

28 NOVEMBER 2025

Screening - 2:30 pm
with Complementary cocktail

THE LAST ONE FOR THE ROAD

by Francesco Sossai - duration 98'

*The film will be presented by the protagonist **Filippo Scotti**,
Winner of Best Emerging Actor Award at the 2022 Venice Film Festival*

("The hand of God" – available on Netflix)

(cost R80 at Bioscope Independent Cinema)

29 NOVEMBER 2025

Screening - 2:00 pm
U.S. PALMESE

by Marco Manetti, Antonio Manetti - duration 122'
(cost R80 at Bioscope Independent Cinema)

30 NOVEMBER 2025

Screening - 2:00 pm
LA GRAZIA

by Paolo Sorrentino - duration 131'
(cost R80 at Bioscope Independent Cinema)

All films are subtitled

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LA GRAZIA
La grazia
By Paolo Sorrentino
Italy, 2025, 131'

By Oscar-winning director Paolo Sorrentino, one of the most acclaimed films in competition at the 2025 Venice Film Festival, starring the iconic Toni Servillo, winner of the Best Actor Award. Mariano De Santis is the President of the Italian Republic — entirely a product of the author's imagination. A widower and devout Catholic, he shares a close bond with his daughter Dorotea, a legal scholar like himself. As his term nears its end, two petitions for presidential pardon confront him with profound moral dilemmas that intertwine with his private life in unexpected ways. Torn by doubt yet guided by duty, he must make the ultimate decision with dignity and integrity.

Cast: Toni Servillo, Anna Ferzetti, Milvia Marigliano.



**THE LAST ONE
FOR THE ROAD**
Le città di pianura
By Francesco Sossai
Italy, 2025, 98'

From the Cannes Film Festival comes a touching comedy and Italian box office success featuring one of the countries most acclaimed new actors, Filippo Scotti. The film tells the story of two broke, bar-hopping fiftysomethings who meet a shy and aimless architecture student. Together, the three men embark...

Cast: Filippo Scotti, Sergio Romano, Pierpaolo Capovilla.

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U.S. PALMESE
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By Marco Manetti,
Antonio Manetti
Italy, 2024, 122'

Winner of Best Comedy at the Globi d'Oro 2025, this charming film takes place in Palmi, a small town in Calabria, where Don Vincenzo, a brilliant and retired farmer, comes up with the crazy idea of reviving the local football team. He organizes a quirky fundraising campaign to recruit Etienne Morville, a Serie A player with a difficult temper but extraordinary talent. Although initially reluctant, Morville leaves Milan to move to Palmi and repair his public image. There, he encounters a world grounded in honesty, leading to an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

Cast: Rocco Papaleo, Blaise Alfonso, Giulia Maenza.



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