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### **For Immediate Release**

### **My Voyage to Italy.....a lesson in film-making**

Martin Scorsese's highly acclaimed My Voyage to Italy will be one of the featured presentations of the 2008 Italian Film Festival. This documentary, which reviews many of the greatest works of several Italian movie-makers will be presented at 6PM, at the KiMo Theater in downtown Albuquerque on opening day, Feb. 10th.

As the review from USA Today states, "Many of the directors who are so loved today could not have made the great films they did, had they not been so deeply inspired by the films of the past. There's no way anyone could make a bad documentary about the neo-realism era, since the films themselves have such a strong impact that any clips would be fascinating. But Scorsese has given us his very personal experience of these films, and that gives each of the films some context.

The main directors featured are Roberto Rossellini, Vittorio De Sica, Lucino Visconti, Michaelangelo Antonioni and Federico Fellini, and Scorsese lovingly takes his time showing us numerous clips from most of their greatest films. It's what I call 'sacred cinema'!"

The 2008 Italian Film Festival has selected this particular film because of its focus on using past film experience to inspire the work of those who follow. Seeing these expansive film clips on the big screen, in a venue with the majesty of the KiMo Theater, provides the viewing experience as it was intended.

Also, since New Mexico is fast becoming a mecca for film-making and aspiring film-makers, My Voyage to Italy will be offered as a special showing for all students of film. The Italian Film Festival is a benefit for the UNM Children's Hospital. Ticket prices are based on a donation to the Children's Hospital. Regular suggested donation is \$7. For any student, no matter what school, college or university, showing a student ID, they will be asked for only a \$5 donation.

The Italian Film Festival is sponsored by Whole Foods Market, First Community Bank, Merrill Lynch and Borders, which provides outlet for advance ticket sales, and the City of Albuquerque. Due to the support of these sponsors, all net ticket revenue goes to the Children's Hospital.

The Festival also receives considerable media support from Local I-Q, television stations KRQE-TV13 and KASA-TV, along with Classical Music KHFM and the Premium Shopping Guide. For more information on the 2008 Italian Film Festival go to [www.italianfilmfest.org](http://www.italianfilmfest.org) or call the Managing Director at (505) 856-2988.

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