

## **PICTUREHOUSE PRESENTS THE 2nd LONDON GYPSY FILM FESTIVAL**

### **GYPSY FILM FESTIVAL: RITZY NOVEMBER 2-4th**

**Friday, Nov 2, 7.15pm:** I EVEN MET HAPPY GYPSIES (Skupljaci Perja) - groundbreaking 1967 Cannes Award winning Yugoslav film gets a rare UK screening. Huge influence on Emir Kusturika. 94 minutes

Ritzy Café: Princes Amongst Men DJs (Garth Cartwright, Leon Parker)

**Saturday, 3rd, 3pm:** *SERBIAN SOUL* - 4 documentaries by Serbian film makers on Roma communities and music making. *THE CHILDREN OF THE BRASS BAND VILLAGE* involves Roma kids learning to play brass in a Southern Serbian village; *THE CHILDREN OF BLOCK 71* focuses on the kids of a Roma squatter camp in Belgrade; *GUCA* is a magnificent celebration of Guca brass band festival 2006; *ESMA: QUEEN OF THE GYPSIES* focuses on Esmá Redžepova, celebrated Queen of the Gypsies, and the wedding of her keyboardist, Elvis. First UK cinema screenings for 2 of the documentaries. 95 minutes in total.

**Saturday 3rd, 6.30pm:** *WHEN THE ROAD BENDS . . . TALES OF A GYPSY CARAVAN:* Jasmine Dellal's superb documentary crosses between 5 different Gypsy artists on tour in the US and their lives back home in India, Spain, Macedonia and Romania. Director will present film and host Q&A. 120 minutes

Ritzy café: Walking Wounded - live London Gypsy folk-punk band. Plus DJs.

**Sunday 4th, 3pm:** *ROMANIA ROCKS* - 3 documentaries from Romania. *GYPSY CHILD BRIDES* looks at the extremely controversial matter of marrying Roma girls as young as 12 in Romania. *GYPSY WITCH* looks at the nation's fortune tellers and their clients. *IAG BARI/BRASS ON FIRE* - celebrated Romanian brass band Fanfare Ciocarlia leave their village to conquer the world. Liviu Tipurita, director of *Gypsy Witch* & producer of *Gypsy Child Brides*, will host a Q&A on the documentaries. 110 minutes

*Pre-evening screening the upstairs cafe will host the launch of Hungarian photographer Zsuzanna Ardo's exhibition Roma Decade, 5.45pm*

**Sunday, 4th, 6.30pm:** *HUNGARIAN HEART* double bill *CYMBALOM LEGACY* (documentary) & *DALLAS AMONGST US* (feature). Mano Camon, director of *Cymbalom Legacy*, will present his film. *Dallas* is an excellent 2005 feature, directed by Robert Pejo. Neither film has had a UK screening. 140 minutes

Ritzy café: Gundula Gruen & Alejandro Toledo present a live Balkan music session after films.

### **GYPSY FILM FESTIVAL: GREENWICH PICTURE HOUSE NOVEMBER 9-11**

**Friday night:** I EVEN MET HAPPY GYPSIES (Skupljaci Perja)

**Saturday night:** WHEN THE ROAD BENDS . . . TALES OF A GYPSY CARAVAN

**Sunday night:** BALKAN FEVER (a mix of the best documentaries: *CYMBALOM LEGACY*, *GUCA*, *CHILDREN OF THE BRASS BAND VILLAGE*, *CHILDREN OF BLOCK 71*). 115 minutes

Booking: [www.picturehouses.co.uk](http://www.picturehouses.co.uk) [www.myspace.com/princesamongstmen2007](http://www.myspace.com/princesamongstmen2007)