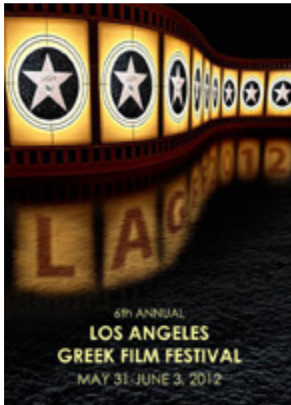


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LA Greek Film Festival 2012



The 6th edition of [Los Angeles Greek Film Festival 2012](#) (LAGFF) kicks off today and will run until June 3, under the title *Defeating the Crisis through the Viewfinder*.

The festival opens with the world premiere of the film *A Green Story* [\[VIDEO\]](#) about the true tale of Van Vlahakis -a Greek immigrant who in the 60s arrived in America with only \$22 in his pocket, soon to become one of the richest and most powerful men in the country, founder of Earth Friendly Products, a company trading in eco-friendly cleaning detergents.

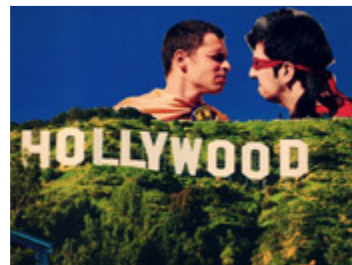
"We love the upbeat message of the film, especially when Greeks are undergoing such financial strains at home," said Ersi Danou, LAGFF's co-founder and artistic director.



The festival will showcase [twenty-two narrative feature, short films and documentaries](#) among them the U.S. premiere of *Dad, Lenin and Freddy* [\[VIDEO\]](#) directed by Rinio Dragasaki, Evris Papanikolas's short film *Just a Perfect Day* [\[VIDEO\]](#) and Georgios Papaioannou's comedy *Super Demetrios*.

There will also be [a special tribute to director Theo Angelopoulos](#) featuring a panel discussion moderated by Fred Linch and a screening of the film *Ulysses' Gaze*. The festival concludes on June 3 with the presentation of the Orpheus Awards.

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