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The Houston Greek Film Festival Celebrates its Sixth Year
Greek film festival, HGFF, is back with impressive lineup

Houston, TX: The Houston Greek Film Festival (HGFF) is excited to be live, in person, and home at MATCHouston again. The sixth 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 this year's highly anticipated film festival, Houston Greek Film Festival Executive Director and CEO Kosta Papasideris said, "We're excited about year six. We're proud of all the films this year; I want to single out KARAGIOZIS: THE MOVIE, which is Greece's most famous children's character brought to the silver screen for the first time ever! We invite every family to catch that one."

The 2023 HGFF proudly showcases twelve feature length and fourteen short films from Greece, Cyprus and the diaspora. The Houston Greek Film Festival also includes exciting collaborations between Greek and other European filmmakers, and for the sixth 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

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2023 HGFF EVENT INFORMATION:

- **Dates:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 – Sunday, November 19, 2023
- **Venue:** MATCHHouston, 3400 S Main St, Houston, TX 77002
- **Tickets:** Regular: \$18; All Access: \$90; Closing Reception: \$30
- **For Inquiries:** info@houstongreekfilmfestival.com

2023 FILM SELECTIONS: <http://houstongreekfilmfestival.com/films.html>

2023 EVENT SCHEDULE:

Thursday, November 16, 2023 (Matchbox 1)

- 6:45 PM: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A TEDDY BEAR (w/ short film MY DAD'S DINER)
- 9:00 PM: VENIZELOS: THE STRUGGLE FOR ASIA MINOR (w/ short film IMBROGLIO)

Friday, November 17, 2023 (Matchbox 1)

- 6:45 PM: PATCHWORK (w/ short film DUSTLIGHT)
- 9:00 PM: DODO

Saturday, November 18, 2023 (Matchbox 1)

- 12:00 PM: KARAGIOZIS THE MOVIE
- 1:45 PM: MY FATHER'S STUDIO (w/ short film TIME TO WAKE UP)
- 3:30 PM: ZAKROS (w/ short film AMPHILOCHIOS: SAINT OF PATMOS)
- 6:15 PM: LISTEN (w/ short film THE EMPTY CHAIR)
- 9:00 PM: IMAN (w/ short film SHADOW)

Sunday, November 19, 2023 (Matchbox 1)

- 12:30 PM: short films: LITTLE DOGGIE, 11:20AM, A LA CARTE, ON XERXES' THRONE, FIRE BORN
- 2:30 PM: DIGNITY (w/ short films THE ARMCHAIR ON THE PAVEMENT)
- 4:30 PM: BLACK STONE (w/ GREEK PHILOSOPHIA & CHICKENS)

Sunday, November 19, 2023 (Gallery)

- 7:00 PM: CLOSING RECEPTION & THE ASTERI AWARDS

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HGFF TEAM INFORMATION:

- **Executive Director & CEO:** Kosta Papasideris
- **Managing Director:** Anastasia Papasideris
- **Director of Operations:** Paula Varsamis
- **Director of Marketing & Media:** Max Weimmer

VARIOUS FILM INFORMATION

2023 HGFF OPENING FILM:

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A TEDDY BEAR

Romantic Comedy | 106min | Gulf Coast Premiere

A boy-meets-girl-meets-teddy bear story, taking place in Shanghai. Jinxi is a violinist, about to fulfill her dream of moving to Vienna to continue with her music studies. While trying to settle her affairs before departing, her encounter with Panos, a Greek architect newly arrived to Shanghai, will have a disrupting effect on her life.

(English)

Writer: Vassilis Xiros

Director: Vassilis Xiros



A Day in the Life of a Teddy Bear Still Image

2023 HGFF CLOSING FILM:

BLACK STONE

Comedy | 87min

While filming absent civil servants, a documentary crew stumbles upon Haroula, a desperate, overprotective Greek mother in search of her son. But when he is accused of fraud, Haroula sets out with her other disabled son and a Greek-African taxi driver to bring him back home where he belongs. even if this means discovering who her son really is.
(Greek with English subtitles)

Writers: Spiros Jacovides, Ziad Semaan

Director: Spiros Jacovides



Black Stone Still Image