

9<sup>th</sup> annual **LA Harbor International Film Festival™ (LAHIFF)** ~ **May 3-6, 2012**  
*"To create a cinematic bridge between the people of the region and the people of the world."*

**Opening Night - Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> - Program B – 7:30 pm**

**Port of Los Angeles (POLA) premiere - Exclusive One Time Screening Only!**  
**Warner Grand Theatre (WGT)**

*(A facility of the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs)*  
**478 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., San Pedro, California 90731**

**Sponsored by 15<sup>th</sup> District Councilman Joe Buscaino & the Italian American Museum Los Angeles**

***"La Prima Cosa Bella" (The First Beautiful Thing)***

**(Italy, 2010; dir. Paulo Virzi; 122 min.) Italy's entry for Academy Award@ consideration for Best Foreign Film of 2011**

Drama/comedy; Italian with sub-titles (Viewer discretion advised, mature themes; language)  
*Academy Award@ submission from Italy for Best Foreign Film in 2011; recipient of numerous festival awards and accolades.*

In the provincial Italy town of Livorno, Tuscany, in 1971, Anna Michelucci is crowned the "Summer Mama of 1971." The beautiful mother of a young son (Bruno) and daughter (Valeria) is wed to the hostile Mario in an unhappy and abusive marriage. After yet another violent argument Anna flees in the night with her youngsters, then struggles through the years to provide for her small family as a single mother. With no career to fall back upon, she is desperate to find work and have a home. Through serendipitous encounters she gets work as an extra in the movies, among other jobs. Mario surreptitiously takes the children to live with himself and Anna's bitter spinster sister, however Anna is able to reclaim them.

Despite the difficult times, Anna courageously encourages her children to embrace the small joys of life. She never loses her passion and optimistic nature, even after her beloved son, who has become a professor with some deep psychological and addiction problems, ostracizes her. Years later, when their mother is diagnosed with a terminal condition, Valeria seeks out her brother who returns to be part of Anna's ebbing life.

Following a series of startling revelations, the siblings demonstrate their love for their mother and come to a greater understanding of her ever-unpredictable and joyful nature, their unconventional upbringing and themselves. The story spans nearly four decades shifting from 1971 to 2009. Beautifully photographed with charming musical accents and score, the film stars: Valerio Mastandrea (adult Bruno), Michaaela Raela Ramazotti & Stefania Sandrelli (Anna); Claudia Pandolfi (adult Valeria), among the stellar cast.

**Ticket price: \$10**

**Ticket sales from April 1<sup>st</sup> online:**

**[www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)**

**\*Advance Purchase Tickets will be at WGT "Will Call" from 6 p.m. day of screening.  
& at Williams Bookstore, 443 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St.(across from WGT)**

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**at WGT Box Office evening of screening from 6 p.m. – cash only**

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