



Press Release

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Seattle-Gdynia Sister City Association is proud to present the 20th Annual Seattle Polish Film Festival opening on Friday, October 12th, 2012 at SIFF Cinema at the Uptown in Lower Queen Anne (511 Queen Anne Ave N). The festival will feature the best picks from new releases, independent films, animated movies, and documentaries. All Polish language films are subtitled in English.

This year's grand opening will indicate the screening of **Letters to Santa**, romantic comedy set on a Christmas Eve in Warsaw, directed by Mitja Okorn.

Festival highlights include: **Rose** by Wojciech Smarzowski, a harrowing tale of survival centered on Rose, a Masurian woman, whose husband, a German soldier, was killed in the war; **Courage** by Greg Zglinski, drama about people whose lives get disturbed by a violent act, which forces them to reveal who they really are and **Elles** - drama by Malgorzata Szumowska, starring Juliette Binoche.

Also recommended are: **80 million**, directed by Waldemar Krzystek – a movie about the power of thousands, the courage of hundreds and the friendship of a few, thanks to whom a change of fate of millions became possible; **Suicide Room**, by Jan Komasa and **My Name is Ki** by Leszek David.

The guests of honor will be director Mitja Okorn (**Letters to Santa**), actresses Roma Gasiorowska (**Letters to Santa**, **My Name is Ki** and **Suicide Room**) and Alexandra Hamkalo (**Big Love**, **Suicide Room**)

For more information including film schedules, summaries and guest appearances, please visit the SPFF web site at www.polishfilms.org.

Festival passes are \$60, tickets are \$10, SIFF member ticket price is \$5.