

# Chicago European Union Film Festival

## ★ Spotlight: Cyprus

Thirteen films from Cyprus. Three days only. Join us for the Chicago European Union Film Festival (CEUFF) as we shine a Spotlight on Cyprus, the current holder of the EU presidency. Cyprus has a vibrant film culture but rarely seen in the U.S., and these 13 films will only screen in Chicago for one weekend, so don't miss your chance to see them on the big screen! Discover new voices alongside acclaimed favorites, gain insight into the cinema of Cyprus during a filmmaker panel, and celebrate Opening Night with a reception inspired by its culinary traditions. [siskelfilmcenter.org/ceuff](https://siskelfilmcenter.org/ceuff)



**FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 7:00PM**  
**OPENING NIGHT: SMUGGLING HENDRIX**  
 2018, dir. Marios Piperides, Cyprus, Germany, Greece, 93 min.  
 In Greek, English, and Turkish with English subtitles / Format: Digital

Marios Piperides's comedic and unexpectedly moving story about borders, belonging, and one man's attempt to rescue his dog from across the UN buffer zone. **Followed by a reception sponsored by Athena Restaurant.** Tickets: \$15 Siskel Film Center members, seniors, SAIC students, faculty, and staff; \$20 general audiences.



**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 12:00PM**  
**.DOG**  
 2022, dir. Yianna Americanou, Cyprus, Greece, 100 min.  
 In Greek and English with English subtitles / Format: Digital

Yianna Americanou's raw coming-of-age drama about Dimitris, a boy on the cusp of adulthood who has mythologized his imprisoned father. When his father is released after 10 years, Dimitris is forced to confront a painful truth—and choose between his longing for belonging and his sense of justice.



**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2:30PM**  
**CYPRUS-US CO-PRODUCTION PANEL**

Cyprus is not only home to a wealth of breath-taking locations, it also offers a competitive film production incentive program designed to support the creation of feature films, TV series, documentaries, and animation. Find out how Cyprus is supporting media production from three accomplished Cypriots: movie directors Stelana Kliris and Minos Papas, and Cultural Officer Marios Psaras.



**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 4:30PM**  
**FIND ME FALLING**  
 2024, dir. Stelana Kliris, Cyprus, USA, 93 min.  
 In Greek and English with English subtitles / Format: Digital

Stelana Kliris's charming romantic comedy starring Harry Connick Jr. as an American rock star who retreats to a cliffside home in Cyprus after a failed comeback album, only to find his solitude disrupted by unexpected visitors—and an old flame.



**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 6:30PM**  
**EMBRYO LARVA BUTTERFLY**  
 2023, dir. Kyros Papavassiliou, Cyprus, Greece, 91 min.  
 In Greek with English subtitles / Format: Digital

A sci-fi meditation on love and time, imagining a society where temporal fractures continually reshape the relationship between Penelope and Isidoros. A path to linear time offers stability—but at a profound cost.



**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 8:30PM**  
**PAUSE**  
 2018, dir. Tonia Mishiali, Cyprus, Greece, 96 min.  
 In Greek and English with English subtitles / Format: Digital

Trapped in the misery of an oppressive marriage, Elpida finds refuge in a fantasy world of sensual pleasures and vindictive violence. As her tenuous hold on reality begins to crumble, Elpida finds herself uncertain as to what is real and what is her imagination.



**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 12:00PM**  
**INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL OF CYPRUS AWARD WINNERS**  
 2020–24, dirs. various, Cyprus, 100 min.  
 Various languages with English subtitles / Format: Digital

For the last 16 years, the International Short Film Festival of Cyprus has showcased a diverse program of short films from around the globe and championed shorts made in their own region. We are delighted to present six award-winning shorts made by Cypriot filmmakers.



**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2:30PM**  
**THE MAN WITH THE ANSWERS**  
 2021, dir. Stelios Kammitis, Cyprus, Italy, Greece, 80 min.  
 In English, Greek, German and Italian with English subtitles / Format: Digital

A tender and funny queer road-trip romance from Stelios Kammitis, following a grieving Greek former diving champion and a free-spirited German student as they travel across a breathtaking European landscape.



**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 4:30PM**  
**AFRICA STAR**  
 2024, dir. Adonis Florides, Cyprus, 107 min.  
 In Greek with English subtitles / Format: Digital

A sweeping family drama centered on three generations of Cypriot women—a grandmother, mother, and daughter—whose intertwined lives, from the 1940s to the present day, are all influenced by one man's betrayal.

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