

New York Public Library and the Hellenic Film Society USA TO PRESENT FREE FILM SCREENING At the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library in Manhattan

Astoria, NY—September 13, 2023—The New York Public Library, in association with the Hellenic Film Society USA, will present a free screening of MELTEM, the compelling drama directed by Basile Doganis, on Friday, September 29, 5:30 pm, at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library, Fifth Avenue at 40th Street in Manhattan. The director will be there to introduce his film and, with HFS president Jimmy DeMetro, will participate in a Q&A session with the audience following the screening.

MELTEM follows a young French woman of Greek descent who travels to the island of Lesbos with two friends to sell her deceased mother's house and put behind her all that is Greek. However, a chance encounter with a Syrian refugee searching for his mother puts the trip on a different course. The film is in French and Greek with English subtitles.

Doganis is a Greek-French director and screenwriter. He studied philosophy in France and Japan (PhD) before focusing on filmmaking. He has several short films and documentaries to his credit. MELTEM is his first full-length feature film.

"Meltem has a timely message about the importance of roots, family, and having a sense of place in one's life," said DeMetro. "The story unfolds with a beguiling spontaneity. The film is shot with the kind of intelligence and wisdom one expects in the works of more seasoned directors."

Doors will open at 5 pm for those who have registered in advance at:
www.showclix.com/event/meltem

The library generally overbooks free events, and registration does not guarantee admission. If there are any unclaimed registered seats, they will be released to standbys shortly before the start of the screening.

This program is made possible by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF). The Hellenic Film Society USA is a non-profit organization that serves to promote Greek cinema in the US. (www.hellenicfilmusa.org)



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