

# ALL CHANGE!

THE ROMANIAN FILM FESTIVAL  
1-4 MAY 2009, 6TH EDITION  
CURZON MAYFAIR, LONDON



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1 - 4 May 2009

Curzon Mayfair, 38 Curzon Street, London W1J 7TY

Dear Friends,

**ALL CHANGE! The Romanian Film Festival in London** is ready to open its doors to the public. There is so much news we would like to impart to you, that instead of having a trickle of information coming your way, we decided to publish it all in a comprehensive Festival Newsletter. Please see details below.

The programme is published, the guests invited - what else could be said to entice you to our Festival? We thought hard about this and came up with a list of reasons:

- You will see some of the best and newest productions from Romania, land of the new 'New Wave';
- You will have the chance to meet and talk to some of the most important people in Romanian film: veteran director Stere Gulea, acting legend Victor Rebengiuc, actor-turned-director Horatiu Malaele;
- What better way to celebrate 1 May than by attending the Opening Night of the Romanian Film Festival! Join us for the 'Silent Wedding' and do your patriotic duty! Traiasca 1 Mai! (Long live 1 May!);
- You will also meet the charismatic star of new Romanian cinema, Andi Vasluianu, as well as young documentary film director Andrei Dascalescu;

- All films in the programme benefit from either a Q&A session or an introduction (see below);
- And, finally, all your friends will envy you for being up-to-date with world cinema's hottest ticket (that is, if they are not coming as well).

Well, we trust that for the reasons listed above, as well as for the very high quality of the films on offer you will decide to join us. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Curzon Mayfair cinema for the most exciting first days of May for Romanian culture in this country.

With best regards,

Ramona Mitrica

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## WEBSITE NOW ONLINE

We are happy to give an on-line shout and let the world know that the dedicated website of ALL CHANGE! is now on-line. You can read on it, besides the full synopses of the films, a warm welcome from Nicolae Ratiu, Chairman of the Ratiu Foundation, two special introductions from Verena von Stackelberg, the Festival Curator, and Ramona Mitrica, Director of Ratiu Foundation / Romanian Cultural Centre in London. We also have a news section, thank yous, contacts, and for our friends in the Media community, a press and media page.

Please go to [www.romanianculturalcentre.org.uk/filmfestival](http://www.romanianculturalcentre.org.uk/filmfestival) and check it out for yourselves.

## PROGRAMME OF FILMS AND Q&A SESSIONS

### FRIDAY 1 MAY 2009

6.20pm / *Opening Film*

#### SILENT WEDDING

Dir. Horatiu Malaele / Romania, 2008

*Followed by Q&A with director Horatiu Malaele and actor Victor Rebengiuc*

### SATURDAY 2 MAY 2009

2pm

#### WAVES

Dir. Adrian Sitaru / Romania, 2007 (short)

followed by

#### HOOKED

Dir. Adrian Sitaru / Romania-France, 2008

*plus Introduction*

4pm

#### THE OTHER IRENE

Dir. Andrei Gruzsniczki / Romania, 2008

*Followed by Q&A with actor Andi Vasluianu*

6.15pm

**CONSTANTIN AND ELENA**

Dir. Andrei Dascalescu / Romania, 2008 (documentary)

*Followed by Q&A with director Andrei Dascalescu*

8.45pm

**EXCHANGE**

Dir. Nicolae Margineanu / Romania, 2008

*Followed by Q&A with actor Andi Vasluianu*

**SUNDAY 3 MAY 2009**

2pm / *Shorts Programme*

*plus Introduction, in the presence of actor Andi Vasluianu*

• TIGER DANNY

Dir. Radu Potcoava / Romania, 2008

• YELLOW SMILEY FACE

Dir. Constantin Popescu / Romania, 2008

• ALEXANDRA

Dir. Radu Jude / Romania, 2007

• WATER

Dir. Constantin Popescu / Romania, 2007

4pm

**MOROMETII**

Dir. Stere Gulea / Romania, 1988

*Followed by Q&A with actor Victor Rebengiuc and director Stere Gulea*

7pm

**ELEVATOR**

Dir. George Dorobantu / Romania, 2008

*plus Introduction*

**MONDAY 4 MAY 2009**

6.30pm

**WEEKEND WITH MY MOTHER**

Dir. Stere Gulea / Romania, 2009

*Followed by Q&A with director Stere Gulea and actor Andi Vasluianu*

**SPECIAL EVENT - Working Lunch with The Festival's Guests**

Special guests from Romania will be attending selected screenings: actor and director Horatiu Malaele, screen legend Victor Rebengiuc, veteran director Stere Gulea, charismatic star Andi Vasluianu, and documentary film director Andrei Dascalescu.

Also present in the Festival will be writer and journalist Liviu Antonesei, journalist Carmen Sandulescu from Radio Romania International, and on behalf of the National Centre of Cinematography (CNC) in Bucharest, Alina Salcudeanu, Manager / Foreign Affairs expert.

All our guests will take part in a special working lunch at the Ratiu Foundation, 18 Fitzhardinge St, London W1H 6EQ, on Saturday 2 May 2009, at 12pm. Subjects to be discussed will include the present state of Romanian cinema and its recent successes, as well as the legacy of previous generations of film directors.

This event is free of charge. Limited number of seats. Register at [mail@romanianculturalcentre.org.uk](mailto:mail@romanianculturalcentre.org.uk)

**COMPETITION**

For a chance to win a pair of tickets for the Opening Film 'Silent Wedding' by Horatiu Malaele, on Friday 1 May, you have to provide the correct answer to the following question:

**What is the name of director Stere Gulea's last film before 'Weekend with my Mother'?**

Hint: there's a newly launched website where you can find interesting details about all films in the Festival.

Send your replies up to 5 pm on Tuesday 28 April at [mail@romanianculturalcentre.org.uk](mailto:mail@romanianculturalcentre.org.uk). Don't forget to include in your message your **FULL NAME** and a **TELEPHONE NUMBER**. Three winners will be selected through a raffle from all the correct answers we receive until the deadline, and will be notified in writing at the e-mail address provided.

### **INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

With the occasion of **ALL CHANGE!**, the sixth edition of the Romanian Film Festival in London, the Ratiu Foundation / Romanian Cultural Centre are looking for motivated people to join the Festival's team as interns / volunteers.

This is a position requiring a hands-on approach, working behind the scenes for the smooth running of the most important Romanian cultural event of the year in the UK.

You will have the chance to work in a challenging environment alongside a small and dedicated team of professionals in the field of cinema, cultural promotion and event organising. You will meet some of the biggest names in Romanian cinema, as well as a host of film professionals and journalists from the UK.

The entire activity will be carried out on a voluntary work basis. Some of the duties will include leaflet distribution, welcoming guests, assisting with the special events, etc.

The rewards of an intern / volunteer post with the Romanian Film Festival are:

- Access to the Festival films and events
- A very good learning experience
- A working environment with lots of colleagues who are into films
- Work experience within the cultural promotion / event organising domain
- Strong CV material
- Festival volunteers are listed by name on the Festival's website in recognition of their dedication and service
- Invitation to the private Opening Party for all our staff

Due to the nature of the work to be done, good knowledge of English is essential. Romanian comes as a bonus. Good organising skills, ability to work with people and to tight deadlines, as well as friendliness are a must. A love of cinema - and Romanian cinema especially - is necessary.

To apply, send us a cover letter accompanied by an up-to-date CV on [mail@ratiufamilyfoundation.com](mailto:mail@ratiufamilyfoundation.com)

### **FIND US ON FACEBOOK**

For those of you who use internet social networks, our Festival's curator, Verena von Stackelberg, created a special Facebook page. Join the group, spread the news, become our friends! Please find us by searching on Facebook using the term "Romanian Film Festival in London".

### **TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!**

Tickets for the films in the Festival are now available, at a price of **£12.00/£9.00** Curzon members (see details below)

You can book in person, online at [www.curzoncinemas.com](http://www.curzoncinemas.com) or by phone 0871 7033 989

**Venue:** Curzon Mayfair, 38 Curzon Street, W1J 7TY

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**Annual Price:** £40 Single/£70 Joint/£30 Concessionary (Retired, registered disabled, unwaged and full time student. Only available in person with proof of status).

Please call 0871 703 3988 to purchase membership.

**ORGANISERS**

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