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The Houston Greek Film Festival Celebrates its Fifth Year and Being Back in Theaters

Greek film festival, HGFF, is live and in person again at MATCHouston

Houston, TX: The Houston Greek Film Festival (HGFF) is excited to be live, in person, and back home at MATCHouston again. The fifth edition of the only Greek language (there are English-speaking films too!) film festival in Texas and the Gulf Coast region of the country showcases new films from Greek/Cypriot filmmakers, producers and actors, and from Greece/Cyprus and the diaspora.

Regarding the return of the film festival to MATCH, Houston Greek Film Festival Executive Director and CEO Kosta Papasideris said, "In light of the COVID pandemic, in 2020 and 2021, the HGFF went the way of online streaming. It was an obvious and rather successful move to do so, but we are very happy to be back in theaters again. These films are so terrific, and they deserve to be seen in large format in venues you can share with friends and family."

The 2022 HGFF proudly showcases twelve feature length and thirteen short films from Greece, Cyprus and the diaspora. Among those selected, is a special, limited seating engagement of the highly anticipated historical drama Smyrna, My Beloved. The Houston Greek Film Festival also includes exciting collaborations between Greek and other European filmmakers, and for the fifth year in a row, proudly includes Greece's bid for the upcoming Oscars.

About the Houston Greek Film Festival (HGFF): The Houston Greek Film Festival is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that showcases new films from Greek and Cypriot filmmakers, producers and actors from Greece, Cyprus and the diaspora. Featuring both feature-length and shorts, the HGFF aims to promote Greek cinema to Houston and all of Texas and the Southwest.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



2022 HGFF EVENT INFORMATION:

- Dates: Thursday, November 10, 2022 Sunday, November 13, 2022
- Venue: MATCHouston, 3400 S Main St, Houston, TX 77002
- Tickets: Regular: \$15; All Access: \$70; Closing Reception: \$30
- For Inquiries: info@houstongreekfilmfestival.com

2022 FILM SELECTIONS: http://houstongreekfilmfestival.com/films.html

2022 EVENT SCHEDULE:

Thursday, November 10, 2022 (Matchbox 1)

- 7:00 PM: BROKEN SOUND (w/ short film THE RIDE)
- 9:00 PM: APPLES (w/ short films CASTRO & MEMOIR OF A VEERING STORM)

Friday, November 11, 2022 (Matchbox 4)

- 7:00 PM: SENIOR CITIZEN (w/ short film CHRISTMAS PRESENT)
- 9:00 PM: SMYRNA, MY BELOVED *Special Engagement and Limited Seating*

Saturday, November 12, 2022 (Matchbox 1)

- 12:00 PM: 18 (w/ short film WITH NEW EYES)
- 2:30 PM: MAGNETIC FIELDS (w/ short film BRUTALIA, DAYS OF LABOUR)
- 4:30 PM: VASY'S ODYSSEY (w/ short film NEXTING)
- 6:45 PM: ECHOES OF THE PAST (w/ short films JUST LIKE WATER & THE STUDENT)
- 9:15 PM: PACK OF SHEEP (w/ short film ISKIOMA)

Sunday, November 13, 2022 (Matchbox 1)

- 12:00 PM: KING OTTO (w/ short film UMBILICAL)
- 2:30 PM: THE SISTERS KARRAS (w/ short film PEBBLE)
- 4:30 PM: I LOVE GREECE (w/ short film TO VANCOUVER)

Sunday, November 13, 2022 (Gallery)

• 7:00 PM: CLOSING RECEPTION

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• Managing Director: Anastasia Papasideris

• **Director of Operations:** Paula Varsamis

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