

# ITALIAN FILM SERIES

2023

All films are shown at the Norris Center (755 8th Ave. South). It is located at the corner of 8th Avenue South and 8th Street South. The showings begin at 6:45 p.m. For more information, call the ICS Information Line at 434-3323, or email [ics.naples@gmail.com](mailto:ics.naples@gmail.com)

**January 9, 2023**



**BENVENUTI AL SUD (Welcome to the South)**  
**2010 102 minutes**

Alberto (Claudio Bisio) is a postal worker in a Milan suburb near where he lives with his wife and family. His wife has been badgering him for years to obtain a transfer to a branch in central Milan. His friend in the central office says he can't help him because they are giving jobs in the central area to disabled persons at this time. Alberto is disappointed but decides to put in an application while claiming to be a disabled person. He is instead transferred to a village near Naples.

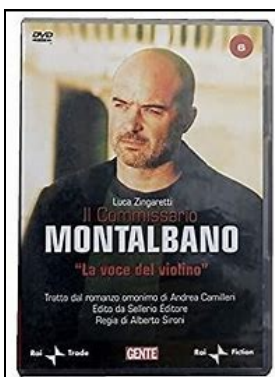
**January 23, 2023**



**I GIRASOLI (Sunflower) 1970 107 minutes**

Giovanna (Sophia Loren) and her husband Antonio (Marcello Mastroianni) live in Italy and are impacted by WW II. Antonio has gone missing on the battlefields of Russia. Giovanna, years after the end of the war, makes a grueling overland journey to track down Antonio.

**February 6, 2023**



**LA VOCE DEL VIOLINO (The Voice of the Violin)**  
**1999 110 minutes**

Detective Montalbano (Luca Zingaretti) is on his way to a funeral for a friend. His driver is speeding and he gets into an accident near a villa in a small Sicilian town. The villa appears to be abandoned and he leaves to go on with his driver. For some curious reason he goes back, all alone, to the villa that night and lets himself in. He snoops around and he finds the corpse of a young woman.



**February 20, 2023**

**LUISA SPAGNOLI Episode 1 2016 107 minutes**

This is part one of a biographical film about a remarkable Italian woman Luisa Spagnoli (Luisa Ranieri). She was a chocolatier, an entrepreneur, a feminist and the founder of the women's clothing house which bears her name and continues in business today. She was born in 1877 in Perugia Italy and died in 1935. She was the driving force in the founding in Perugia Italy, of the still famous Perugina Chocolate House. In this episode we go back to 1907 when the company was founded, and then how she and her husband Annibale Spagnoli worked together until he left to fight for Italy in World War I.



**March 6, 2023**

**LUISA SPAGNOLI Episode 2 2016 117 minutes**

This is part 2 of the Luisa Spagnoli biography and picks up her remarkable career during World War I. With all of the men gone to war, Luisa continues the operation with women workers and establishes day care for the workers. She devises several new chocolate products and branches out into a completely different business.



**March 27, 2023**

**IERI, OGGI, DOMANI (Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow)  
1963 118 minutes**

Sophia Loren and Marcello Mastroianni star in a comedy of three different stories set throughout Italy. In Naples they are poor but resourceful. In Milan Loren debates her preference for a Rolls Royce or her husband. In Rome Mastroianni is an industry scion who helps Loren who is a prostitute.