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Thursday, May 31, 2012 - LAGFF DAY 1

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PRESS RELEASE: GREEK FILMMAKERS 'GO FOR THE GOLD' AT THE 2012 LOS ANGELES GREEK FILM FESTIVAL IN HOLLYWOOD

In the spirit of the ongoing global 'quest for the gold' born in Athens, Greece, over two centuries ago, filmmakers will experience their own moment of triumph as they step onto the red carpet at Hollywood's famed Egyptian Theatre for the May 31 opening night of the 2012 Los Angeles Greek Film Festival, to culminate June 3 with the prestigious Orpheus Awards ceremony.

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THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

1. PRESS RELEASE
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LAGFF BEGINS TONIGHT - 8:00 PM



Egyptian Theatre
6712 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90028

A GREEN STORY

[\[TRAILER\]](#) USA, 2012, 96 minutes, World Premiere

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Director/Writer: Nika Agiashvili. Producers: Nika Agiashvili, John Edward Lee, Deanna Plascencia, Chadwick Struck, Dimitris Birbilis, Davit Agiashvili, Pablo D'Adamo. Cast: Ed O'Ross, Shannon Elizabeth, Billy Zane, Annabella Sciorra, Malcolm McDowell, Roger Bart, Talia Jackson



This story recounts the life of Van Vlahakis, who left Greece for the American dream and through an inspirational series of events, eventually turned the 22 dollars he brought with him into Earth Friendly Products, a US pioneer manufacturer of green products.



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A dinner reception, entertainment and dessert by Ben & Jerry's will follow screening. For map and parking, [click here](#).



FRIDAY, JUNE 1 - DAY TWO

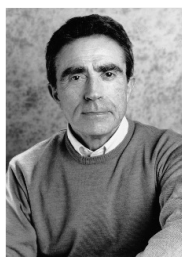


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1313 North Vine Street
Hollywood, CA 90028
(One block north of Fountain.
Enter complimentary parking
from rear of building.)



1 - 5 pm
MASTER CLASS FOR FILM WRITERS

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In one afternoon, Michael Economou will present an intense, structured overview of the Masters Course he teaches at the USC School of Cinema, geared toward film writers. Economou is a member of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences, the Writers Guild, Producers Guild, and Film Editors Guild. He has won an Emmy and was nominated for an Oscar, among other recognitions. Spacing is limited. \$20 online / \$24

at the door

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5:45 pm
RAW MATERIAL, CASUS BELLI, DAD, LENIN AND FREDDY

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RAW MATERIAL (Profi Yli) [TRAILER]
Greece, 2011, 78 min, Documentary
Director: Hristos Karakepelis
Writers: Natasha Segou, Hristos Karakepelis. Producers: Costas Lambropoulos, Christos V. Konstantakopoulos

A group of illegal gypsy immigrants, that don't live by the norms or speak the Greek language, gather garbage and recycle Athens' material in an attempt to improve their lives.

Winner of the 2012 Hellenic Film Academy Award for Best Documentary.

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Preceded by short films:



CASUS BELLI



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Greece, 2010, 11 min
 Director/Writer: Yorgos Zois
 Producer: Maria Drandaki
 Cast: Marisha Triantafyllidou, Tzeni Theona, Iris Ponkena

Urban life is seen through the lonesome journey of a loaded shopping cart.



**DAD, LENIN AND FREDDY
 (O Babas mou, o Lenin kai o Freddy)**

Greece, 2011, 20 min,
 US Premiere. Director/Writer:
 Rinio Dragasaki. Producer:
 Elina Psikou. Cast: Avra
 Vordonaraki, Giannis Tsortekis

During the 80's, in Athens, a
 nine year old girl gradually
 loses touch with her workaholic communist father.

2012 Hellenic Film Academy Award for Best Short Film

8:30 pm - TUNGSTEN and THE PALACE

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TUNGSTEN

Greece, 2011, 98 min, LA
 Premiere
 Director/Writer: Giorgos
 Georgopoulos
 Producers: Giorgos
 Georgopoulos, Kostas
 Georgopoulos
 Cast: Vangelis Mourikis, Tasos
 Nousias, Omiros Poulakis

TRAILER

The stories of three men living in crisis-ridden Athens unfold within the timeframe of a single day, revealing a world in havoc, where victims become villains and vice versa.

Presented by
 TINA AND GEORGE KOLOVOS, G.P. KOLOVOS &

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Preceded by short film:



THE PALACE

Cyprus/Australia, 2011, 15 min
 Director/Writer: Anthony Maras
 Producers: Anthony Maras, Kate Croser,
 Andros Achilleas
 Cast: Daphne Alexander, Erol Afsin,



Kevork Malikyan

Cyprus 1974: A conscript soldier comes face to face with a family in hiding and must confront the brutal reality of war and his role in it.



ONE DAY LEFT TO ENJOY FULL GOLD PASS BENEFITS



A limited number of **GOLD PASSES** are still available. But today is the last day to enjoy all the benefits the GOLD PASS has to offer.

The all-access GOLD PASS includes all films, Opening Night, a master class for screenwriters, an industry panel on Hollywood representation, a tribute to Theo Angelopoulos, the exclusive Closing Night Orpheus Awards and reception at the home of Elisabeth Fotiadou, Consul General of Greece, and much more!

[Click here](#) to reserve your all-access GOLD PASS today!

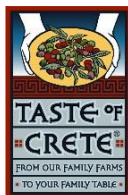
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PEGASUS: SANTORINI

This year's LAGFF [auction](#) is officially underway and includes dream packages at Avaton Resort and Katikies Luxury Hotel, both in Santorini. The package includes a luxury convertible Mercedes to ride the island in style! For vacation seekers who like to stay local, the auction also offers a Palm Springs Weekend Getaway.

LAGFF's latest item to be included in this year's auction is a week-long stay for two at the NAFPLIA PALACE HOTEL & VILLAS. This getaway includes a luxury bungalow with private pool.

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LAGFF's auction also offers an exclusive opportunity to filmmakers local to Los Angeles - the rental of a state-of-the-art digital film studio for a day.

Consider taking advantage of these [auction](#) vacations. Proceeds raised support LAGFF!



BECOME A CITIZEN JOURNALIST FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A 2013 GOLD PASS!

Upload your photos and videos of the 2012 LAGFF directly to our [Facebook page](#) throughout the festival. We will take the names of everyone who uploads photos and videos of this year's event directly to the Facebook page, put them into a drawing, and award one 2013 Gold Pass each to two lucky winners. We will videotape the drawing and announce the winner by uploading the video of the drawing to the Facebook page. Upload your photos and videos directly to the LAGFF Facebook page on or before Wednesday, June 6th, in order to be eligible to win.

We are grateful to Consul General of Cyprus Andreas Kyprianides for his continued support and tireless efforts to promote Hellenism.

Special thanks go to ELMA, an organization dedicated to the promotion of European Cinema in America.



We acknowledge the following distinguished individuals for their love of the arts and culture, and for their precious contribution to LAGFF:

Marianne & Dean Metropoulos, Kelly Vlahakis-Hanks, Tina & George Kolovos, Stella & Dinos Andrianos, Sid Ganis, Corinna Tsopei Fields, Kary Antholis, Michael Galanakis, Olympia Dukakis, and Aris Anagnos.

We wish to express our gratitude to Consul General of Greece Elisabeth Fotiadou for her vision, dedication and fervent support.

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