

2010 Arpa INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
Film Schedule

September 23-26, 2010

Egyptian Theatre
6712 Hollywood Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90028

FILM SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

RIGLER

4:30 - 6:17 PM



DE PERE EN FLIC (FATHER AND GUNS) (2009) *LA PREMIERE*

Francophone-Fest Cinema 107m Quebec

Emile Gaudreault (D); Émile Gaudreault, Ian Lauzon (W); Daniel Louis, Denise Robert (P)

They are both cops and they are about to work together as a team.

7:00 - 8:15PM



HONORING SERGE AVEDIKIAN

Arpa International Film Festival in partnership with Francophone-Fest Cinema will present a selection of Avedikian's prolific filmography and present him with the festival's 2010 Career Achievement Award.

Award-winning filmmaker Alek Keshishian will present Paris-based filmmaker Serge Avedikian with a Career Achievement Award

BARKING ISLAND (CHIENNE D'HISTOIRE) (2010) *US PREMIERE* 15m France, Turkey

Serge Avedikian (D) (W) (P) Karine Mazloumian (W)

Constantinople 1910, the newly-established government, influenced by a model of Western society, uses European experts to choose a method of eradication before deciding, suddenly and alone, to massively deport the dogs to a deserted island away from the city.

****Winner Palme d'Or for Short Film – 2010 Cannes Film Festival. Serge Avedikian will attend the Festival*

Mission Accomplie (1992)

8:40 - 10:11 PM



COEUR ANIMAL (ANIMAL HEART) (2009) *LA PREMIERE* / Francophone-Fest Cinema

91 m Switzerland

Séverine Cornamusaz (D); Séverine Cornamusaz, Marcel Beaulieu (W)

This person whom he doesn't know how to love and who is now falling prey to a gnawing disease.

10:30 -11:51 PM



SOUNDS OF BEIRUT (2010) Francophone-Fest Cinema

55m Lebanon, USA

Seth Koury (D) (W) (P)

'Sounds of Beirut' is a documentary that was filmed in Lebanon weeks after a major armed conflict that nearly cast the country back into civil war as militias battled on the streets of Beirut.

A Woman from Kyrannis (Un Femme de Kyrannis) (2010) Francophone-Fest Cinema

26m Tunisian US Premiere

Hajer BenNasr (D) (W)

The story of a Saida, a septagenarian Tunisian woman who became the first female commander of a fish trawler (rais) and at the age of 64, having no original schooling went back to receive several degrees. Her actions inspired a new generation of Kyrannis women. *French with English Subtitles*

SPIELBERG THEATRE

7:30 - 9:45 PM

Azul Imazighen

Documentary 24m Algeria, Morocco Helene Hagan (D) (P)

Helene Hagan's film is a montage about the Berbers, an indigenous people of North Africa.

Featuring the music of Malika Domrane, a Kabyle singer.

Les Barons (The Barons)

(2009) WEST COAST PREMIERE

111m Belgium, France

Nabil Ben Yadir (D); Nabil Ben Yadir, Laurent Brandenbourger (W);

Somewhere in modern-day Brussels, Hassan, Aziz and Mounir are three friends who lead a life of pleasant apathy.

When real life crashes unpleasantly into their dream world, Hassan, Aziz and Mounir are forced to deal with life, love and the future.

10:15-12:00 AM



LES OUBLIES DE L'HISTOIRE (2010) US PREMIERE / Francophone-Fest Cinema 115m Morocco

Hassan Benjelloun (D); Hassan Benjelloun, Toufik Taha (W); Bentaqerla Productions (P)

Azzouz decides to immigrate towards Belgium, in search of a better life.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2010

RIGLER THEATRE

5:00-6:15 PM



ZIMBABWE (2009) 16m USA

Anjuli Hinds (D) (W) Sylwia Dudzinska (P)

Amidst the turmoil and uncertainty of a militant regime, two young children of Zimbabwe are forced into a fight they hardly understand when they are pitted one against the other during a sudden farm invasion.”



THE THIRD RIDER (2008) NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

60m Armenia – North American Premiere

Gor Baghdasaryan (D) (W) (P)

Armenia is one of the most mono-ethnic countries in the world. In Armenian with English subtitles.

7:30 - 9:05 PM

J. Michael Hagopian Tribute / Short Film by Hrag Yedalian about the pioneering documentarian Dr. J. Michael Hagopian.



Aghet: Ein Volkermord (Aghet: A Genocide)

Aghet tells the story of the Armenian Genocide. Raphael Lemkin, the father of the 1948 UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, called it the first systematically executed genocide of the 20th century. Still, the Turkish government continues to deny the reality of the genocide.

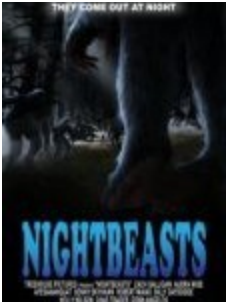
The film follows the motivations behind the international denials and the consequences for international policy today.

Two dozen of Germany's finest actors lend their talents in resurrecting the words of those who witnessed the atrocities firsthand, among them Protestant theologian Johannes Lepsius, American ambassador Henry Morgenthau, American consul Leslie Davis and German medical officer Armin T. Wegner after whom the festival's humanitarian award is named after.



Renowned German Filmmaker Eric Friedler will be in attendance to receive the 2010 Armin T. Wegner Award for his documentary, AGHET – A Genocide. The film has received world-wide exposure for its innovative way of retelling firsthand accounts of the Armenian Genocide.

10:15 -11:15 PM



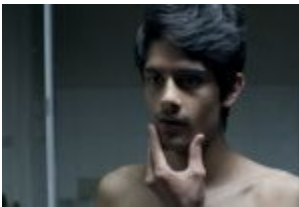
NIGHTBEASTS (2009) *LOS ANGELES PREMIERE* 80m USA
Wes Sullivan (D) (W) (P)

A father and son on a weekend hunting trip encounter supernatural horror in the woods.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

RIGLER THEATRE

11:00 AM -12:15 PM



SOY MILK (2010) 7m Australia
Veeran Naran (D) (W) (P)



DESTINATION WATERTOWN: THE ARMENIANS OF HOOD RUBBER (2009)
WEST COAST PREMIERE
68m USA

Roger K. Hagopian (D) (W) (P)

In 1896 the Hood Rubber Company opened in Watertown, Massachusetts, attracting Armenian immigrant laborers.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

RIGLER

1:00 - 2:41 PM



The Lady With The Dog

Damien Manivel (D) (W) (P) Remi Esteri (W) Le Grec (P) / Short France

On a hot summer afternoon, a teenager finds a stray dog in a local park. He decides to take the dog back to its owner. A woman, half drunk, opens the door and asks him in by way of

thanks.

Finding Gauguin

Lee Don Taicher (D) (W) (P) Stephane Gauger (W) (P) / Feature USA

A young aspiring painter arrives in Tahiti in 1904 to seek out reclusive painter Paul Gauguin, only to find the mysterious man living in peace with the native islanders and at odds with the colonials. After his stint in jail, the master begins to teach the young man the art of life during his twilight year of ill health and poverty.

3:15-4:57 PM



AKHTAMAR (2009) *US PREMIERE* 19m United Kingdom, Armenia

The Shammasian Brothers (D/W) Audrey Hawkins (P)

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NAMUS (HONOR) (1926) *NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE OF RESTORED VERSION*

83m Armenia

Hamo Bek-Nazarian (D) (W)

Young lovers Seyran and Susan meet a tragic fate because of the patriarchal prejudices of their parents. In Armenian with English subtitles.

5:30 - 7:20 PM



THE FIFTH COLUMN (HINKERORT ZORASUNE) (2010) *US PREMIERE* 29m

Short (Lebanon, USA)

Vatche Boulghourjian (D) (W) (P)

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TALES FROM KARS (Kars Öyküleri) (2010)

US PREMIERE

81m Turkey

Özcan Alper (Moto Guzzi) (D) (W) Ülkü Oktay (Zilo) (D) (W) Emre Akay (A

Small Truth) (D) (W) Ahu Öztürk (Open Wound) (D) (W) Zehra Derya Koç

(Ashes) (D) (W) Ba?ak Emre (P) Ahmet Boyacolu (P) The movie features six

short films surrounding various characters from Kars who were selected from a contest held by the Ankara Cinema Association's Festival on Wheels.

Moto Guzzi - Twelve-year-old Yusuf, who lives in a town near Kars, has to cycle miles every day to get to school, even in the brutal winter.

Ashes - Nazl's childhood is a period of her life she has never come to terms with.

Zilo - Seven-year-old Zilo, who lives in Kars, has just one friend: a chick she's inseparable from.

Open Wound - Ozan, a university student, returns to his village on receiving the news that his grandmother has died. Back in the village, he finds out a lot about the past of his father, an inwardly angry man.

A Small Truth - Celal Bey is known popularly as 'the Athlete,' except that no one knows where the nickname comes from.

8:00 - 9:35 PM



LAST STOP "FRIENDSHIP" (2009) WORLD PREMIERE

90m USA

Kris Kertenian (D) (W) (P)

Former best friends George and Hank are reunited after George's son's tragic death.

10:30PM - 12:20 AM



A NICE OLD-FASHIONED ROMANCE (2010) 14m USA

Ara Soudjian (D) (P) Garinee Soudjian (W)

A romantic comedy about a misunderstood fifth grade boy who gets caught in the middle of a romance between his teacher and the school principal. Based on a short story by William Saroyan.



DRAIN DESERT TANNER (2009) 7m USA

Shant Hamassian (D) (W) Alexander Rosenkreuz (W) (P) Art Edro (W) Adam Lesar (P)

Tim Tanner is a forensics investigator who finds himself in a sticky situation.



JASMIN & JOSEPHINE (2009) 10m USA

Christopher J. Boghosian (D) (W) (P)

A young woman demonstrates extraordinary love in an ordinary way.

8:00 - 9:35 PM



BLACK OPS ARABESQUE (2010) 5m USA

Jared Drake (D) Nathaniel Eyde (W) (P)

A secret service agent yearns to be a dancer.



INTERROGATION (2010) 18m USA

Ryan Reels (D) Lilly Thomassian (W) Spencer Ballou (P)

After performing at a concert, a beautiful young cellist of Middle Eastern descent ends up in a squalid interrogation room across from a wicked American military officer intent on retrieving a mysterious set of numbers from her.



THE PHOTOGRAPHER (2009)

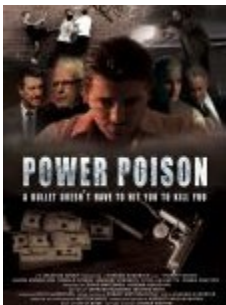
8m Argentina, Colombia, USA, United Kingdom

Shahan Melkonian (D) Carolina Martinez-Gondra (P) Tom Maine (W)

A lonely photographer, plagued by the memory of a lost love, the dark streets of the city, her mysterious return one night... In English.

CONNECT (2010) 15m USA Robert Nazar Arjoyan (D)

Charles Moore is a hard man.



POWER POISON (2009) 33m USA

Vahram Hakobyan (D) (P) (W) David Waterman (P)

A money laundering criminal outfit trying to stay as low profile and virtuous as possible finds itself assisting and then fighting a new terrorist attack while its rising star tries to figure where he fits.

SPIELBERG THEATRE

10:00 - 11:35 AM



Orphans of the Genocide

Bared Maronian (D) Bedo Der-Bedroosian (P) / Documentary USA

By the end of WWI over 150,000 Armenian children were left parentless as a direct result of the Armenian Genocide perpetrated by the Ottoman Authorities. Near East Relief commissioned by the US Congress catered to over 132,000 Armenian orphans alone. This short documentary includes a feature interview by Maurice Missak Kelechian, whose findings unveiled the secrets of an orphanage in Antoura near Beirut, Lebanon, where 1,000 Armenian Genocide Orphans were being turkified. Mr. Kelechian's research prompted an article by award winning journalist Robert Fisk of The Independent.



The Blue Book

Gagik Karagheuzian (D) (P) (W) / Documentary Turkey, United Kingdom
Historian Ara Sarafian endeavors to expose Turkish state denial of the Armenian Genocide. He demonstrates how the Turkish argument is contrived, by using documents from the UK National Archives on the events of 1915.

12:00 - 1:30 PM



[DOWN HERE \(ICI-BAS\)](#) (2010) *NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE* 55m Belgium, France, Armenia

Comes Chahbazian (D) (W) (P)

Loss of family space, workspace, urban space and memory space.

[EYE-LIGHT](#) (2009) 26m

South Korea Kyung Jin Ko (D) (W)

Two women and one man are sharing their lives together. One fine day, their secrets are revealed. In Korean with English subtitles.



The Gift of the Magi

Toshikazu Ishii / Animation Japan

A heartwarming story about Jim, an apprentice magician, and his wife, Della, set on Christmas Day. Della has her beautiful, long hair cut off and sells it in order to buy Jim a present. In the evening, Jim arrives home in high spirits, but is stunned to see Della

looking so different.

2:00 - 4:00 PM



[TELEPHONE](#) (2010) 4m USA

Jeffrey Bliss (D) (W)

Amidst the loneliness of two isolated individuals, mysterious gift boxes containing rotary telephones begin appearing around them with the promise of connection to better times and places.



SKETCHI(2010) 2m Animation Canada

Lily Sun (D)

A girl struggles to revive her beloved dog.



SILENT NOISE – PULSE (2010) 6m Music Video USA

Prince Bagdasarian (D) (W); Albert Viras (P)

When you don't want to be saved... English

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LITTLE ALIEN (2009) 94m Austria, Greece, Morocco, Slovakia, Spain

Nina Kusturica (D) (P) Eva Testor (P)

They are teenagers who fled crisis regions and undertook an extremely dangerous journey to Europe, all alone, hoping for one thing: to live.

4:30 - 6:00 PM



BONDED PARALLELS (2009) *WEST COAST PREMIERE* 91m Norway, France, Armenia

Hovhannes Galstyan (D) (W) (P); Marine Zakaryan (W); Thomas Schlesinger (W); Gevorg Gevorgyan (P); Mona Steffensen (P); Olivier Oursel (P); Trond Brede Andersen (P)

At the end of World War II, Hanna gives temporary asylum to a prisoner of war, Arakel, hiding him in her hut in southern Norway.

6:30 -8:00 PM

THE LONELY TADEH (2008) *NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE* 20m Iran

Hossein Homayounfar (D) (W)

St. Tadeh Church was built on the tomb of St. Tadeh between the 4th and 6th centuries. In Farsi with English Subtitles



I DREAM (YERAZUM EM) (2008) *NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE* 18m

Armenia, Nagorno-Karabakh

Hrachya Zakaryan (D) (W) (P) Grigor Danielyan (W) Edgar Manukyan (P)

An appeal for peace, I Dream takes place on the front line of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone where an Armenian military unit takes up position. In Armenian with English subtitles.



[THREE EVENINGS \(YEREK YEREKO\)](#) (2009) 64m Feature

Armenia

Arshak Amirbekyan (D) (W) (P)

Love turns into memories. Memories turn into dreams. Only compassion is real...
In Armenian with English subtitles

8:30 - 10:00 PM



[I LIKE IT \(A ME MI GUSTA\)](#) (2009)

1h 27m Venezuela

Ralph Kinnard (D) Reinaldo Cervini (P) Rosa Clemente (W)

Margarita Garcia has a dream: become a great chef, but not in her home country.

10:30 PM - 12:00 10 AM



[CHARENTS: IN SEARCH OF MY ARMENIAN POET](#) (2009) WEST COAST

PREMIERE 98m Armenia

Shareen Anderson (D) (W) (P) Tigran Nazaryan (P) Sevan Naccashian (P)

Charents: In Search of My Armenian Poet explores the life and work of one of Armenia's best-loved poets, Eghishe Charents, who was tragically killed under mysterious circumstances in a Stalinist prison in 1937.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

RIGLER

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM



[SCIENTISTS UNDER ATTACK – GENETIC ENGINEERING MAGNETIC FIELD OF MONEY](#) (2009)

88m Germany, USA

Bertram Verhaag (D) (W); Claus Stigel (P)

This is a documentary thriller about how Agro-Chemical multinational corporations victimize international scientists to prevent them from publishing their scary findings.

In German and English.

1:00 - 2:49 PM



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RIGHT TO EXIT (2010) **UPDATED AND EXTENDED**
80m USA
Anna Terean (D) (P); Arthur Armin (W) (P)
The real story of the notorious Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

3:15-- 4:45 PM



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FROM ARARAT TO ZION (2010) **US PREMIERE 71m Armenia, Egypt, Israel, Turkey**

Edgar Baghdasaryan (D) Fr. Mesrop Aramian (W) (P)

The film follows the paths taken by Armenian pilgrims traveling between two focal points of history – from Mount Ararat to Zion, from A to Z. In Armenian with English subtitles.