

Los Angeles Greek Film Festival Returns to Hollywood

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"The Other Woman."

The "Renaissance of the Greek Film Industry," or the "Success Story of Greek Filmmakers" has recently become a hot topic within the international film circles and amongst cinephiles. Although the phrasing can differ, there is no doubt that Greek Cinema is riding a new wave of success which is recognized in Europe as well as in the U.S.

That face of New Greek Cinema will be presented at the 8th Annual Los Angeles Greek Film Festival from June 4-8 at the Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood.

This year LAGFF will present 29 internationally acclaimed features, documentaries, and short films, including two world premieres, 14 U.S. premieres, and 11 films presented for the first time to Los Angeles audiences.

The Opening Night Red Carpet Gala on June 4 belongs to Nick Cassavetes' hit romantic comedy The Other Woman which will usher in the five days of screenings, receptions, and events.

The Gala will include a celebration under the stars with a dinner reception and special performance by singing sensation Vassy ("We Are Young").

CINEMAX® will present the newly added New Greek Cinema section which spotlights filmmakers who tackle controversial social, economic, and political subjects through a new rulebook of storytelling. The section will spotlight four award-winning features including Alexandros Avranas' critically acclaimed "Miss Violence."



"The Enemy Within."

Each year the Festival offers a seminar for filmmakers and actors alike. This year's industry seminar which is open to the public will present the award-winning casting director Valorie Massalas (Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, Gods and Monsters) as she talks about her trade – one of the most crucial phases in filmmaking. Participants will have an unparalleled opportunity to obtain first-hand knowledge in this up-close and personal look at the process of casting in Film and TV.

The acclaimed revenge drama The Enemy Within by Yorgos Tsemberopoulos will close the festival on June 8. The director won the Best Director Award at this year's Hellenic Film Academy Awards.

After many of the screenings, patrons will have the opportunity to interact with the attending filmmakers in the Q&A sessions. VIP Gold Pass holders will also be able to join them in the VIP lounge.

The Closing Night Gala will begin with a star studded red carpet before the screening and conclude with the Festival's Orpheus Awards, dinner reception, and performances by Tripping Souls, the Boston based, indie-rock band.

The 8th annual LAGFF is just around the corner and if you want to be a part of this extraordinary 5-day event get your ALL-ACCESS VIP Gold Pass and enjoy the exclusive benefits.

For the film schedule and to purchase tickets visit lagff.org.

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