

It's a Wrap for New York Greek Expo 2022, Greek Film Festival for All New Yorkers—

**Hellenic Film Society Presented 12 Films in Four Theaters across New York Metro Area.
Festival Awards Go to MY PEOPLE documentary and Actor Andreas Konstantinou**

Astoria, NY—October 17, 2022—The curtain came down on a successful edition of the New York Greek Film Expo 2022, presented by the Hellenic Film Society USA (HFS). The festival's Audience Award for best film was given to *My People*, an inspiring documentary about the untold story of Greek Jews during the Holocaust. The film was directed by Anna Rezan and co-produced by Academy Award winners Mitchell Block and Kim Magnusson. The Alexis Mouyiaris Memorial Award for Best Performance in a Feature Film went to Andreas Konstantinou for his gripping performance as an ex-con who exploits the teenaged son who idolizes him in *.DOG*. The film was directed by Yianna Americanou.

"This was an exceptionally good year for Greek cinema, and we were delighted by the audience reaction to these excellent films," said Jimmy DeMetro, president, Hellenic Film Society. "It is encouraging to see an increasingly diverse audience, which demonstrates that there is an interest in Greek film beyond the Greek community."

This marked the most extensive Expo in HFS history, including 15 screenings in four theaters: at the Village East Cinema in Manhattan; Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria; Alpine Cinemas in Brooklyn; and Pelham Picture House in Westchester. Twelve films, including dramas, comedies, and two documentaries were presented at 15 screenings from September 29—October 9. Four of the films were directed by women.

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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 should be part of the American cultural landscape. Based in Astoria, NY, 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 presenting its annual film festival, HFS collaborates with the prestigious Museum of the Moving Image on Always on Sunday, a series of monthly Greek film screenings.

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The Alexis Mouyiaris Memorial Award for Best Performance in a Feature Film at the New York Greek Film Expo went to **Andreas Konstantinou** for his gripping performance as an ex-con who exploits the teenaged son who idolizes him in *.DOG*. The film was directed by Yianna Amerikanou. The New York Greek Film Expo was presented by the Hellenic Film Society USA, September 29—October 9.