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RE: FINE ARTS FILM SERIES STARTS JANUARY 2

The East Hartford Fine Arts Commission will present their Saturday Night Cinema Supreme! starting on January 2 in the auditorium of the East Hartford Community Cultural Center, 50 Chapman Place, at 6:30 in the evening. This is the Commission's fourth annual international film series. The series will include 4 films, one each on the first Saturday of the month, from January through April. All screenings are free.

January 2nd's film will be the Belgian "Rumba". School teacher couple Fiona and Dom have a common passion – the Rumba. One night, after winning a dance competition, they have a car accident which turns their lives upside down. Roger Ebert says *"Rumba" is a peculiar deadpan comedy from Belgium, sort of sweet, sort of macabre, about a couple who are out of step with life but not with each other...*

The second film, on Saturday, February 6, will be "Katyn", from Poland. Roger Ebert: *"In 1940, some 15,000 officers of the Polish army were rounded up, transported in sealed buses to a forest named Katyn, shot in the back of their heads by the Russian KGB and buried in mass graves. That is the simple truth. When the nation was occupied by both the Nazis and Soviets, their deaths were masked in silence. Then the Nazis dug up the graves and blamed the deaths on the Soviets. After the defeat of Hitler and the Soviet occupation of Poland, history was rewritten and the official version blamed the massacre on the Nazis."* This film was nominated for an Oscar and won a Golden Globe for Best European Film 2009.

On Saturday, March 6, the third film will be Tunisia's "The TV's Coming." Set in a small Tunisian village, residents are spurred into action with the impending visit of a German television team. The town's cultural committee insists on creating a positive image, which camouflages reality. Chaos ensues as the committee and a number of other unusual characters disagree on the best course of action. Deborah Young of Variety.com says, *"This [is an] unusual and genuinely funny Tunisian comedy from Moncef Dhouib [with a] fine cast"*.

The final film, on Saturday, April 3, will be "Uniform", from China. Wang, a young tailor struggling to pay his father's medical bills and simultaneously gain the attention of a pretty girl, discovers a solution for both problems: a policeman's uniform, left in the family shop. He begins to impersonate a police officer, extorting money and impressing the attractive Zheng. A sometimes humorous but realistic portrait of the clashing values of modern-day China. Chris Parry, of EFILMCRTIC.COM says, *[This is] "a high quality way to spend 94 minutes of your life... a look into the lives of a people we don't hear much about, and one that is decidedly non-political considering where it comes from and the time we're in..."*

For any additional information on Saturday Night Cinema Supreme!, call (860) 528-0176.