

Hellenic Film Society USA Presents *DEFUNCT*, Sunday, July 10 at the Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria, NY Part of the Always on Sunday Monthly Greek Film Series

Astoria, NY – June 27, 2022 – The Hellenic Film Society USA (HFS) presents the award-winning film, *Defunct*, on Sunday, July 10 at the Museum of the Moving Image (MoMI) in Astoria, Queens. The presentation is part of HFS's Always on Sunday series of monthly Greek film screenings at MoMI.

The winner of the Audience Award for Best Picture at the 2019 Thessaloniki International Film Festival, *Defunct* tells the story of Aris, a failed young businessman who leaves behind his downtown yuppie lifestyle and moves into his late grandfather's home in an Athens suburb. Before long, he discovers a family secret that will forever change the way he looks at life. Directed by Zacharias Mavroeidis, *Defunct* (the title in Greek is *Apostratos*) is in Greek with English subtitles.

"This is an audience-friendly film that uses a light touch to tell the story of a young man who reaches an understanding of family dynamics that will usher him into a new level of maturity," says Jimmy DeMetro, president of the Hellenic Film Society USA. "Mihalis Sarantis, who gives a flawless performance as the young man, justifies his status as a young Greek actor to watch."

A trailer for the film and an interview with the director can be found on the Hellenic Film Society's [YouTube](#) channel. For further information or to purchase tickets to the film, please visit www.hellenicfilmusa.org or call 347-934-9497 and follow on Facebook and Instagram. The Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Avenue in Astoria, is conveniently located near public transportation.

The following week, on Sunday, July 17, the Hellenic Film Society, in partnership with the New York City Parks Department, will present a free screening of the musical *Mamma Mia!* at Athens Square Park in Astoria at 30th Avenue/30th Street.

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 deserves to 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 the prestigious Museum of the Moving Image for its series of monthly Greek film screenings, HFS presents the annual New York Greek Film Expo film festival annually. When the pandemic forced movie theaters to close, HFS began streaming Greek films worldwide and created a YouTube channel to satisfy audience demand for Greek film.

The Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) is the lead supporter of the Hellenic Film Society USA. Additional support is provided by the Greek National Tourism Organization, the Kallinikeion Foundation, and Antenna Satellite TV. For additional information, please visit www.hellenicfilmusa.org or call 347-934-9497.

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