

THE NEW YORK CITY GREEK FILM FESTIVAL

'WORLDS APART' RUN EXTENDED

New Yorkers are discovering *WORLDS APART*, turning out in large numbers to see the film and prompting the Village East Cinema to extend the run through January 26. Directed by and starring Christopher Papakaliatis, Academy Award winner J. K. Simmons and Maria Kavogianni, the film tells three stories of non-Greeks falling in love with Greeks in a time of social and economic turmoil. The film is shown five times a day: 11 am, 1:55 pm, 4:50, 7:45, 10:40 at the Village East, Second Ave. and 12th St. Tickets are available at the box office or [on line](#).

WORLDS APART is also showing in Los Angeles at the ArcLight Hollywood Cinema. It opens in Chicago on Feb. 3 at the AMC River East 21 Theater.



YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED

Director Takis Bardakos has gone on line to solicit post-production funding for his new documentary, *BORDER SOULS*. Hundreds of viewers at last year's NYC Greek Film Festival were moved by his *ATHENS FROM BENEATH*, Bardakos's stirring doc on the victims of the Greek economic crisis. The new film focuses on the refugee problem in Greece and individuals, clerics and lay people, who are trying to help the situation. Money is desperately needed to complete the project. You can view two relevant videos and contribute [here](#).



‘10’ PROVES LUCKY FOR NYC Greek Film Festival

Ten turned out to be a lucky number for the NYC Greek Film Festival. The tenth annual festival broke attendance records beyond all expectations. Opening with a sold-out opening night at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the festival went on to sell out another 16 of its 33 screenings. In all, factoring in attendance at the mini-fests in Atlanta and Boston, slightly over 6,500 people attended festival screenings in 2016. A heartfelt thank you to our audience and to our supporters who make the festival possible.

TWO NEW GREEK FILMS SCORE AT THE BOX OFFICE

Two new films dominated the lucrative Christmas holiday season and continue to play throughout Greece. In *ROZA OF SMYRNA*, directed by Giorgos Kordellas, the discovery of an old photograph and a blood-stained wedding dress with a letter sewn in its hem brings to light a love story dating back to 1921 before the expulsion of Greeks from Asia Minor. *PERFECT STRANGERS*, directed by Thodoris Atheridis, is a remake of an Italian comedy about the games people play. Seven friends decide to share every text message and call each receives during the course of a single evening

only to discover that they are perfect strangers to one another after all. The NYC Greek Film Festival is negotiating to bring both of these films to the Big Apple in October.



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