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MSP Film Presents MSPIFF 2020 DATES & FELLINI LUMINARY TRIBUTE

January 20, 2020 — MSP Film Society is pleased to announce the **39th Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival (MSPIFF)**, launching on **Thursday, April 9th** and continuing through **Saturday, April 25, 2020**. MSPIFF is Minnesota's largest film festival and one of the longest-running film festivals in the country. Each year, MSPIFF showcases the latest films by both emerging and veteran filmmakers from around the globe, totaling more than **250 bold, exciting films representing 100+ countries and cultures**.

MSPIFF screenings will once again be concentrated at the **St. Anthony Main Theatre**, taking over all five screens for the full run of the festival. MSPIFF continues to expand the festival's footprint with the addition of the **Landmark Center in Downtown St. Paul** for this year's festival. Screenings and special events will also be held at the **Walker Art Center, Parkway Theater** in South Minneapolis, **Film Space at Metropolitan State University** in St. Paul, and the **Marcus Rochester Cinema** in Rochester, MN.

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY TO FELLINI!

To mark the occasion of the **100th year since his birth (1/20/1920)**, MSP Film Society is thrilled to announce the **MSPIFF 2020 Luminary Tribute will honor Italian filmmaking master Federico Fellini**. Every year MSPIFF pays tribute to a renowned filmmaker for their contributions to the medium of filmmaking and for artistic talents that have been instrumental in promoting a higher regard for the art of film around the world. The **MSP Film Society** and **MSPIFF** will honor Fellini with screenings of three of his most celebrated classics and one of his little-known gems in collaboration with the **Italian Cultural Center of Minneapolis / St. Paul, Walker Art Center** and **Esperienza**.

***Amarcord* - (1973)**

Skewering both Mussolini and the Catholic Church, Fellini sought to reminisce and satirize himself and the people of these seaside Italian towns, their embrace of Fascism, and subservience to the church. A massive international hit, *Amarcord* was nominated for three Oscars, and won Best Foreign Language Film. **Screening as part of MSPIFF at St. Anthony Main Theatre, Dates and Times TBD**



***La Dolce Vita* - (1960)**

Featuring an international star-studded cast (it made Marcello Mastroianni a household name), *La dolce vita* (“the sweet life”) follows paparazzo and the stars they pursue for a full week in Rome. Hilarious, heartbreaking, controversial and startling, *La dolce vita* was a massive hit, and won the Palme d’Or at the 1960 Cannes Film Festival and was nominated for four Oscars.

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***8½* - (1963)**

The most influential and imitated of Fellini’s many personal films, *8½* is a cinematic experience that will amaze even the most jaded modern audiences. The story of a filmmaker with an unfettered imagination but a personal life that is a total wreck, Fellini marveled at the emotions this life of cinema brought him, his collaborators, and his audience. The result is a film as rich as life itself. *Sight & Sound* lists *8½* as the 10th-greatest film of all time.

Screening as part of MSPIFF at the Walker Art Center, April 24 at 7pm and April 25 at 2pm

***The White Sheik* - (1952)**

Starring Alberto Sordi and set against the world of the fotoromanzo (“photo novel”), the photographed comics which became popular just after World War II. Fellini’s solo directorial debut also marked his first collaboration with composer Nino Rota, who went on to create unforgettable scores for most of the director’s future masterworks. Presented with a new 4K restoration.

Screening as part of the Italian Cultural Center's 11th Italian Film Festival of Minneapolis / St. Paul at St. Anthony Main Theatre, February 23 at 3:15pm.

THE COMPLETE MSPIFF LINE-UP WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 19, 2020!

MSPIFF Festival Passes and 6-packs are on sale now at mspfilm.org. **MSP Film Society Member tiered ticket sales begin on March 19th** and **General Public ticket sales begin on March 26th**. Please visit mspfilm.org for full details.

MSPIFF is presented by the MSP Film Society, a dynamic 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to fostering a knowledgeable and vibrant appreciation of the art of film and its power to inform and transform individuals and communities.

[The Italian Cultural Center of Minneapolis / St. Paul](#) is dedicated to promote the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of Italian language and culture.

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