



MEDIA ALERT
January 8, 2003

AFI ASSOCIATES PRESENT
THE 2003 INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES

WHAT:

As part of their ongoing support of the American Film Institute, the AFI Associates present the 2003 International Film Series in cooperation with the consulates of Israel, Finland and Germany.

The benefit film series which begins this month consists of three screenings and reception suppers co-hosted by the Consuls General of each film's country. Created by the AFI Associates to provide a forum for fine films made outside of the US, the International Film Series helps promote an understanding of films, filmmakers and techniques exhibited in other countries. Past series have included films such as CINEMA PARADISO (Italy), COMO AGUA PARA CHOCOLATE (Mexico), KOLYA (Czech Republic) and MONSOON WEDDING (India).

WHEN/WHO/WHERE:

Each evening will begin with a cocktail reception followed by a screening at 5:30 p.m. at the AFI's Mark Goodson Screening Room, located on the AFI Campus at 2021 N. Western Avenue in Los Angeles.

On **Saturday, January 25, 2003**, BROKEN WINGS (Israel) will be hosted by the Consul General of Israel, Yuval Rotem.

On **Sunday, February 2, 2003**, THE MAN WITHOUT A PAST (Finland) will be co-hosted by the Consul General of Finland, Erkki Huittinen.

On **Sunday, February 23, 2003**, NOWHERE IN AFRICA (Germany) will be co-hosted by the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Hans J. Wendler and the Export-Union of German Cinema/West Coast.

HOW:

Advance ticket sales only. Tickets are \$225 per person for the entire series or \$85 per person for each individual evening. Call 310.553.8384 or 310.858.8330.

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