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Nuovo Olimpo by Ferzan Ozpetek to be previewed at the eighteenth Rome Film Fest

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In the soundtrack the song "Povero Amore" performed by Mina

Nuovo Olimpo by Ferzan Ozpetek will be presented in a preview screening at the eighteenth Rome Film Fest, which will take place from October 18th to 29th 2023 at the Auditorium Parco della Musica Ennio Morricone. The announcement was made by the Artistic Director Paola Malanga with Gian Luca Farinelli, President of the Fondazione Cinema per Roma, and Francesca Via, General Manager.

The award-winning director of *Le fate ignoranti, La finestra di fronte, Saturno contro, Mine vaganti, Magnifica presenza* and *La dea fortuna* sets his new film in Rome with a love story that spans three decades starting in the late 1970s. The story centres on two young twenty-five-year olds, played by Damiano Gavino and Andrea Di Luigi, who meet by chance and fall madly in love, though they are destined to lose one another and search for each other over the next thirty years.

About *Nuovo Olimpo* the director Ferzan Ozpetek stated the following: "The starting point of the film is a true story that happened to me in the 1970s, and that I have long wanted to use as an idea for a film – explains the director. But when I started to work on it this time, I soon realized that the story was growing larger, it was moving away from its initial core, which was highly personal and was now spreading into other dynamics and other themes that were no longer just about me. Because I was no longer just telling a story about the love between two people across time, it was also about love for Cinema, as the memory of desire and passion. The autobiographical boundaries thus became blurred and the story was no longer just mine, but I believe about many other people too".

The cast of *Nuovo Olimpo*, written by Ozpetek together with Gianni Romoli, also features Luisa Ranieri, Aurora Giovinazzo, Greta Scarano, Alvise Rigo, Giancarlo Commare and Jasmine Trinca. The soundtrack of the film includes the song "Povero Amore" performed by Mina and featured on her new album "Ti amo come un pazzo": the partnership between the director and the singer is thus renewed following their recent collaborations in *La dea fortuna* and *Le fate ignoranti – La serie. Nuovo Olimpo –* produced by Tilde Corsi and Gianni Romoli, an R&C Produzioni production in association with Faros Film – will be available only on Netflix.

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