

The Sicilian Film Festival from A to Z

Board of SFF: These include: Emanuele Viscuso (founder and president of the SFF), Jeanette Stark (Publisher of the Miami SunPost, Anaide Govaert (former Honorary Consul of Belgium) and Linda Sposato; the Artistic Director of the SFF is Salvo Bitonti since 2008. The operational coordination the SFF is entrusted to Nikki Goldbeck, who also serves as deputy director of the Woodstock Film Festival.

Catalogues published: 6, downloadable from the Internet <http://www.sicilianfilmfestival.com/about-2/our-catalogues>

Quotes on the Internet: many on [Google](#) of the one and only Sicilian Film Festival in the world (registered trademark).

Italian community in Miami: According to some commentators, the SFF is the most important Italian event in Miami held <http://www.italiachiamaitalia.net/news/137/ARTICLE/24713/2011-01-14.html>

Countdown: [The number of days until the 7th Sicilian Film Festival \(April 11, 2012\)](#)

What is the SFF: The SFF provides an international showcase for the Sicilian film industry, featuring Sicilian filmmakers, actors, and the best of its feature films, documentaries and shorts. SFF held its first festival in Miami in 2006; 2012 marks its seventh edition. The SFF is the first organization in the world to highlight the existence of a real "Sicilian cinema" and with it comes the international promotion of Sicily and Italy itself. Its success and its international credit derived from its continuity and variety of its events and are documented by large press and numerous citations and pages on the Internet. The name of the Sicilian Film Festival might suggest a local and regional folk festival designed to nostalgic immigrants. Instead SFF focuses on one of the most important Italian regions and on the immense Italian and international cinema that is transiting through Sicily and southern Italy; it is actually an elegant event directed to a cosmopolitan audience and is an international point of reference for a variety of operators around the world. The SFF was designed and created in 2006 by [Emanuele Viscuso](#) as the chairman. Its artistic director is [Salvo Bitonti](#).

Dates: The dates of the next edition of the SFF will be held on April 11-17th, 2012. It will take place at the Miami Beach Cinematheque, in [Miami Beach's Historic City Hall](#).

Delegations from other cities: Delegations from throughout the US and worldwide are welcome. Discounts at select hotels and restaurants available. VIP Cards for entry to all films, opening and closing parties and receptions throughout the festival can be purchased on the website. Delegation leaders will be interviewed and invited on stage.

American public opinion: The SFF's ability to put aside, or rather to forget the meaningless platitude that Sicily is a "mafia haven", is demonstrated in the newspapers, an example is shown here in the Miami New Times: "The Sicilian Film Festival Puts the Mafia Out of the Game" <http://www.miaminewtimes.com/2010-04-01/calendar/bringing-down-the-mob>

Events held at the festival: Feature films, documentaries, shorts, tributes to leaders of Sicilian culture, book presentations, lectures, art and photo exhibitions, concerts, Sicilian wines, receptions, parties and closing night Gala.

Movies and interviews that are shown on [Youtube](#). Among them:

[Interview with Franco Nero](#)

[A Lifetime Achievement Award to Franco from the SFF](#)

[A Lifetime Achievement Award to Lando Buzzanca--from RAI Television](#)

[An Interview with President Viscuso on a local Miami from Miami](#)

[An Interview with President Viscuso and Delilah Buchanan](#)

[An Interview with President Viscuso and Diana Lozzi](#)

[Sasa Salvaggio from "Striscia la Notizia"](#)

[An Interview from Teleoccidente with Roberto Damiate](#)

[An Interview with Giordano Petri](#)

[An Interview with Roberto Bentivegna](#)

[An Interview with Nino Strano \(Minister of tourism of the region of Sicily\)](#)

[An interview with Emanuele Viscuso on Rai International \(the second interview\)](#)

[Lifetime Achievement Award from SFF to Claudia Cardinale at the Cannes Film Festival - TelevisionTV](#)

[Special Prize of the SFF Beppe Fiorello at the Venice Film Festival 2011](#)

Facebook:

[The Sicilian Film Festival's Official Facebook Goup in English](#)

[The Sicilian Film Festival Official Facebook Group in Italian](#)

[Page Sicilian Film Festival](#)

Films screened: The 150 films shown in the past 6 years include feature films, short films and documentaries. All titles are in the catalogs.

Photos of the festival events:

2010 [Roma Official Photocall evento Rai](#) [Roma Evento Rai](#) [Evento SFF a Venezia](#)

2008 [Taormina](#)

2007 [Miami](#)

[Mix](#)

The Sicilian Film Festival can be found on [Google](#), [Youtube](#) and [Wikipedia](#)

Locations: This year the festival takes place in Miami and Miami Beach. In the past events have been held in New York, San Francisco, Cannes, Tegucigalpa (Honduran Capital), Rome, and Venice. We are planning future events in Philadelphia and Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Magazine: [Sicilian Film Festival Magazine](#)

Mailing List:

http://visitor.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001nQUq2GTjwCjHH9BWQnzkkOLIH9ApKauHdZ8_YrCek0bTUHoOUWEKPhb9LVJ_0zwwTzTkWotBm2qt6uvaTy3hPrc_Ck1INbG

Awards and Special Mentions given: Mita Medici, Franco Battiato, Manuel Giliberti, Dario Arcidiacono, Antonio di Pofi, Giuseppe Tornatore, Emanuele Crialesi, Michele Placido, Charlotte Gainsbourg, Paola Boschi, Francesca Caligaro, Sasa' Salvaggio, Franco Nero, Veronica D'Agostino, Luca Lionello, Asuka Barden, Marco Amenta, Ludovica Tortora De Falco, Claudia La Bianca, Carmine Amoroso, Roberto Faenza, Lando Buzzanca, Giovanni Massa, Enzo Incontro, Pasquale Scimeca, Alessio Boni, Caterina Vertova, Roberto D'Amiata, Angelo Longoni, Nello La Marca, Andrea Traina, Razam Hijazi, Gianfranco Albano, Jacques Lipkau, Laura Muscardin, Hala Kalil , Mauro Pace, Vito Zaggarro Vincenzo Cosentino, Joseph Gardella, Sigal Bujman, Giorgio Galieti, Sulafa Hijazi, Lorenzo Muscoso, Simone Catania, Mario Verger, Giordano Petri, Giuseppe Tornatore, Grassadonia & Piazza, Giovanna Taviani, Alfonso Arau, Davide Coco, Isabella Ragonese, Valeria Solarino, Maria Grazia Cucinotta, Tilde Di Dio, Roberto Damiani, Luigi Valente, Claudia Cardinale, Beppe Fiorello.

Video Production: SFF has produced several documentaries "[Sicily and its Beauties](#)" ; "[International Festival of Organ Music](#)"

Public Awards given to SFF and its founder: Official proclamation of a new holiday in the city of Miami Beach called "Sicilian Film Festival Day", "The Key to the City" of Miami Beach to its founder, Medal of the Italian Parliament, Barry University of Miami Beach, Italian Cultural Institute in New York, winner of an award from the Mayor of Palermo, Sicily Region with contributions to its founder, awarded as "World Ambassador of Sicilian Culture", Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau, Miami Beach Cinematheque, Mayor of Palermo, RAI Italian Radio and Television, Comites Miami. [Let's talk about this paragraph later today.](#)

The Official headquarters of the SFF in Miami: [Villa Viscuso](#)

Locations: The SFF has held or sponsored events in the following locations:

Miami Beach: *Regal Cinemas, Miami Beach Cinematheque, The Temple Art, Wolfsonian Museum, Bass Museum, Villa Viscuso, Villa Grimaldi*

Miami: *Miami Art Museum (MAM), Museum of Science and Planetarium, Barry University, Karu & Y*

Coral Gables: *Residence of the Consul General of Italy Marco Rocca*

New York: *Tribeca Film Festival with Nice Film Festival*

San Francisco: *Nice Film Festival*

Tegucigalpa (Honduran Capital) *it was held at the: Museo Nacional para la Identidad (The Museum of National Identity)*

Cannes: *Cannes Film Festival, Italian Pavilion*

Taormina: *Hotel El Jebel in the occasion of the Taormina Film Festival*

Venice: *Hotel Excelsior Venice Lido*

Rome: *at RAI Italian Radio and Television. (Each year RAI honors the Sicilian Film Festival when it delivers awards to the winners of SFF. This is done in the RAI productions at the "Sala degli Arazzi" at the historical site of Viale Mazzini in Rome.)*

Cruise: *The SFF was the first film festival in the world to have its premiere and a whole series of events on board a cruise ship. The Italian shipping company MSC Cruises in March of 2007 had a preview of the Sicilian Film Festival during a special private cruise in the Southern Caribbean for Italian residents that live in the U.S.*

Synergy: the SFF works in synergy with the most prominent cultural and film institutions including the Sicilian and Italian RAI. Each year, in December **the awards received by** the SFF are presented in the Sala degli Arazzi office in Rome. The Sicilian Film Festival in Italy has collaborated with the following cultural institutions: the Taormina Film Festival, Rai Trade, Rai Cinema, Rai Fiction, the Sicilian Regional Film Library, the Sicily Region, Department of Tourism and President of the Sicilian Regional Assembly and the United States of America with The Miami Beach Film Society's Cinematheque, and the Italian Cultural Institute in New York. Furthermore, it has the support of CSNA (Sicilian Confederation North America), the Consulate General of Italy in Miami, Comites (Comitati Italiani all'Estero) - Miami.

Web Site: www.sicilianfilmfestival.com created and maintained by Optfirst- Miami

Sponsors (for one or more editions):

Public Institutions: *Italian Ministry of Culture, Rome; Regione Sicilia, Palermo; Regional Assembly, Palermo; Accademia del Cinema Italiano (Premi David di Donatello); Rai Radio Televisione Italiana; Filmoteca Regionale Siciliana, Italian Embassy, Tegucigalpa (Honduras); Consulate General of Italy, Miami; Societa' Dante Alighieri, Miami; Italian Cultural Institute, New York; Italian Cultural Institute, Washington; City of Castelbuono, Italy; City of Carini, Italy; City of Vittoria, Italy; (MAM) Museum Art Miami, Wolfsonian-FIU Museum, Miami Beach; Bass Museum of Art, Miami Beach; Miami Museum of Science & Planetarium; NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration); Temple Emanu-El, Miami Beach; Istanbul Center of Greater Miami; Comites Miami; Barry University, Miami; Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council; Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners; Miami Beach Visitors and Convention Authority; City of Miami Beach, Cultural Affairs Program, Cultural Arts Council, Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce.*

Associated Festivals: *Taormina Film Fest; Miami Gay and Lesbian Film Festival; Cinemadamare: Sicilia Queer Film Festival Palermo; Avamposto Maniace Ortigia Film Festival; Salina Doc Festival; N.I.C.E. New Italian Cinema Event; F.I.M.O. Festival Internazionale di Musica d'Organo.*

Associations: *Ragusani nel Mondo; Miami Beach Cinematheque; Trinacria Association; CSNA Confederation Sicilians North America, Italian Club at Florida International University; National Italian American Foundation; LGBT Visitor Center, Miami Beach; Osservatorio Musicale Italiano, Palermo.*

Media Sponsors: *Com.Unica; Classical South Florida Radio; The Beach Channell; Sunpost; MAG Miami Art Guide; Eurochannel; Around Town Magazine Biscayne Times; DRW Magazine; Speaker Web TV; Radio Carini; Lincoln Road Magazine; Hua TV; Teleoccidente; Miami Art Guide;*

Corporations: *Smith Barney, Boca Raton; Sunset Harbour Realty; DVD.R.IT, Milan (Italy); Beauliving, Miami; Ico Ugo Advertainment; Ico Ugo Productions; Urban Icons; Nicole Shelley Models; Bruce Lurie Galleries; Etra Fine Art, Miami; Gerson, Preston, Robinson & Company P.A., Miami Beach; Dominic Romano Esq.; Beth Di Santo Esq.; Oliverio Law Firm, Roma; Steven Cruces WebDesign, Miami; Pawel Sazdewicz WebDesign, Warsaw; Roberto Villa WebDesign, Torino; Optfirst WebDesign, Miami; Cecilia Perez Haute Couture; Emanuele Viscuso Wallpapers; RAC Produttori di Sistemi di Riposo; Magnetude Jewelry; PKGraphics, Miami; Cosabella; Denny Farrell Productions, Chicago;*

Hospitality: *Clay Hotel, Miami Beach; The Relaxing Hotels, Rome; Antico Palazzo Rospigliosi, Rome; Hotel Excelsior, Venice; Zaiera Resort, Siracusa; Hotel Savoy, Miami Beach; Edgewater Hotel, Miami Beach; Essex House, Miami Beach; Carpaccio Group, Miami; Amami Restaurant, Miami Beach; Caffè Milano, Miami Beach; Osteria Romana, Miami Beach; Big Fish Restaurant, Miami; Rosinella Restaurant, Miami Beach; Pelican Hotel and Restaurant, Miami Beach; Trattoria Sole, Miami; The Forge, Miami Beach; Ristorante Valentino, Miami Beach; Segafredo; Fratelli La Bufala Restaurant, Miami Beach; Karu, Miami; Grasp Group, Miami Beach; Stefano La Cava, Miami; Fresco Restaurant, Miami Beach*

Food, Wines and Liquors: *Pasticceria Fiasconaro, Castelbuono, Palermo (Italy); Orso Industries; Cerelia Mineral Water; Roberto Cavalli Vodka; Birra Peroni; Cantina Italiana; Cerasuolo di Vittoria Wines; Tinazzi-Terranova Wines, Philadelphia; Farello Wines; Miami Wine Tasters; Donnafugata Wines;*

Champagne Mumm; BV-Brands;

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Press about SFF: part of the press about SFF is visible on www.sicilianfilmfestival.com/about-2/press-about-sff. Particularly interesting is the complete article on Sicilianinformazioni visible on: www.siciliainformazioni.com/giornale/spettacoli/cinema/40692/cinema.htm

Legal status of SFF: the SFF (The Sicilian Cultural and Film Festival Inc.) is a Public Charity 501 (c) (3) tax exempt corporation based in Miami Beach, Florida. This status allows donors to have tax deduction on donated amounts.

Video presentation SFF: [In English](#) - [In Italian](#)

WebTV: <http://www.livestream.com/carinity?t=991651> (created by the RAI television journalist Roberto Damiata)

Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sicilian_film_festival