

## Hellenic Film Society Presents *DODO*, Quirky Comedy Drama

**Sunday, May 19 at the Museum of the Moving Image**

Astoria, NY – May 6, 2024 – The Hellenic Film Society (HFS) will present the quirky comedy drama *Dodo* on Sunday, May 19 at 3pm at the Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria. The film, which garnered 15 Hellenic Film Academy Award nominations including Best Picture, is part of the Society's Always on Sunday monthly Greek film series.

The cast includes some of Greece's best-known actors and promising newcomers, including Smaragda Karydi, Akis Sakellariou, Marisha Triantafyllidou, Angelos Papadimitriou, Natasa Exintaveloni, Mariella Savvides, and Polydoros Vogiatzis.

Immediately following the screening, actor Mariella Savvides will appear via Zoom to conduct an interactive Q&A with the audience.

Directed by Panos Koutras, the film unfolds as a dodo, a bird extinct for the past 300 years, inexplicably appears at the villa of a financially troubled family on the eve of their daughter's marriage to a wealthy heir. Wedding preparations are disrupted, and the line between sanity and madness collapses as the situation spins out of control. The film, in Greek and French with English subtitles, is recommended for mature audiences. A trailer for the film can be seen [here](#).

"*Dodo* premiered at the Cannes Film Festival and was a theatrical success in France. It was equally well received in Greece and New York, where it premiered at our New York Greek Film Expo this past fall," says Maria C. Miles, Hellenic Film Society president. "It's a fun, offbeat film with a terrific ensemble cast and we expect it to be popular in this encore presentation."

For further information or to purchase tickets, please visit [www.hellenicfilmusa.org](http://www.hellenicfilmusa.org) 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 screening is part of Always on Sunday, the Greek film series presented monthly by the Hellenic Film Society at the Museum of the Moving Image. The series is partially supported by funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, Statewide Community Re-grants Program with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature and administered by Flushing Town Hall.

## About the Hellenic Film Society USA

The Hellenic Film Society USA (HFS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to sharing Greek films as a way of promoting cultural diversity, while strengthening the communities it serves. It is rooted in the belief that Greek cinema deserves to be part of the American cultural landscape. Founded in 2018, 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 which will be held October 3-13, 2024. HFS also hosts a YouTube channel offering free Greek films and interviews with filmmakers.

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