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### 12th New York Turkish Film Festival Enters Second Weekend

**New York, NY [December 9, 2010]**—Having kicked off on December 3rd, the 12th New York Turkish Film Festival, presented by The American Turkish Society and Moon and Stars Project, will continue with additional screenings and workshops with guest filmmakers this coming weekend. Attending the festival's upcoming events are Sermet Yesil, the lead actor of *Kosmos*, Reha Erdem's utopian story of a thief that works miracles; Ilksen Basarir and Mert Firat, screenwriters and, respectively, director and lead actor of *Love in Another Language*, a heartwarming love story between a deaf man and a call center employee; and Inan Temelkuran, director of *Bornova Bornova*, a journey into the ironic everyday of listless youth.

“Following a successful opening weekend with sold-out screenings, we invite you to join us again this weekend, which has even more to offer with six feature films, including our Directors Abroad, Tribute to a Master, and Without Borders selections, as well as a celebration of contemporary Turkish cinema with our prominent guests,” remarked Selen Ucak, Executive Director of The American Turkish Society, “and contributions are still accepted in support of this high impact program.”

Taking place at the offices of The American Turkish Society, the workshops will feature Sermet Yesil on Acting (Fri, Dec. 10, 4:30-6:30 pm), Inan Temelkuran on Directing (Sun, Dec. 12, 1:30-3:30 pm) and Ilksen Basarir & Mert Firat on Screenwriting (Mon, Dec. 13, 6-8 pm). Festival Director Ayca User noted that the workshops are a great opportunity for those who are interested in different aspects of filmmaking while interacting with prominent representatives of Turkey's thriving film industry and having in-depth conversations about their work. Go to <http://www.newyorkturkishfilmfestival.com/special-events> for registration or further information.

The filmmakers will also take part in a discussion moderated by Binnaz Saktanber, Vice President of Moon and Stars Project, at the SVA Theater on Sat, Dec. 11, at 3-5 pm, which is free and open to the public and press.

The 12th New York Turkish Film Festival will hold this year's After-Party at Crosby Street Hotel on December 11 at 10 pm. Guest list only. Tickets may be purchased in advance at <https://www.z2systems.com/np/clients/ats/eventRegistration.jsp?event=88>.



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**Public Information:**

**Tickets:** Admission for each film screening is \$12. Tickets can be purchased at [www.newyorkturkishfilmfestival.com](http://www.newyorkturkishfilmfestival.com) or at will call before each screening.

**Festival Passes:** Festival passes are also available for \$100, which allows free admission to all screenings, one workshop and the festival after-party. Viewers can also purchase a pass and become an ATS member for \$150. To obtain more information and to purchase a pass, please visit [www.newyorkturkishfilmfestival.com](http://www.newyorkturkishfilmfestival.com)

**Location:** SVA Theatre, 333 West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street (between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets)

**Subway:** C, E to 23rd Street. Walk west on 23rd St. to the theatre.

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**Presenters:** The American Turkish Society, founded in 1949, is America's oldest not-for-profit organization seeking to enhance economic, political, and cultural ties between Turkey and the United States. The Society also initiates and sponsors a variety of education and arts & culture programs, providing fellowships, grants, and other opportunities for cultural exchange between the two countries. Founded in 2002, the Moon and Stars Project, is dedicated to highlighting the changing face of Turkish arts and culture and establishing a two-way cultural interaction between the United States and Turkey.