The Modern Greek studies program at the University of Illinois presents

**1ST CHAMPAIGN GREEK FILM FESTIVAL**
organized in collaboration with the FilmHellenes

**March 2-3, 2012**
The Art Theater, 126 W Church St., 61820-3511 Champaign IL

This coming March 2-3, we will be hosting the first Champaign Greek film Festival at the Arts Theater in downtown Champaign. We will be showing 7 films (1 documentary and 6 feature films) over two days, all recent Greek productions several of which have won prizes at international venues. Only two of these are currently distributed through the usual commercial outlets in the US, so this will be a unique opportunity for people in our community to watch some great new cinema from Greece. The timing of the festival couldn't be more ideal, as this spring marks the first time our program will be offering a course on contemporary Greek film, taught by Dr. Vassiliki Tsitopoulos, who will be giving an introduction to Greek film-making on the opening night and a short introduction before each film.

The festival is being co-sponsored by the University’s European Union Center, the Russian, East European and Eurasian Center, and the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, as well as by Merry Ann's Diner. Needless to say, we are very excited to be able to bring the latest cultural production from Greece to our local Champaign-Urbana community through this effort. A dedicated festival website is under construction and will soon be available under our program's website: [http://www.moderngreek.illinois.edu/](http://www.moderngreek.illinois.edu/). In the meantime, the film line-up and showtimes are shown below; summaries of films can be found on the website of the FilmHellenes ([http://www.greekfilmfestchicago.org/lineup/](http://www.greekfilmfestchicago.org/lineup/)).

**Festival Schedule**

**Friday March 2**
- 7:00-7:10 Opening remarks by Dr V. Tsitopoulos (Visiting Lecturer in Modern Greek)
- 7:10-8:58 pm The Guardian's Son (2006, 98 min)
- 9:15-10:58 pm Plato's Academy (2009, 103 min)

**Saturday March 3**
- 2:00-2:48 The Silent School (2010, 48 min)
- 3:00-4:34 The Guide (2011, 94 min)
- 5:00-6:32 Without Borders (2011, 92 min)
- 7:00-8:25 Gold Dust (2009, 85 min)
- 9:00-10:35 Attenberg (2010, 95 min)