

16TH GREEK FILM FESTIVAL OPENS WITH A BANG

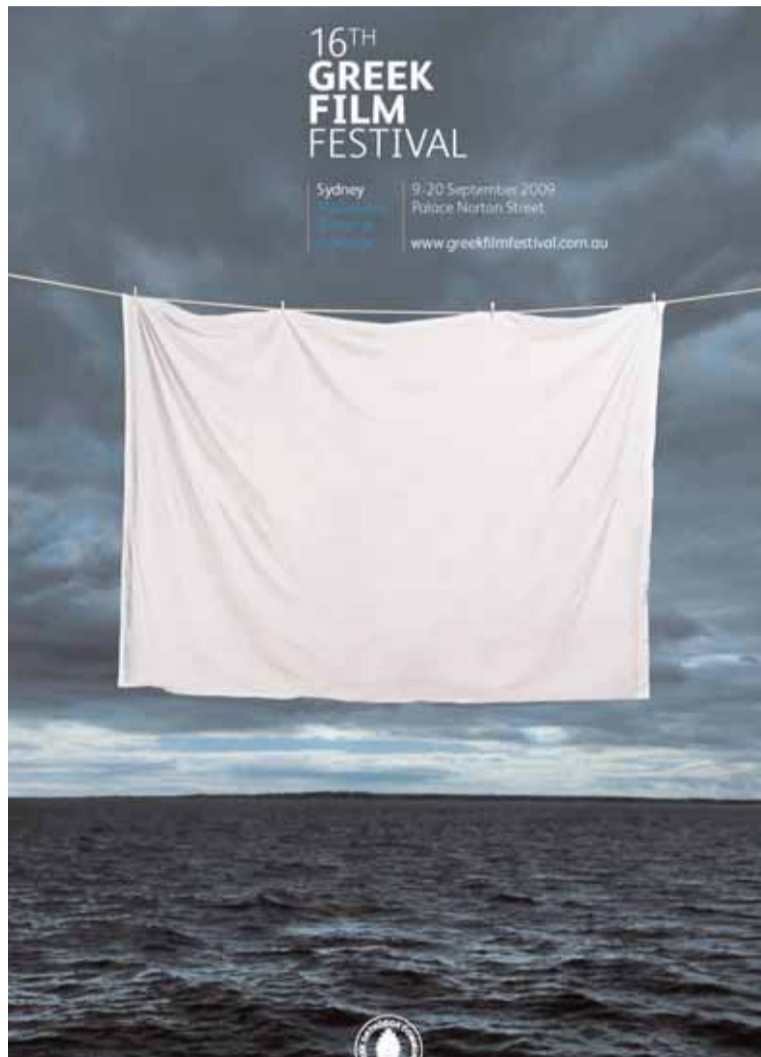
**SYDNEY PREMIERE
OF BANG BANG WEDDING
STARRING ALEX DIMITRIADES
9-20 SEPTEMBER AT PALACE NORTON STREET
CINEMAS, Leichhardt**

Christine Crokos' romantic comedy, Bang Bang Wedding will open the 2009 Greek Film Festival of Sydney. When Ilias (Alex Dimitriades) and Marina (Faye Xyla) arrive to the island of Crete to marry, they are eagerly awaited by friends and family. On the way to the reception, however, things start to go wrong... A small, yet important typo on the invitation will send everyone in different directions and transform the celebrations into the unknown.

Now it's in its 16th year the festival brings the best of Greek film and culture to the Australian shores as well as celebrating Australian born Greek talent. Over 11 days, the Palace Norton Street Cinemas, Leichhardt will screen a curated program of feature films, documentaries and short films.

Festival highlights include; Winner of the Un Certain Regard Award at the 2009 Cannes Film Festival, Yorgos Lanthimos' Dogtooth which

sees a desperate father try to protect his three grown children from becoming contaminated by the outside world by confining them to a surreal domestic fantasy land; winner of numerous awards (including Audience Award and FIPRESCI Prize) at the International Thessaloniki Film Festival PVC-1, Spiros Sathouloupoulos' gripping directorial debut is inspired by a true story about a pipe bomb improvised explosive device that was placed around the



neck of an extortion victim; meanwhile Stella: A Womans Way is a drama about an extraordinary and spell binding relationship, in the glowing

nights of Athens; and the search of a young American woman returning to her Greek roots in search of her real father, a drama, in Panos



Karkanevatos' Athanasia; A Well Kept Secret.

The full program will be announced on the 10th August. Tickets for the opening night and the single sessions go on sale on 10 August through Palace Cinemas. www.palaccinemas.com.au

The Greek Film Festival of Sydney is an event of the Greek Festival of Sydney, and an initiative of the Greek Orthodox Community of NSW. For more information visit www.greekfilmfestival.com.au / www.greekfestivalofsydney.com.au.



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