

ITALIAN FILM SERIES 2025

All films are shown at the Norris Center (755 8th Ave. South). It is located at the corner of 8th Avenue South and 8th Street South. The showings begin at 6:45 p.m. For more information, call the ICS Information Line at 434-3323, or email ics.naples@gmail.com



January 13, 2025

Cinema Paradiso 1988 coming-of-age drama 155 Minutes

In 1988 Rome, Salvatore Di Vita, a famous film director, returns home after thirty years to his village of Giancaldo, Sicily. The film flashes back to Salvatore's childhood, where he is nicknamed **Toto**. As an eight-year-old, Toto discovers his love for films and spends every free moment at the local movie house, **Cinema Paradiso**. His friendship with the middle-aged projectionist, **Alfredo**, forms the heart of the story.



January 27, 2025

My Italian Secret: The Forgotten Heroes

2015 Documentary 131 Minutes

(NOTE: This will not be open to the public. ICS and JFGN members only. At JFGN not Norris Center)

MY ITALIAN SECRET tells a heroic story that was all but lost to history, until now. The film recounts how WWII bicycling idol Gino Bartali, physician Giovanni Borromeo and other Italians worked with Jewish leaders and high-ranking officials of the Catholic Church, risking their lives by defying the Nazis to save thousands of Italy's Jews.



February 10, 2025

The Last Prosecco

2017 Comedy/Mystery 101 minutes

The film follows Inspector Stucky investigating a series of murders and the theatrical suicide of Desiderio Ancillotto, a count who lives in the hills of Conegliano and Valdobbiadene, in a story that



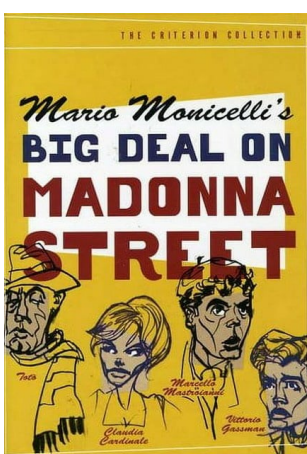
February 24, 2025

In Guerra per Amore

2016

99 Minutes

The film unfolds in Sicily, where Allied forces have just landed. Arturo, the protagonist, is deeply in love with Flora, the daughter of a restaurant owner. However, Flora's hand in marriage has been promised to a Mafia boss. The movie beautifully combines elements of **comedy, drama, romance, and war**, making it a captivating watch. If you enjoy historical love stories with intriguing twists, *In guerra per amore* is definitely worth watching.



March 10, 2025

Big Deal on Madonna St

1958

106 minutes

Comedy, Drama

Big Deal on Madonna Street is a 1958 Italian comedy caper film directed by Mario Monicelli. Regarded as one of the masterpieces of Italian cinema,

This film received an Academy Award nomination for Best Foreign Language Film.



March 24, 2025

Quo Vado

2016

86 minutes

Comedy

Checco was born into privilege in a small Italian town with a guaranteed job as a public servant. When a new reformist government vows to cut down on bureaucracy, Checco is forced to accept worsening conditions.

One of the highest grossing Italian films of all time !



April 7, 2025

Mediterraneo

1991

96 minutes

Comedy, Drama, War

The film is set during World War II and revolves around a group of Italian soldiers who find themselves stranded on an island in the Italian Dodecanese within the Aegean Sea. These soldiers are left behind by the war and must navigate their new reality.

Winner best foreign language Oscar; When released was the highest grossing non-English speaking film in the US.



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