

## MURPHY'S LAW Wows the Crowd at New York Greek Film Expo Opening Night

Director Angelos Frantzis; Lead Actors Andreas Konstantinou & Katia Goulioni appear

ASTORIA, New York – October 3, 2025 – The <u>Hellenic Film Society USA</u> (HFS) opened the New York Greek Film Expo 2025 on October 2 at the Directors Guild Theater in Manhattan with a sold-out reception and near-capacity crowd for the US premiere of MURPHY'S LAW. Director Angelos Frantzis and lead actors Katia Goulioni and Andreas Konstantinou participated in an audience Q&A after the film.

At a special reception prior to the screening, filmgoers had the opportunity to meet visiting filmmakers and actors from Greece, who will present their movies throughout the Expo.

MURPHY'S LAW, a comedy, screened for the first time in the US. Starring Katia Goulioni and Andreas Konstantinou, two of Greece's most celebrated actors today, the film follows Mary Alice (Goulioni), a failed and deeply conflicted actress longing for major roles. After a serious accident on her 40th birthday, she's thrust her into an alternate reality where she must play the parts that could have been hers had she made different choices in life. The producers refer to it as a "psychoanalytic screwball comedy."

The film also stars Elizabeth Bitouni, Thanos Tokakis, Constantine Makroulakis, Vangelio Andreadaki, Daphne Alexander, and Nikos Kouros.

Immediately following, HFS president Maria C. Miles welcomed the director and actors on stage for an audience Q&A. Goulioni and Konstantinou remarked about working together for the third time, then they, along with Frantzis, spoke about the production of the film before taking questions from the audience.

Also in attendance were Consul General of Greece in New York Iphigenia Kanara, Consul General of Cyprus in New York Kyriakos Pogiatzis, and Greek National Tourism Organization Director Konstantinos Charokopos, among others.

From October 3-5, New York Greek Film Expo will run at the Village East Cinema, Second Avenue as 12 Street in Manhattan. The opening weekend kicks off on Friday, October 3 at 7 pm with the New York premiere of MEAT. When a young man commits murder, his father goes to extremes to shield him from prosecution and conviction. *Mature audiences only – nudity, adult situations.* WINNER Hellenic Film Academy Award Best Actor 2025 (Kostas Nikouli); Thessaloniki International Film Festival: Greek Critics Award; and Berlin Greek Film Festival: Best Feature Film. Director and Screenwriter Dimitris Nakos will participate in a Q&A following the screening.



On October 7-8, the Expo moves to the Barrymore Film Center in Fort Lee, NJ; then concludes October 10-12 with a special retrospective of the work of master filmmaker Pantelis Voulgaris at Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria.

For complete schedules, locations, and tickets visit www.hellenicfilmsociety.org.

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## **About the Hellenic Film Society**

The <u>Hellenic Film Society</u> is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting Greek cinema and sharing the richness of Greek films with American audiences. Based in Astoria, NY, HFS presents an array of feature films, documentaries, and shorts by Greek filmmakers and those of Greek descent, as well as works that highlight the cultures of Greece and Cyprus.

In addition to its annual *New York Greek Film Expo*, a Greek film festival for *all* New Yorkers, the Society is known for its ongoing *Always on Sunday* monthly film series, presented in collaboration with the prestigious Museum of the Moving Image. Additionally, the organization partners with other prominent film festivals across the United States, including the Chicago Greek Film Expo, the South Florida Greek Film Festival, and the Atlanta Greek Film Expo.

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