in the discussion and presentation.





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Virtual Events Cinematography in the World

In the fast moving world of the global film industry, knowing how to organize and negotiate are becoming essential skills. With the participation of the International Cinematographers Guild (IATSE Local 600 🛐 Local * 600 with more than 9,000 members) and the Greek Society of Cinematographers (GSC), Los Angeles Greek Film Festival (LAGFF) presents a panel discussion with active cinematographers, including Alex Tonisson, the IATSE Local 600 Interim Executive director. This will be an opportunity for cinematographers who are working mostly in Greece to discuss and compare several topics surrounding their work with their American colleagues — how to get into the union, useful organizing and negotiating tips, how the guilds can collaborate and empower one another, about the various classifications (directors of photography, camera assistants, digital imaging technicians, etc.), safety considerations and how working conditions may impact the final outcome of film & TV production. The two parties will also tackle more general themes such as training opportunities, the general public's perception of cinematography, and the state of equity and diversity.

Filmmakers' Guidelines for the International Market





As film production around the world expands and streaming services enable world-wide home audiences, the requirements for filmmakers become more complex. Attorney Carol T. Contes will help you sort through the "must do" list for development and production that will help filmmakers be prepared for the requirements of international distribution. The challenges of Intellectual Property protection will also be discussed.

ΕΛΛΗΝΕΣ ΕΝΩΜΕΝΟΙ Daphne Valentina



Nothing Holier Than A Dolphin The Thisvi Trilogy



Greece, 2022, 17 min, North American premiere

In a small Mediterranean village, an ancient myth unexpectedly comes to life. Two fishermen find a dolphin accidentally caught in their nets. The dolphin, in its turn, finds a fisherman drowning in the water and tries to save him. Director, Writer: Isabella Margara A photographer recalls the events of the Septemvriana, also known as the Istanbul pogrom, in three stages of her life: as a young woman in "Shared Balcony," as a student in "A Month of Sundays," and as an older photographer in "Huzun." All three films qualified separately for the Academy Awards.

Director, Writer: Isabella Margaraseparately for the Academy Awards.Producer: Kyriaki VirouDirector/writer: Fay Efrosini LelliosCast: Dimitris Kataleifos, Giorgos Symeonidis,
Flomaria Papadaki, Christos Karavevas, Samuel
AkinolaDirector/writer: Fay Efrosini Lellios, George Peleca-
nos, George Lellios, Antigoni Gavriatopoulou,
Irini Souganidou

2023, Clermont-Ferrand - International Audience Award Greece, 2022, 44 min, North American premiere

Cast: Georgia Zoi, Marianna Polychronidou, Dimitra Banti, Theo Alexander, Giannis Tsoumarakis, Stephanie Capetanides, Nikos Zivas, Vera Malgjonaj

2022, London Greek Film Festival - Best Short Fiction Film, Best Director 2023, Thessaloniki International Documentary Festival

Iota Period Omega (Giota teleia omega)



Greece, 13 min, US premiere

I.O. is a girl from a post-climate-change future society, who works for the Air Force while constantly under surveillance. As she waits to be teleported to a distant planet, she records a visual diary of her memories and thoughts, conversing with our present time to safeguard her senses along with the memory of things worth preserving.

Director, Cinematographer: Alexis Alexiou Producer: Aphrodite Nikolaidou Editor: Lambis Charalambidis Music: Yannis Veslemes Cast: Sofia Kokkali

2022, DOK Leipzig 2022, Busan International Short Film Festival 2022, Thessaloniki International Documentary Festival - Film Forward 2022, International Festival Signs of the Night -Main Award

Empty Hands



Portugal, 2021, 15 min, LA premiere

A surreal dark comedy about a depressed undertaker who finds solace among the dead people he looks after, and an obscure euthanasia self-help group.

Director, Writer: Paolo Marinou-Blanco Producer: Paolo Marinou-Blanco Cinematographer: Miguel Sales Lopes Cast: Dinarte Branco, António Durães, José Manuel Mendes, Rita Revez

2022, San Francisco International Film Festival 2022, Provincetown International Film Festival 2022, Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival 2022, Badajoz Short Film Festival - Young Jury Award

Miss Mary's Room



United States, 2019, 27 min, West Coast Premiere

The loyalty between two longtime friends, Tim and Pat, is fatefully tested when the two of them are arrested on a robbery and gun charge. Suspicion centering around their upcoming trial and testimony leads to a shattering conclusion and revelations about the power and true meaning of familial bonds.

Director: Nicholas G. Pelecanos Writer: George Pelecanos Producer: Ginny Grenham Cast: Henry Ayres-Brown, Ben Matthew's, Judith Hoag

2019, Nantucket Film Festival 2019, Urbanworld Film Festival 2019, Austin Film Festival

5pm Seaside

Greece-Austria, 2022, 26 min

| | On his 40th birthday, Nikos, a solitary truck | | |
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| | driver, arrives on a remote beach. He's there | | |
|) | to meet his former military buddy Christos, | | |
| | whom he hasn't seen for many years. | | |
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t- Director: Valentin Stejskal Writer: Glykeria Patramani, Valentin Stejskal Cast: Antonis Tsiotsiopoulos, Kimona Kouris

2022, Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2022, Diagonale - Best Short Feature 2022, Palm Springs Shortfest 2022, Sarajevo Film Festival 2022, Hollyshorts 2022, Drama International Short Film Festival -Best Short, Best Actor 2022, Athens International Film Festival - Best Greek Short, Best actor

Under The Lake



Greece-Finland, 2022, 16 min, LA Premiere

As a mountainous village in Greece sinks under a lake, the memories of its inhabitants emerge from the water.

Director, Writer: Thanasis Trouboukis Producer: Danai Anagnostou, Kyveli Short, Thanasis Trouboukis

2022, Athens International Film Festival (Best Director Award), Greece 2022, Drama International Short Film Festival -Best Southeastern Film Award, FIPRESCI Award, Onassis Grant Award, Best Sound Design 2022, Thessaloniki International Film Festival 2022, International Short Film Festival Oberhausen 2022, Palm Springs Shortfest

2022, Reykjavík International Film Festival 2022, Encounters Film Festival

2022, London Short Film Festival

Air Hostess-737



Greece, 2022, 16 min, LA Premiere

On a Boeing 737, a flight attendant, Vanina, complains about her new braces and blames her mother for not taking care of her teeth. However, her colleagues know that this plane is carrying her mother's dead body to her hometown. When the turbulence becomes threatening, Vanina has an urgent need to see her mother in a last chance for reconciliation.

Director: Thanasis Neofotistos

Writer: Thanasis Neofotistos, Grigoris Skarakis **Producer:** Ioanna Bolomyti, Dimitris Tsakaleas Cast: Lena Papaligoura, Haris Alexiou, Konstantina Koutsonatiou

2023. Sundance Film Festival 2022, Locarno Film Festival 2022, Toronto International Film Festival 2022, Hainan International Film Festival 2022, Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival

Magma



Greece-Romania, 2022, 17 min, US Premiere

On a remote island on a distant planet, a woman finds a strange creature washed ashore.

Director, Writer: Lia Tsalta Producer: Ioanna Petinaraki, Ana Maria Pirvan **Cast:** Eleni Vergeti, Melina Kotselou

2022, Drama International Short Film Festival -Best Cinematography, Best Original Music Score 2022, Athens International Film Festival - Silver Athena Award

Pebble

United States, 2022, 13 min

When a therapist's daughter decides to break into her mother's office, steal all the medication and end her life, an uninvited patient walks in and desperately asks for help. A very unorthodox therapy session follows. The two women bond over their mutual journeys of loss and grief and inspire one another to keep coping with having lost a loved one.

Director: Karina Logothetis Writer: Eliza Gerontakis Producer: Dorothea Papapostolou, Eliza Gerontakis **Cast:** Lauren Byrd, Eliza Gerontakis, Cedric Clarke

2022 - Hollywood Screenings Film Festival 2022 - Female Filmmakers Festival Berlin

Love You More Than Peanut **Butter**



Greece, 2022, 8 min, North American **Premiere**

In a skate park, teenager Charis tries to convince his best friend to go talk to his crush, the hottest skater at the park. But Charis crosses the line and puts their friendship at risk.

Director: Ariadni-Angeliki Thyfronitou-Litou Writers: Dimitris Tsakaleas, Lida Vartzioti Producers: Manos Tzivakis, Ariadni Angeliki Thyfronitou Litou, Alkaios Nikolaou-Michail Cast: Stavros Tsoumanis, Alekos Giagkousis, Stathis Xalkias

2022, Athens International Film Festival 2022, Drama International Short Film Festival 2023, Hellenic Film Academy - Best Student Short NOMINEE

On Xerxes' Throne



Greece, 2022, 15 min

In a dystopian workplace at the Perama shipyard, a ban on physical contact has turned human interaction into otherworldly simulations. The suppression of touch has alienated the workers' communication, transforming the boatyard into a charged landscape of alienation and repressed sensuality.

Director, Writer: Evi Kalogiropoulou **Producer:** Amanda Livanou Cast: Yorgos Mazonakis, Angela Brousko, Myrto Kontoni

2022, Athens International Film Festival 2022, Sarajevo Film Festival 2022, Cannes Film Festival 2022, Kinemastik International Short Film Festival 2023, Dublin International Film Festival

Not Tomorrow



Greece, France, 2022, 19 min, LA Premiere

Michalis has barely 24 hours to redefine his life and make up with his close ones. That same night he meets a girl. He only wishes that the morning never comes.

Director, Writer: Amerissa Basta Producer: Ioanna Soultani, Dimitris Nakos, **Director:** Tonia Mishiali Vincent Michaud, Panos Bisdas, Thelyia Petraki, Writer: Tonia Mishiali Kostas Tagkalakis Producer: Tonia Mishiali **Cast:** Nikos Zegkinoglou, Marissa Triantafyl-**Cast:** Niovi Charalambous, Antonis Katsaris

lidou, Konstantinos Seiradakis, Yiannis Tsortekis, Stavros Tsoumanis, Natalia Swift

2022, Drama International Short Film Festival 2023, Trieste Film Festival • Best Short Film-Young lury, Audience Award 2023, The Greek Berlin Film Festival 2023, San Francisco Greek Film Festival

2022, Drama International Short Film Festival • Best Film Award from Federation Film Society of Greece

2022, Athens International Film Festival 2022, Olympia International Film Festival for Children and Young People

Daphne

Cyprus, 2022, 18 min

Daphne switches from one sexual partner to the next but does not seem to be satisfied, at least not with what she thought she needed, until she finds a wounded dog in the street. How far will she go to feel some affection?

- 2022, Stockholm Film Festival 2022, Athens Marathon International Film Festival - Best Greek Director
- 2022, Tallinn Black Nights Festival Best Live Action Short

The Boar



Greece, 2022, 20 min, North American **Premiere**

Fotis returns to a deserted village in the mountains of Northern Greece for the reading of his deceased father's will. He collides with the villagers and local environment until he discovers that he is closer to his father than he ever thought.

Director, Writer: Konstantinos Tsiodoulos **Producer:** Alexis Pilos Cast: Dimitris Drosos, Elena Marsidou

2023, International Film Festival Of Larissa 2022, International Micro µ Festival 2022, Athens International Film Festival 2022, Riservati Pictures Film Festival 2022, Tatras International Film Festival

Tokakis Or What's My Name



Greece, 2022, 21 min, US Premiere

Thanos Tokakis begins a stand-up comedy tour to prove to everyone what a great actor he is. On his journey, he confronts the audience, which is not able to let go of his TV performance, but mostly himself, as he pushes himself to the limits to reach success.

Director/writer: Thanos Tokakis **Producer:** Marina Danezi, Tasos Koronakis **Cast:** Thanos Tokakis

2022, Drama International Short Film Festival -Best Screenplay, Best Fiction Film 2022, Athens International Film Festival - Best Screenplay 2022, Leiden International Film Festival - Prock Shorts Competition Award

Cactus



Greece, 2022, 20 min, US Premiere

Stavros is trying to connect with his environment and himself.

Director, Writer: Dimitris Zouras **Producer:** Dimitris Zouras Cast: Stavros Tsoumanis, Ioanna Trikene, Anna Hatzihristou, Dimitris Drosos

2022, Drama International Short Film Festival, Queer Drama Award, National Competition

Fire Born



United States, 2022, 13 min

Ruby, who lost her mother at birth to gun violence, works as a rookie cop in Los Angeles. Drawing her gun to stop a robbery, she finds herself in the same situation as when she was born.

Director: Daniel Carsenty Writer: Daniel Carsenty, Katerina Hoyo-Frederickson **Producer:** Katerina Hoyo-Frederickson Cast: Eliza Gerontakis, Rita Khori, Peter Nikkos, Nico Correa

2022, AFI FEST 2022, Los Angeles International Film Festival 2022, Tuzla Film Festival

Congratulations to the amazing staff and filmmakers for another successful festival!

Corinna Tsopei-Fields





United States, 2023, 14 min, West Coast **Premiere**

Ares has Down syndrome, but he'll find a way to get his 80-year-old father Spiros and their 40-year-old Mercedes to the cemetery to pay their respects to Mom on her birthday.

Director, Writer: Alexander Georges **Producers:** Alexander Georges, Allison Cox **Cast:** Evan George Vourazeris, Apollo Dukakis

2022, Drama International Short Film Festival, Queer Drama Award, National Competition



A La Carte



Greece, 2021, 12 min, LA Premiere

The Minister of Health is invited to a lifestyle radio show to hide a scandal he's involved in. On air, he and the journalist interviewing him walk a tightrope that gets even tighter because of the revealing reactions of the listeners and the pressure from pharmaceutical companies and the government.

Director: Taxiarchis Deligiannis, Vasilis Tsiouvaras Writer: Taxiarchis Deligiannis, Vasilis Tsiouvaras Producer: Ioanna Soultani **Cast:** Christos Stergioglou 2022 Panorama Of Greek Short Films - Best Director 2022 Athens International Digital Film Festival -Best Short Film 2022 London Greek Film Festival - Best Short Film 2022 International Epidaurus Film Festival - Best Short Film 2022 Chania International Film Festival

2022 Bucharest Short Film Festival

2023 San Francisco Greek Film Festival

Hit Man: Secrets Of Lies



United States, 2022, 19 min, LA Premiere

A reflective hitman from New York City travels to a small town where he is confronted with an artifact from his past that forces him to re-examine his profession and his personal history. Based on the bestselling *Hit Man* book series by Lawrence Block, a Grand Master of the Mystery Writers of America.

Director: Elias Plagianos Writer: Elias Plagianos, Lawrence Block Producer: Elias Plagianos Cast: Richard Kind, Karen Allen, William Sadler, Peter Reigert

2022, SeriesFest Denver 2022, deadCenter Film Festival 2022, Berkshire Independent Film Festival 2022, Lighthouse Film Festival

Niko Newark



United States, 2022, 19 min, West Coast Premiere

A tale of two kids from different worlds who get wrapped up in the flames of the riots in Newark, New Jersey, in 1967.

Director: Tracey Washington-Bagley Writer: Rhyan St. Clair Producer: Rhyan St. Clair Executive Producer: Nick Dessipris Cast: Walter Russell III, Theo Dalton

Kepley



USA, 2020, 16 min

A neo-noir thriller centered around veteran detective Gillian Kepley. During Kepley's investigation of a troubling missing persons case, hidden truths from her past are uncovered. The case pushes her beyond her limits and forces her to confront mistakes from her burdened life.

Directors: Michael Grant, Stephanie Katherine Grant

Writers: Stephanie Katherine Grant, Michael Grant

Producer: Elizabeth Mitchell, Michael Grant, Stephanie Katherine Grant

Cast: Elizabeth Mitchell, Aaron Stanfort

2022, Tokyo International Short Film Festival -Best Director 2022, Montreal Independent Film Festival - Best Short Film, Best Cinematography 2022, Madrid International Short Film Festival -Best Narrative Short 2022, Prague International Indie Film Festival 2022, LA Indie Film Festival 2022, New Wave Intl. Short Film Festival - Best Short Film 2022, Oakland Short Film Festival - Best Cinematography

Gypsy Rose Leezinski





United States, 2022, 10 min

Luckless with the ladies, Max seeks the answer to his lonely life from a suspect soothsayer, who sends him on a journey where he faces trials that challenge the gypsy's veracity as well as his own resolve.

- **Director, Writer:** Lucia Sherman **Producer:** Lucia Sherman, Quentin Plock, Scott Sherman **Cast:** Nathan Ray Clark, Dorothy Spirus, Akilah Hotep
 - 2023, Paris in Love Film Festival
 - 2023, Women's Comedy Film Festival
 - 2023, San Pedro International Film Festival
 - 2022, Culver City Film Festival
 - 2022, The Women's Film Festival

Toxic Magnus



Denmark-Greece, 2022, 10 min, North American Premiere

Following a years-long intense struggle against his father's obsession of turning him into a macho man, Magnus makes a failed suicide attempt, which will eventually lead him to become a life coach.

Director: Nasos Gatzoulis **Writers:** Nasos Gatzoulis and Magnus Gudmansen

Producer: Jesper Duelund Hansen and Nasos Gatzoulis

Cinematographer: Jesper Duelund Hansen **Cast:** Magnus Gudmansen

2022, CPH:DOX 2022, Drama International Short Film Festival -Best Documentary Award 2022, Landshut Short Film Festival - Innovation Award 2022, Thessaloniki International Film Festival

Intern

Actor



United States, 2022, 16min

A summa cum laude graduate, now one of many interns, must undergo a peculiar interview process to get his first job.

Director/ Writer: Elena Viklova **Producers:** Elena Viklova, Sofia Terpou, Sean Kohnen

Cast: Isaac Jay, Greg Smith, Arianna Papalexopoulos, Richard Riehle

2023, Hollywood Reel Independent Film Festival -Best Comedy Short 2023, Hollywood Comedy Shorts Film Festival 2023, Oregon Short Film Festival 2023, Los Angeles Short Film Festival - Won Best

Hussies



Greece, 2022, 29 min, LA Premiere

A coming-of-age story about two sisters leading their lives in different directions, who are summoned to a night of decision making.

Director: Despina Mavridou Writer: Kalliopi Arampatzi Producer: Diana Kokozidou Cast: Eleni Georgaki, Elina Tsiormpatzi

2022, Drama International Short Film Festival 2023, The Greek Film Festival in Berlin 2022, Olympia International Film Festival for Children and Young People 2022, Thessaloniki International Film Festival

Enomena

Greece, 2022, 19 min, LA Premiere

d- During a school trip to an aquarium, two
 re teenagers who go to the same school but
 come from different worlds discover that
 what brings them together is more powerful
 than what keeps them apart.

Director, Writer: Phaedra Vokali **Producer:** Orestis Plakias **Cast:** Margarita Tase, Froso Papadopoulou, Flomaria Papadaki

2022, Norwegian Short Film Festival 2022, Drama International Short Film Festival 2023, SHORT to the Point International Short Film Festival

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All That Remains



Greece-UK, 2022, 15 min, International Premiere

An artist and a surgeon meet. This short essay film by Semeli Safou explores separation through her personal experience as a child of separated parents. The director narrates the story of her parents' meeting and their separation as a natural progression of life, despite the trauma that comes along with it. Like a fire spreading, a small child's lie can end up as a poor neighborhood's racist fight. And as we know from history, local territorial disputes can end up as a world war. Nationalism, racism, neo-Nazism, war, catastrophes, and imperialism still rule the world as we know it. War is just one fire away.

Director, Writer: Semeli Safou **Cast:** Maro Michalakakos, George Safos

2022, Drama International Short Film Festival

Yama



Greece, 2022, 15 min, North American Premiere

Producer: Yannis Karpouzis

Cast: Maria Karantinaki, Nikolakis Zegkinoglou, Blerim Dhampiraj, Stefanos Damianidis, Yannis Nanis

2022 Tirana International Film Festival 2022 Drama International Student Film Festival 2022 Athens International Film Festival 2023 Festival Cine Global De Santo Domingo 2023 In the Palace International Student Film Festival

Congratulations to all the filmmakers, participants and the entire team of the Los Angeles Greek Film Festival for their dedication and commitment! Wishing continued success to all!

Gene & Vikki George



Pendulus



Greece, 2022, 18 min, US Premiere

Arbi, 24, was born in Albania but grew up in Four adolescents are trapped in a narrative Athens, Greece. On the night of the Serbia-Alabout husbands and wives as they slide tobania football match, Arbi visits a neighborwards entropy. hood cafe frequented by Albanians. After the **Director, Writer:** Michalis Kimonas events of that night, Arbi will have to decide **Producer:** AKRAN Creative Company whether to attend the wedding of his rela-Cast: Sofia Simoni, Andreas Kartsatos, Anna tives, whether to claim the girl he likes, and Danae Raptopoulou, Spyros Kounadis whether he is Albanian or Greek.

Director: Gkotsis Dimitris Writer: Kostas Gerampinis **Producer:** Nikitas Rafail **Cinematographer:** George Kokkalis Cast: Dimitris Kapouranis, Klea Diamadi, George Katsis, Giannis Englezos, Nikos Ngjela, Anastas Kozdine, Vefi Revi

2022, Drama International Short Film Festival -Audience Award, Greek Film Critics Association Award for Best Film, ETEKT Award, Best Sound 2022, Athens International Film Festival - Onassis Foundation Award 2023, In the Palace Short Film Festival

Kiddo



Greece, 2022, 12 min, US Premiere

2022, Drama International Short Film Festival - Best Director, Best Set Design, Best Make up & Special Effects



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Trojan Horace



United States, 2022, 6 min

A group of Greek warriors try to pass through the walls of the great city of Troy, but they meet their match in a clueless Trojan guardsman.

Director: Scott Graham **Writer:** Scott Graham, Ted Pratt **Producer:** Allison Dean, Joel Reid, Astrid Williams

2022, Glendale International Film Festival - Best Animation 2022, Los Angeles Animation Festival - Best First-Time Director 2022, Yucca Valley Film Festival

Humans Are Mistakes





Greece/ Germany, 2022, 3 min

Animated music video for Kalte Nacht's "Humans Are Mistakes," from their self-titled
 album.

Director, Animator: Dimitris Armenakis

2022, Animasyros International Animation Festival

Looking For Joy



Greece, 2022, 7 min, North American **Premiere**

A girl lives the same day over and over, in a gloomy and colorless world. The pace gets faster, and the girl finds herself in a nightmare, in which different parts of her routine come to life and attack her. The only thing colorful in her world is her cat, Joy, who helps her wake up from the nightmare and find a way out.

Director, Animator: Anna Oikonomou

2023, Athens Animfest

2023, ASIFA HELLAS-Hellenic Animation Association - Annual Stratos Stasinos Awards, Best Student Film 2022, Drama International Short Film Festival 2022, Chaniartoon - International Comic & Animation Festival

2022, Animasyros International Animation Festival

2022. Thessaloniki Animation Festival

2022, Ionian Contemporary Animation Festival ICONA

My Garden (O Kipos Mou)



Greece, 2022, 17 min, US Premiere

The love and self-sacrifice that a human relationship needs is parallel to the care that a garden needs in order to flourish.

Director, Animator: Eleni Filiou Writer: Eleni Filiou

2022, Ionian Contemporary Animation Festival ICONA - 1st Greek Student Short Animation 2022, TAF Thessaloniki Animation Festival 2022, Animasyros International Animation Festival 2023, Athens Animfest

The Ideal Other (O Idanikos Agnostos Allos)



Greece, 2021, 8 min

A childhood memory triggers a girl to embark Marina, a young disabled woman, takes part in a video conference, during which she talks on a journey of adulthood. to John, a racially "different" student. On the Animator: Eftychia Kondyli internet, they cannot see each other's "social" Performance: Polixeni Karakoglou peculiarities, but when they later arrange **3D Animation:** Nikos Radaios to meet in person, they are both terrified by Illustration: Zanna Katsafana the social and racial unknown that they meet and refuse to accept, despite the public image that they both want to present.

Director, Animator: Dimitrios Patrikios Writer: Dimitrios Patrikios, Soteria Georgopoulou

2022, International Cosmopolitan Film Festival of Tokvo 2022, Nashville Independent Filmmakers Festival

Strange Town (Poli Xeni)



Greece, 2023, 3 min, LA Premiere

| 2023, Athens Animfest - Music Award |
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In Between



Greece, 2022, 6 min, US Premiere

Three different characters, caught in a frenetic everyday loop in pursuit of time. Never finding the right moment to eat, cross the street, or go to the toilet. Until time suddenly freezes. A short introspection inspired by pandemic lockdowns.

Director, Writer: Effie Pappa Producer: Mina Dreki

2022, Athens International Film Festival 2022, Drama International Film Festival 2022, Animasyros 2022, Thessaloniki Animation Festival - Best Greek Film Award 2022, London International Animation Festival 2022, Animaze Festival 2022, Athens Fashion Film Festival

The Distance Between The Staircase And The Sky



UK-Greece, 2023, 6 min, North American Premiere

Ascending a staircase in the center of Athens makes room for reflection on everyday life, both otherworldly and mundane. On a planet lit by neon and on a beach powered by cicadas, we twirl into a void measured by walking—one step at a time.

Director, Writer: Katerina Athanasopoulou Poetry: Sotiris Koutsoukos Composer: Savvas Metaxas Cast: Emma Swinn

2023, Tampere Film Festival 2023, Künstlerhaus Bethanien

My Mother The Sea



Estonia, 2022, 6 min, North American Premiere

My mother's journey to eternity through my path of grief.

Director, Animator: Aspasia Kazeli

2023, Athens Animfest 2023, European Film Festival of Lille 2022, Animasyros International Animation Festival 2022, TAF Thessaloniki Animation Festival 2022, Animateka

Pink Mountain (Ròz Vunó)



Greece, 2022, 8 min, North American Premiere

In the Ottoman city-state of Ioannina in 1809, The Florist of the castle is in love with Vassiliki, the favorite of Ali Pasha. Will he ever be able to win her love?

Director: Thomas Künstler **Writer:** Thomas Künstler, Glykeria Patramani **Producer:** Konstantinos Vassilaros

2023, Athens Animfest 2023, Psarokokalo International Film Festival 2022, Animasyros International Animation Festival 2022, Athens International Film Festival

2022, Olympia International Film Festival For Children & Young People

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Hummings Of A Hummingbird The Incredible Mrs. Lien

(Τα Βουητά του Κολιμπρί)



Cyprus, 2022, 2 min, US Premiere

A man is visited by a curious hummingbird, inspiring him to examine his own place in the universe.

Director, Animator: Savvas Constantinou

2023, GeekFest Toronto Film Festival - Best Animated Film 2023, Venus Community Awards - Best Film 2022, Animation Marathon

Mourlen

(Haxiotimi kuria Lien Mourlen)



Greece, 2022, 6 min, LA Premiere

Lien Mourlen, a peaceful and kind lady, receives a letter and heads to the shore, where the letter slips from her hand. A strong wind takes the letter to the moon, who reads it with enthusiasm. But when the wind blows the letter away again, the moon exhales from sadness, affecting the rains—and Lien's Mourlen life. In this film of faith and optimism, a chain of events leads to a happy ending.

Director: Eleni Xoupa Animation: Eleni Xoupa, Adrianos Strantzas

2023, Athens Animfest - 1st Award in the Greek Competition 2022, Athens International Film Festival 2022, Ionian Contemporary Animation Festival ICONA 2022, Drama International Short Film Festival 2023, Animasyros International Animation Festival

Your Daughter Hero



Greece, 2021, 4 min, LA Premiere

The story of a young teenager's metaphysical relationship with climate change phenomena.

Director: Apostolis Iliopoulos, Elias Roumeliotis

Writer: Marina Lizardou, Apostolis Iliopoulos, Aris Kaplanidis

2022, Animation Marathon 2022, Ionian Contemporary Animation Festival 2023, Cannes World Film Festival - Best European ICONA Film Award 2022, Chaniartoon - International Comic & Animation Festival 2022, Athens Animfest 2021, Ionian Contemporary Animation Festival ICONA

There Was Once





Greece, 2022, 8 min, US Premiere

There was once a donkey, a dog, a cat, and a rooster who managed to escape their miserable lives, and together they went off to pursue a better future.

Director, Writer: Sofia Papachristou

My Super Hero Husband (O Super Heroas Sizigos Mou)



Greece, 2022, 6 min, World Premiere

Superheroes are people too, and they have their own domestic lives to go back to, after they're done saving the world.

Director, Writer: Alexandra Tagali

2022, Drama International Short Film Festival

Travel Bugs



Greece, 2022, 8 min, International Premiere

Eight-year old Pauline travels from Paris to Athens with her parents. Her suitcase contains not only her clothes and toys but also a tiny stowaway: Louis the Beetle, a middle-aged French beetle who wants to relax. But he meets a hyperactive Greek bug named Jason, and the two travel all over Europe inside Pauline's suitcase, going on microscopic adventures that explore the dynamics of vacations with children.

Director, Animator: Fokion Xenos **Writer:** Fokion Xenos, Georgia Zachari

2022, Athens International Children's Film Festival 2022, Animasyros International Animation Festival

The Diary Of A Weird* Child



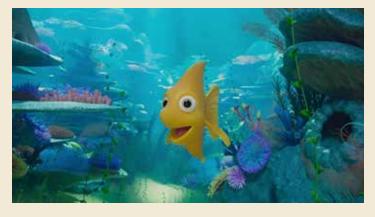
United States, 2023, 2 min, World Premiere

This short animated film depicts a teenager's resilience and perseverance as they navigate through the emotional journey of being a survivor.

Director, Writer: Yulie Archontaki **Animation:** Igor Lengo

Trianglefish In Sea Adventures

(Trigonopsaroulhs Thalassoperipeteies)



Greece, 2022, 10 min, World Premiere

Trianglefish and his friends begin their sea adventures. Their goal is to train and be able to face every maritime danger. However, Peter the Fisheater and his evil assistants will stand in their way, trying to capture them at every opportunity.

Director: Aikaterini Papageorgiou, Christos Livaditis

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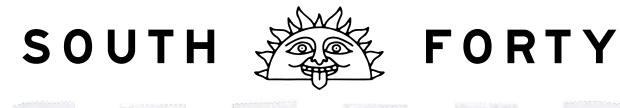




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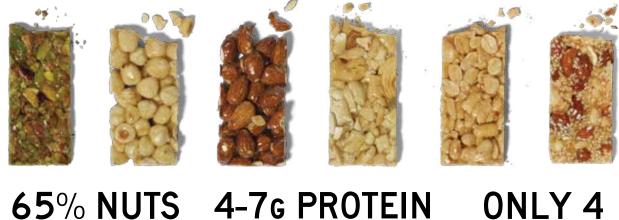
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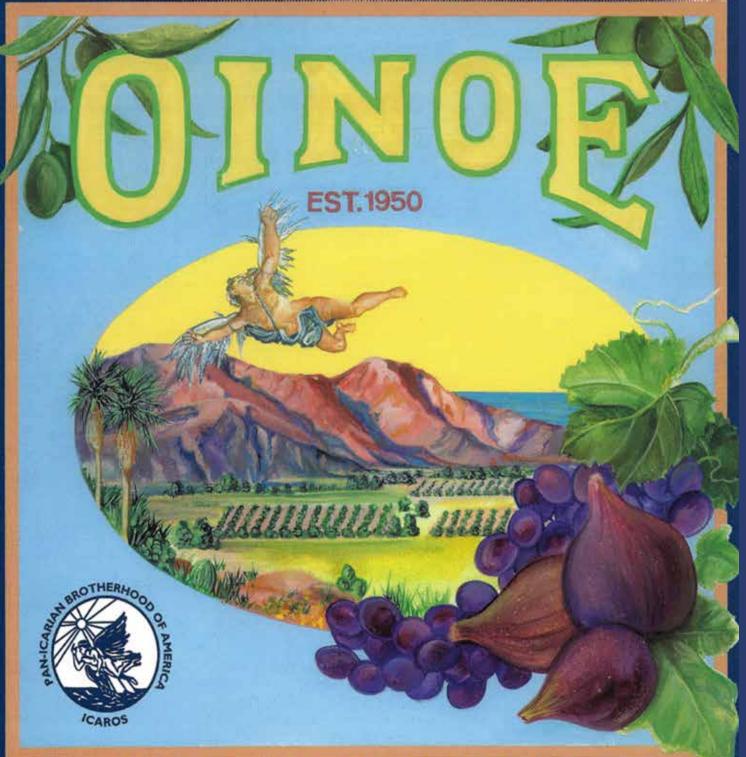




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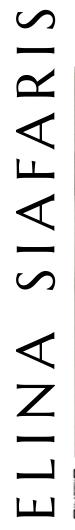
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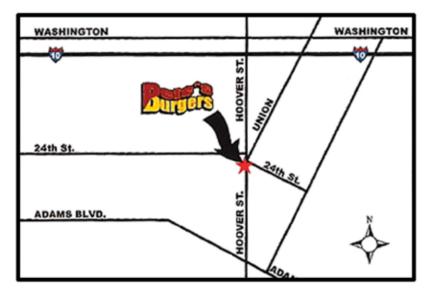
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| 6/4/2023 5:00 PM | Karagiozis The Movie & Travel Bugs | Regal LA Live dtla |
| 6/4/2023 7:30 PM | Where We Live & AirHostess-737 | Regal LA Live dtla |
| 6/5/2023 6:30 PM | Venizelos: the Struggle for Asia Minor & George | Regal LA Live dtla |
| 6/6/2023 1:00 PM | Hussies - Student Fellowship Screening | LMU Broccoli Theater |
| 6/6/2023 7:30 PM | Queen of the Deuce & Gypsy Rose Leezinski | Regal LA Live dtla |
| 6/7/2023 6:30 PM | Filmmakers Welcoming party (exclusive) | San Marino |
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| 6/8/2023 7:30 PM | Cavewoman | Regal LA Live dtla |
| 6/8/2023 9:00 PM | Hollywood Scene and Be Seen Party | Sunset House |
| 6/9/2023 6:00 PM | Miss Mary's Room & The Thisvi Trilogy | Regal LA Live dtla |
| 6/9/2023 8:00 PM | Travelling Ghosts & lota Period Omega | Regal LA Live dtla |
| 6/10/2023 10:00 AM | Filmmakers Brunch at Consular Residence (Gold Pass exclusive) | Pacific Palisades |
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| 6/10/2023 4:00 PM | Cinematherapy - Toxic Magnus | Regal LA Live dtla |
| 6/10/2023 6:00 PM | Dodo | Regal LA Live dtla |
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