

CZECH FILM WEEK

18. 8. - 6. 9. 2014

When people ask me if I went to film school I tell them: "No, I went to films".



CzechCentreTelAviv

Quentin Tarantino

Dear friends of Czech films in particular and movies in general,

This year is special – the annual festival of Czech films is here for the fifth time already. Like in previous editions, we tried to bring some of the most interesting, thought-provoking, award-winning and entertaining features recently produced in the Czech Republic. You can thus for example look forward to Like Never Before, the opening film of the Czech Film Week 2014. The movie received a number of both Czech and foreign awards and accolades and it will be personally introduced by its accomplished director, Zdenek Tyc. Another guest of the Czech Centre is Jiri Madl, one of the most talented, celebrated and casted young Czech stars. You can admire his superb acting skills in many a movie, but we are happy to welcome him in Israel in yet another, new role – that of a director. His delightful, funny and touching directorial and scriptwriting debut will undoubtedly captivate you. And to celebrate the 5th anniversary of being with you, we are also going to show one of the best Czech films of all times, the classic masterpiece Marketa Lazarova.

This Czech film feast would not happen without the help of a number of people, organizations and institutions, but our greatest thanks go to the Israeli cinemateques with which we have such a special partnership.

Enough of talking though. It is time to turn off the lights and allow the beam from projection room take us into the movie world. Enjoy!

Lukas Pribyl
Director of Czech Centre Tel Aviv



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Movie	Tel Aviv	Jerusalem	Haifa	Holon	Herzliya
Bella Mia	23.8. 19:00	21.8. 18:30	24.8. 21:00	-	-
Honeymoon	22.8. 22:00	25.8. 18:30	29.8. 16:00	6.9. 19:00	13.10. 20:30
Krasno	26.8. 21:30	24.8. 21:30	25.8. 21:30	1.9. 20:30	-
Like Never Before	18.8. 21:00	19.8. 20:45	20.8. 19:00	4.9. 18:00	-
Marketa Lazarova	19.8. 18:00	27.8. 19:30	-	-	-
Revival	21.8. 21:00	23.8. 19:00	18.8. 21:00	2.9. 21:00	20.8. 20:30
To See the Sea	27.8. 21:00	26.8. 19:00	28.8. 19:00	6.9. 21:30	-

BELLA MIA

Directed by: Martin Duba

Cast: Petr Forman, Zuzana Norisová, Anna Fialová

Year: 2013

Language: Czech

Subtitles: English, Hebrew

Runtime: 93 min

Tel Aviv	23. 8.	19:00
Jerusalem	21. 8.	18:30
Haifa	24. 8.	21:00

Farmer Karel Pazdera is ordered to put down a herd of cows that are suspected of having BSE. Straight before their transport to the slaughterhouse, five animals manage to flee into the woods and keep escaping the hunters led by militant "Afghan veteran" Hádek. The cows, led by the smartest among them – Bella – get covert help from both the farmer's teenage children, from friendly vet Vítek, young B&B owner Linda and in the end from the stubborn farmer himself... Although this moving drama, that takes place over the four seasons, has an almost fairy-tale feeling, it was inspired by real events.



HONEYMOON

Directed by: Jan Hřebejk

Cast: Aňa Geislerová, Stanislav Majer, Kristýna Nováková-Fuitová, Jiří Černý, Jiří Šesták

Year: 2013

Language: Czech

Subtitles: English, Hebrew

Runtime: 98 min

Tel Aviv	22. 8.	22:00
Jerusalem	25. 8.	18:30
Haifa	29. 8.	16:00
Holon	6. 9.	21:30

The third part of Hřebejk and Jarchofský's loose "moral" trilogy about dark secrets from the past is set at a wedding reception where a gate crasher turns up. The strange bespectacled youth tells the wedding guests and the pregnant bride that he is the bride-groom's former classmate – but Radim does not remember him. The bride reluctantly puts up with the intruder's presence in the family manor set in a romantic landscape. The situation gets even tenser when he gives her the wedding gift: an urn with his name and the year 1997 on it. The shocked bride faces an inevitable confrontation with Radim's one-time wrongdoing.



KRASNO

Directed by: Ondřej Sokol

Cast: Martin Finger, Ondřej Sokol, Jana Pehrová-Krausová, Zuzana Stavná, Ondřej Malý, Michal Pavlata, David Matásek, Karel Roden, Jaroslav Plesl, Michal Suchánek, Jan Kačer
Year: 2014

Language: Czech

Subtitles: English, Hebrew

Runtime: 119 min

Tel Aviv	26. 8.	21:30
Jerusalem	24. 8.	21:30
Haifa	25. 8.	21:30
Holon	1. 9.	20:30

Two childhood friends, Adam and Michal, return to their native Šumperk after 20 years. Shortly after their arrival in the sleepy town, Michal's father, whom he suspected of murdering his mother, dies. Michal's mother had been found drowned in the Krásné dam, but the fault of a third person was not proven. Michal's paranoid obsession with clearing up his mother's death infects Adam and they both start gathering false evidence against the father's alleged accomplice: his new partner Blanka... This absurd black comedy, whose agonising personal issue mingles with morbid "Scandinavian" humour, is loosely based on real events.



LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Directed by: Zdeněk Tyc

Cast: Petra Špalková, Tatjana Medvecká, Jiří Schmitzer, Marek Němec, Luboš Veselý, Marek Taclík

Year: 2013

Language: Czech

Subtitles: English, Hebrew

Runtime: 89 min

Tel Aviv	18. 8.	21:00
Jerusalem	19. 8.	20:45
Haifa	20. 8.	19:00
Holon	4. 9.	18:00

Quick-tempered painter Vladimír Holas, who has made many good pictures – but not as good as he had wished – is dying of cancer in his country house. He is cared for by two rival women: his current partner, much younger, carnal Karla and married nurse Jaruna, who had been his lover years ago. The three of them fight not only with the death that is drawing near, but also with each other and with themselves. The relationships are made even more tense after the arrival of Vladimír's son and his girlfriend. This intimate psychological drama about the finality of life ponders on how accompanying a loved one on their last journey can purify their nearest and dearest.



MARKETA LAZAROVA

Directed by: František Vlácil

Cast: Josef Kemr, Magda Vášáryová, Nada Hejna

Year: 1967

Language: Czech, German

Subtitles: English

Runtime: 180 min

Tel Aviv	19. 8.	18:00
Jerusalem	27. 8.	19:30

Set in the 13th Century, this ambitious and multi-layered medieval epic with elliptical narrative and emphasis on symbol and metaphor, is a stunning work of cinema. Filmed in black & white widescreen and often attaining a Wellesian grandeur, Vlácil penetrated the psychology of the times to produce an inspired and fascinating film. Markéta Lazarová has been voted by Czech and Slovak critics and artists as the best Czech film of all time.



REVIVAL

Directed by: Alice Nellis

Cast: Bolek Polívka, Miroslav Krobot, Karel Heřmánek, Richard Genzer, Zuzana Bydžovská

Year: 2013

Language: Czech

Subtitles: English, Hebrew

Runtime: 98 min

Tel Aviv	21. 8.	21:00
Jerusalem	23. 8.	19:00
Haifa	18. 8.	21:00
Holon	2. 9.	21:00

Forty years after the sudden breakup of the rock band called The Smoke, keyboard player Milan, who is in debt and needs to solve his financial problems, decides to persuade the former band members to make a comeback. Inspired by an experienced band manager, the retired rocker tells the other musicians – skirt-chasing singer Otaš and timid guitar-player Karel – that widowed bass-player Václav, whose son is the frontman of a popular band called Darkwerk, is terminally ill... A gloomy music comedy about a comeback by ageing rockers, at whom their excited fans throw their panties, offers a forgiving look at friendship, family and intergenerational relationships.



TO SEE THE SEA

Directed by: Jiří Mádľ

Cast: Petr Šimčák, Jan Maršál, Ondřej Vetchý, Lucie Trmíková, Jaroslava Pokorná,
Anastásia Chocholatá, Michaela Majerníková

Year: 2014

Language: Czech

Subtitles: English, Hebrew

Runtime: 90 min

Tel Aviv	27. 8.	21:00
Jerusalem	26. 8.	19:00
Haifa	28. 8.	19:00
Holon	6. 9.	21:30

The main character of the story is a ten-year-old boy named Thomas, who is the narrator, cameraman and director of his film! He receives a video camera for his birthday and decides to shoot a movie just like Miloš Forman. Therefore, he becomes the narrator, cameraman and director of a deeply human story, thanks to which we get to know his family, mommy, daddy, grandma, school, friends...

