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1st ANNUAL IRANIAN FILM FESTIVAL SILICON VALLEY
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The Iranian Film Festival and the Iranian Federated Women’s Club (IFWC)/Payvand, cordially invite you, your family and friends to view some of the greatest works of modern Iranian Cinema in our 2017 Silicon Valley Iranian Film Festival, on Sunday, March 12, 2017, at the BlueLight Cinemas theatre at 21275 Stevens Creek Boulevard in Cupertino, from 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Admission price for each screening is \$12, and a day pass for all screenings is available for \$55. This event includes the unique opportunity to hear Gohar Kheirandish speak about her experience working on Azar, Shahdokht, Parviz and Others immediately after the screening at 6:00 pm.

The featured films for this year’s event are:



- **Atlán**, Screening with **Ice Water**, Showtime, 12 noon. Atlán is the story of Ali, a young Turkman horse trainer who plans on using the prize money from his award-winning horse Ilhan to pay for his wedding. But when unexpected problems arise, Ali needs to fight for Ilhan and for his own future. This film highlights the importance of horses in the life of Iranian Turkmen, where horse races are often highly significant social events. Cast includes Ali Bagheri.



- **Ice Water**, Screening with **Atlán**, Showtime, 12 noon. This short film tells the story of an old man whose life is closely tied to an endlessly repeating cycle of collecting water from melting ice, and making ice from the collected water. Cast includes Jahangir Osmanpour and Chiako Khorshidi.



- **The Buffalo** Showtime 2:00 pm. Tragedy strikes a couple, Shokufeh and Iman, when their plan to flee Iran is cut short by Iman’s accidental drowning in a lagoon. A diver called Bahram the Buffalo is assigned to find Iman’s body and a relationship begins to develop between him and Shokufeh. Cast includes Parviz Parastui, Soheila Golestani, Pantea Panahiha and Hooman Seyedi.



- **Oblivion Season** Showtime, 4:00 pm. An ex-prostitute starts a new life by marrying her loved one but leaving the shadow of her dark past is not as easy as it seemed before. Suddenly she finds herself a prisoner and must earn her freedom by fighting fight back against a male-dominated society. Cast includes Sareh Bayat, Amin Zendegani, Shahin Taslimi and Abbas Shoja.



- **Azar, Shahdokht, Parviz and Others** Showtime, 6:00 pm. The wife of a famous actor takes on a role as his playmate in his latest movie. Neither of them expect all the attention she receives by the critics, and their marriage is damaged by her husband’s increasing jealousy. The wife leaves home, but when she returns their daughter, the couple faces some even more challenges. Cast includes Mehdi Fakhimzadeh, Gohar Kheirandish and Mani Haghighi.



- **The Sinners** Showtime 8:00 pm. A tightly plotted Iranian film noir, The Sinners opens on the streets of Tehran, where a beautiful woman who developed an independent streak during seven years in the United States meets a violent end. Many people wished her dead—the young lover she spurned, the married boss she blackmailed, the human trafficker she knew too much about, her angry father who felt disrespected—but who could be sinner enough to kill this woman? Cast includes Faramarz Gharibian, Homayoun Ershadi, Rambod Javan and Shaghayegh Farahani.

Tickets for this public event are available at <https://www.bluelightcinemas.com> and at the theater box office

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