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13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHICAGO PALESTINE FILM FESTIVAL  
April 19-May 1, 2014  
TWO WEEKS OF PALESTINIAN FILMS IN CHICAGO!!

The Chicago Palestine Film Festival is pleased to announce our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Film Festival lineup of ground breaking Palestinian films. CPFF continues to search the globe for the most riveting and fascinating films that represent all facets of everyday Palestinian life, while at the same time offering audiences a glimpse into the unique culture and values of the Palestinian people.

Offering the perfect backdrop to our films, this year we are pleased to be featuring 10 amazing films at the prestigious, Gene Siskel Film Center, located in the heart of downtown Chicago's Theater District. A special weekend screening will also take place on the southwest side of Chicago at Moraine Valley Community College's impressive Fine Arts Theater Building.

Over the past 80 years, Palestinian Cinema, has shown to be the gateway to showcasing our traditions, culture, and struggle to the rest of the world. It's proven to be a powerful force to understanding the human experience of a people often misunderstood and misrepresented by the nature of the political struggles that encompass the region. The 2014 Chicago Palestine Films Festival looks to open the doors to this region and showcase the true beauty of our heritage: **OUR PEOPLE. AND THE RICH STORIES THEY HAVE TO TELL.** We look forward to hosting these extraordinary films and bringing them to our Chicago community.

A complete list of all other films being featured can be found on our website at  
[www.palestinefilmfest.com](http://www.palestinefilmfest.com)

*Background on the Festival:*

*We are the world's longest running festival dedicated solely to bringing the stories of Palestine to Chicago through film. With over 250 films showcased to date, every year the festival strives to bring together films about Palestine that engage, enlighten and entertain our audiences and leave you inspired.*

*The Chicago Palestine Film Festival (CPFF) is an independent, not-for-profit, nonsectarian project based in Chicago that exhibits and promotes films by Palestinian directors and films about Palestine. CPFF is dedicated to presenting a film festival that is open, critical, and reflective of the culture, experience and vision of the filmmakers.*

*The Festival began in 2001 and continues to be organized by a group of dedicated volunteers. We are supported by a local community of individuals, small businesses, and organizations. The Chicago Palestine Film Festival is a program service of the Middle East Cultural and Charitable Society, a 501(c)3 charitable organization.*

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