



GREEK FILM FESTIVAL ENTERTAINS SYDNEY

Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts Virginia Judge officially opened the 16th Greek Film Festival of Sydney at Palace Norton Street Cinemas on Wednesday in Leichhardt.

Ms Judge said the 12 day festival will showcase the world's best contemporary Hellenic cinema. "I am thrilled to be opening the 16th Greek Film Festival on behalf of the New South Wales Government," Ms Judge said. "The festival highlights the outstanding contributions Greeks have made to the art of film-making in this country. "Greek cinema has a rich history in Australia playing an important social role in the lives of Sydney's post-war migrants, especially in the 1960s and 1970s.

"There are now more than 122,000 people with Greek ancestry living in New South Wales – one of the largest populations in any city outside of Greece.

"The Greek community in Australia can be proud of the steps it has taken in bringing its culture to our shores and cultivating its artistic aspirations."

Ms Judge said this year's festival includes 16 feature films, three documentaries and five short films that highlight the traditional themes of Greek society.

"The festival opened with the romantic comedy Bang Bang Wedding starring Sydney-based Australian actor Alex Dimitriades," Ms Judge said.

"Another highlight will be the award winning film PVC-1 directed by Spiros Sathouloupoulos which tells the story of a woman hijacked by an act of terrorism.

"I congratulate the Greek Orthodox Community of NSW for its ongoing support of the creative industries and I look forward to enjoying this year's line-up of movies."

"Mikis Theodorakis - The Man, the Genius, The Legend"

AT THE HELLENIC CLUB OF CANBERRA

The very well known documentary of Eleni Evangel and Russel Goodrick was screened at the Hellenic Club of Canberra on Sunday 6 September 2009 with great success.

Even though the screening coincided with Father's Day many people of Greek and non Greek backgrounds thoroughly enjoyed the beautifully videoed interview of Helen Evangel with Mikis Theodorakis. They learnt a lot about the life of the man who through his music brought together people from all walks of life from all ethnic backgrounds. Of the man who succeeded in bringing to the lips of all Greeks the poetry of Seferis, Elytis, Ritsos and so many other Greek poets.

At the end of the screening people stayed behind sharing their im-

pressions of the documentary.



Eleni Evangel, a producer of Theodorakis: The Man, The Genius, The Legend.

pressions of the documentary. Their comments could be summarized into three simple sentences very indicative of what they thought of the documentary: All said "A big thank you to the Hellenic Club of Canberra for organising this very worthwhile cultural event", parents said "Where can we buy a copy of the documentary for our children" and the young audience "Where can we buy a copy of the documentary for our friends!"

The event was honoured by the presence of the retiring Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic His Excellency Mr Georgios Zois and his wife. The High Commission of the Cyprus High Commission was represented by Ms Chris-

tiana Tzikas. Also present were members of the Greek Embassy, the presidents of the Greek Community, Cyprus Community of ACT, the Parish Church of St Demetrios and the Reverend Father Konstantinos, many leading personalities of the Greek Paroikia including the Honorary President of the Hellenic Sub-Branch of RSL Mr Spero Vardoulakis, OAM.

The President of the Hellenic Club, Mr Theo Dimarhos, welcomed the guests who came to see the documentary. The screening was prefaced by His Excellency who spoke about the documentary, Ms Evangel, Mikis Theodorakis and praised and thanked the Hellenic Club for its unique contribution to maintaining and promoting the Greek culture to the wider Australian community in Canberra. Ms Evangel, who came especially for this event from Perth as a guest of the Club introduced her documentary and thanked the Ambassador and the Hellenic Club.

After the addresses the Hellenic Club, the Greek Community, the Hellenic Sub-Branch of RSL and Ms Evangel offered presents to the Ambassador. The Board of Directors farewelled the Ambassador and his wife at a dinner immediately after the screening which was attended by a number of guests. During dinner the guests had the opportunity in a congenial atmosphere to personally thank the Greek Ambassador for his support during his posting to Canberra.

Entry to the screening was by a Gold Coin donation. All proceeds will be donated to the Greek Australian Bilingual Preschool and Day Care Centre of St Nicholas.

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