



**Embassy of Italy
Nicosia**

PRESS RELEASE

“Italian Film Days”: Festival of Italian Cinema in Cyprus

Italian cinema is coming to Cyprus, with a weeklong Film Festival presented by the Embassy of Italy in Cyprus in cooperation with the IMAGO Film Group, the Rialto Theatre in Limassol and the Pantheon Theatre in Nicosia.

From 19 to 25 September 2018, six among the most intriguing recent Italian films will be screened in Limassol and Nicosia, in the context of the “Italian Film Days”.

ITALIAN FILM DAYS
19-25 settembre 2018
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19-21 September
Rialto Theatre
Limassol

22-25 September
Pantheon Theatre
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The official opening will take place at the Rialto Theatre in Limassol on Wednesday 19 September with the movie *L'Esodo* by emerging Italian filmmaker *Ciro Formisano*, who will be present at the screening along with leading actress *Daniela Poggi*, a mainstay of Italian cinema and television. The movie *L'Esodo* has been selected by ANICA, the Association of the Italian Film Industry, as one of the best Italian films of 2018 and has thus been included in the shortlist of movies from which the official Italian submission to the Oscars for Best Foreign Language film will be selected later this month.

The closing night, hosted at the Pantheon Theatre in Nicosia on Tuesday 25 September, will feature a special tribute in memory of *Vittorio Taviani*, one of the greatest Italian movie directors, who passed away earlier this year, with the screening of his last film, directed together with his brother *Paolo*, “*Una questione privata*”.

To enhance the viewing experience, the Festival will feature informative material on the screened movies, video interviews with actors/directors, and the possibility for the public to rate each movie. The most liked film of the Festival will be announced on the closing night.

“Italian Film Days 2018”, an initiative of the Embassy of Italy in Cyprus, is made possible by special funding from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the context of the bilateral cultural agreement between Italy and Cyprus. Through this initiative, the Embassy of Italy concurs to “Fare cinema”, a project of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs aimed at showcasing Italian quality film productions abroad in the framework of the promotional plan #VIVERE ALL’ITALIANA (“The Italian Way of Life”).

For more information, please see the attached program and film list. Details and will be available soon on the websites of the Italian Embassy in Nicosia www.ambnicosia.esteri.it, Rialto Theatre www.rialto.com.cy and Pantheon Theatre <https://pantheon-theatre.com/>.

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