

Oscar-Winning Director Costa-Gavras Attends Sold-Out Screenings of His Films

Presented by Hellenic Film Society USA and the Museum of the Moving Image

Astoria, NY – February 11, 2020 – Oscar-winning filmmaker Costa-Gavras was in New York for a rare US visit to attend the premiere of his latest film, *Adults in the Room*, a drama about the Greek economic crisis. The Hellenic Film Society USA, hosted Costa-Gavras Weekend, presenting screenings of that film and his masterpiece, *Z*, at the Museum of the Moving Image (MoMI) in Astoria, Queens on February 8-9. The famed director was met by sold-out shows and standing ovations. He participated in post-screening interviews with film experts and Q&A sessions with the audience. Actors Christos Loulis and Alexandros Bourdounis, who star in the new film, also attended, as did producer Michele Gavras.

“*Adults in the Room* is intelligent filmmaking at its finest. Every scene, every camera movement reveals the thrilling touch of a master filmmaker. The film lingers in my mind and I’m certain it will continue to resonate, says Jimmy DeMetro, President of the Hellenic Film Society. “It was a thrill to see how the audience—young and old—reacted to both films and to the director himself. It was our honor to host this important filmmaker, whose work has had an enormous impact on world cinema.”

Costa-Gavras has directed 24 films since the beginning of his career in 1965, including *Missing*, starring Jack Lemmon and Sissy Spacek, for which he won an Academy Award for Best Screenplay. *Z* won the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film in 1970.

The Hellenic Film Society will mark **Women’s History Month** with a special screening on **Sunday, March 8** as part of its monthly Always on Sunday film series at MoMI. In June the Film Society will present the **New York Greek Film Expo**, a film festival featuring the latest and best films from Greece.

About the Hellenic Film Society USA

The Hellenic Film Society USA (HFS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization rooted in the belief that Greek cinema can and should be part of the American cultural landscape. The organization promotes feature films, documentaries, and film shorts made by Greek filmmakers and those of Greek descent, as well as films that promote the cultures of Greece and Cyprus.

In addition to collaborating with MoMI for its series of monthly Greek film screenings, HFS presents the annual New York Greek Film Expo film festival every spring. This fall, HFS also presented film festivals in Philadelphia and Atlanta.

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Oscar-winning director Costa-Gavras (center) appeared at the New York premiere of his newest film, *Adults in the Room*, on Sunday, February 9 at 4:30pm at the Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria, Queens, presented by the Hellenic Film Society USA. The director, along with producer Michele Gavras, and actors Christos Loulis and Alexandros Bourdumis, who star in the new film, were interviewed by film historian Foster Hirsch following the screening.