

European Film Festival in Riyadh

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Sunday 26th of April
9.00 pm
Embassy of Germany



"EMPTIES" (VRATNE LAHVE)

Directed by Jan Sverak
2007, 100 minutes

Josef is a high-school literature professor who, realizing one day that he no longer understands his pupils, promptly quits teaching. This comes as a shock to Eliška, his wife of thirty years, who now has her cranky and peevish mate underfoot all day. But Josef decides he still has a lot to contribute to society and should find another job. None of his attempted occupations work out – least of all his turn as Prague's only sixty-eight year old bike courier – until he takes a part-time position at the bottle-return counter of the local supermarket.

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Tuesday 28th of April
7.30 pm
Embassy of Belgium



ANY WAY THE WIND BLOWS

Directed by Tom Barman
2003, 127 minutes

Antwerp, at the beginning of June. On a sunny Friday, eight people dream of having a different life. There's wind and music, police and paranoia, gossip and fighting. There's an old virus, an astrayed frisbee, a dead horse, and a mysterious person called Windman walking through the city. Windman feels the pain of those he meets but is unable to help himself. In the evening there's a party ...

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Wednesday 29th of April
8.00 pm
Embassy of Turkey



BOATS OUT OF WATERMELON RINDS

(Karpuz Kabuğundan Gemiler Yapmak)
Written and directed by Ahmet Ulucay
2004, 101 minutes

In this autobiographical debut feature, Ahmet Ulucay captures the infinite joys of childhood and the magical hold of cinema on two young boys living in Tepecik, a small Anatolian village, where Ulucay still lives. Working with a watermelon vendor and a barber by day, and trying to build a film projector by night, Recep and Mehmet dream of changing their lives by becoming famous film directors. The village idiot, Deli Omer, is the sole witness to their exuberant nocturnal labors and simple longings. But things begin to change when Recep falls for Nihal.....

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Saturday 2nd of May
7.30 pm
Embassy of France



VOLVER

Directed by Pedro Almodovar
2006, 122 minutes

Raimunda (Penélope Cruz) and Sole (Lola Dueñas) return to their home village in La Mancha, a region in south-central Spain, for the funeral of their elderly Aunt Paula. Aunt Paula's neighbour, Agustina (Blanca Portillo), declares to Sole having heard Aunt Paula talking to the ghost of Sole's mother, Irene (Carmen Maura). Sole encounters the ghost herself, and when she returns to Madrid, she discovers the ghost hiding in the trunk of her car, along with some luggage. The ghost declares her intention to stay with Sole so as to accomplish a mission she left undone prior to her death in a tragic fire three years before: get reconciled with Raimunda.

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