

12th Annual Seattle Polish Film Festival

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The 12th annual Seattle Polish Film Festival opens on Friday, November 7th, 2003 and will run through Sunday, November 16th, with a midweek break, at the Broadway Performance Hall.

Launching the Festival will be "When the Sun Was God – An Ancient Tale", the latest film by a veteran director Jerzy Hoffman ("With Fire and Sword", "The Quack", "Lepper", "Deluge"), based on the classic novel by Jozef Ignacy Kraszewski. Starring in the film are the award-winning actors Michal Zebrowski, Daniel Olbrychski, Ewa Wisniewska, Jerzy Trela, and Anna Dymna. The Festival's opening screening and opening reception gala will be attended by the honorable Jerzy Hoffman and the film's co-producer Jerzy Michaluk ("With Fire and Sword"). Moviegoers will have an opportunity to meet the guests.

Additionally, this year's Festival will feature some of the best recently-produced Polish films. Festival attendees will have a chance to see "Weiser", one of the 2002 SIFF favorites, "Eden": Poland's submission in the Best Animated Feature category to the 2003 Academy Awards®, some of the best new Polish independent films such as "Touch Me" and "Chopper", the highly acclaimed short "Antichrist", an archival screening of Krzysztof Zanussi's feature directorial debut "Structure of Crystal" as well as many other films. The festival will also include a photo and poster exhibition centered around one of Poland's best and largest film festivals, the Polish Feature Film Festival in Gdynia.

Since its inception, the Seattle Polish Film Festival has grown in popularity in the Puget Sound region. This has been due in part to the Festival's selection of newly released and highly acclaimed films and visits of famous directors and actors such as Agnieszka Holland, Krzysztof Zanussi, Radoslaw Piwowarski, Andrzej Seweryn, Olaf Lubaszenko, and Lech Majewski.

All films feature English subtitles. Tickets prices for screenings of "When the Sun Was God – An Ancient Tale" are \$12.00. General admission ticket prices are \$8.00. Series passes are \$50.00 and don't include "When the Sun Was God – An Ancient Tale".

Tickets will be available for purchase: (1) online at <http://www.ticketwindowonline.com>, (2) all Ticket/Ticket windows locations, (3) via phone at (206) 325-6500 or fax at (425) 450-3839, and (4) the Broadway Performance Hall box office prior to show time. Advance purchase is recommended.

The Seattle Polish Film Festival is produced by the Seattle-Gdynia Sister City Association. Association President Glen Lee invites the public to attend this highly acclaimed and very popular local Festival. The Festival Coordinator is Krystian Koper. For Festival information, schedule, volunteering, and sponsorship please visit the Festival website at <http://www.PolishFilms.org> or call the Festival hotline at (206) 901-0146.

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