

## **Hellenic Film Society USA Streams Two Films in April – Award-Winning *Little England* and Family Comedy *Little Greek Godfather* Available Through Saturday, May 1**

Astoria, NY — April 7, 2021 — Following a popular film program celebrating the 200th anniversary of Greek independence, the Hellenic Film Society (HFS) is returning to its successful Always on Sunday on Demand film series with two of the most best-loved Greek films in recent years. Streaming through Saturday, May 1, HFS will present the drama *Little England* and the family comedy *Little Greek Godfather*. Both movies were filmed on location in Greece.

Winner of six Hellenic Film Academy Awards, including Best Picture, *Little England* is set in the decades between the two world wars and tells the story of two sisters in love with the same man and how their mother controls their relationships. *The Hollywood Reporter* calls *Little England* “handsomely mounted and impeccably acted” and says, “the trio of female protagonists is never less than mesmerizing.” Filmed on the Greek island of Andros, *Little England* is directed by master filmmaker Pantelis Voulgaris, based on a novel by Ioanna Karystiani. Following the film presentation, there will be an interview with lead actor Andreas Konstantinou.

*Little Greek Godfather*, filmed on location in Crete, is a family comedy about a Greek-American boy sent to the island to baptize the baby of a local political party boss. He finds himself in over his head as he struggles with the Greek language and peculiarities of the locals. The film is directed by Olga Malea based on a novel by Nicholas Papandreou who, as the son of former Greek prime minister Andreas Papandreou, knows something about growing up in a political family.

“These two films could not be more different, but what they share is enormous popularity and a tremendous reception they received from audiences when they were released in Greece,” says Jimmy DeMetro, Hellenic Film Society president. “It’s ironic that, coincidentally, they both have the word “Little” in the title when, in film terms, these movies are anything *but* little.”

This month’s program is sponsored by The Greek Online School, which offers live Greek language courses online to children and adults. Both films are in Greek with English subtitles. For further information or to purchase tickets to these films, please visit [www.hellenicfilmusa.org](http://www.hellenicfilmusa.org).

The two films are presented as part of the Hellenic Film Society’s Always on Sunday on Demand film series, an outgrowth of the Always on Sunday film series which began at the prestigious Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria, NY in 2018. The monthly online series follows the successful virtual Greek film festival that HFS presented in July 2020 after the pandemic forced movie theaters to close indefinitely, precluding the

presentation of the New York Greek Film Expo, the Society's annual film festival in theaters around the New York metropolitan area.

### **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 can and 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.

The Stavros Niarchos Foundation is the lead supporter of the Hellenic Film Society. Additional support is provided by Onassis Foundation USA, the Kallinikeion Foundation, Queens Council on the Arts, and the New York City Council through the office of Council Member Costa Constantinides. For additional information or to purchase tickets, please visit [www.hellenicfilmusa.org](http://www.hellenicfilmusa.org) or call 646-844-1488.

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***Little England***, directed by Pantelis Voulgaris, tells the story of a dramatic love triangle involving two sisters. Filmed on location on the island of Andros. Winner of six Hellenic Film Academy Awards, including Best Picture.



***Little Greek Godfather***, directed by Olga Malea, is about the misadventures of a Greek-American boy visiting Crete. Filmed on location. Comedy suitable for family viewing.

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