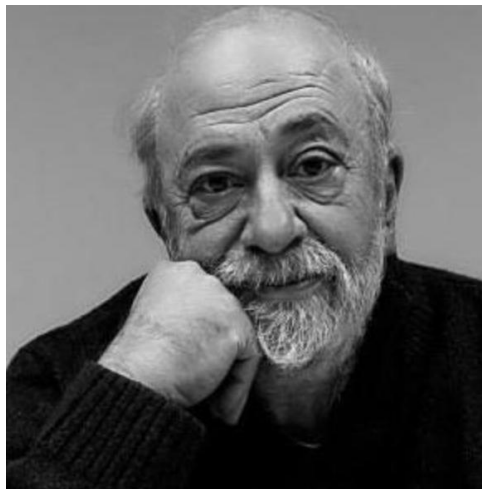




Hellenic Film Society Honors Master Filmmaker Pantelis Voulgaris *New York Film Expo to Close with a Retrospective of the Director's Work*

ASTORIA, NY – September 23, 2025 – The **New York Greek Film Expo 2025**, presented by Hellenic Film Society (HFS), will close with a special **retrospective of the films of prominent Greek director, Pantelis Voulgaris, October 10-12 at the prestigious Museum of the Moving Image (MoMI) in Astoria**. Tickets are now available [here](#).

“As master filmmaker Pantelis Voulgaris marks his 85th birthday later this month, the time seems right to present a retrospective of his work, an opportunity to revisit, enjoy and reassess some of his major films,” said Maria C. Miles, HFS president.



In a distinguished career spanning more than 50 years, Voulgaris has created films that are deeply moving, human, tender and passionate, films with a strong connection to Greek history and society. They tell personal stories, often in big historical moments. Voulgaris's films dive into Greece's soul, history and human struggles, revealing the vulnerabilities, but also the resilience of the human spirit. Nuanced storytelling, complex characterizations and stunning visuals are part of the Voulgaris experience, elements that have brought him multiple awards in international film festivals and earned him a mid-career retrospective at New York's Museum of Modern Art.

Ultimately, four films have been selected for an exciting lineup. See the master filmmaker's first as well as his most recent film: *The Engagement of Anna* (1972), a heartfelt social drama; and *The Last Note* (2017), a harrowing, unflinching account of the execution of Greek resistance fighters at Kaisariani. From his mid-career, *Brides* (2004) starring Damian Lewis, is an epic and highly acclaimed story of post-World War I Greek mail-order brides bound for New York; and *Little England* (2013), a visually stunning tragic romance, about two sisters divided by their love for the same man. The films retain their relevance and freshness and are sure to resonate with today's audiences.

Any retrospective honoring Voulgaris also pays tribute to his wife and long-time partner, acclaimed novelist and scriptwriter Ioanna Karystiani. Their collaboration bears witness to enlightened creativity and has set a standard of excellence for generations of filmmakers who follow in their footsteps.

MoMI is located at 35 Ave at 37 St in Astoria, New York. Tickets are available now on HFS' [website](https://www.hellenicfilmsociety.org).

The annual festival, presented by Hellenic Film Society, opens on October 2 at the Directors Guild Theater in Manhattan. On October 3-5, films will be screened at Village East Theater, also in Manhattan. The Expo then moves to the Barrymore Film Center in Fort Lee, NJ on October 7-8, before the retrospective begins at MoMI on October 10.

For tickets, schedules, and further information, please visit www.hellenicfilmsociety.org.



About the Hellenic Film Society

The [Hellenic Film Society](https://www.hellenicfilmsociety.org) 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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