

'Home' run

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One of the finest movies of 2009 was Ursula Meier's "**Home**," a dark Swiss comedy starring Isabelle Huppert. Unfortunately, it didn't get the exposure it deserved in New York. But don't go away mad.

There will be another chance to see "Home" when it unreels in the "Disappearing Act III" festival. It is one of 19 films that will be shown Wednesday through April 14 at the Bohemian National Hall, 321 E. 73rd St. And except for opening night, when an RSVP is required, the films will be shown for free on a first-come, first-served basis.

The event is sponsored by the Czech Center New York and the Romanian Cultural Institute and is billed as a platform for movies "that have made a name for themselves among critics and on the festival circuit, yet remain largely unknown to American audiences."

"Home" is the story of a family whose peaceful life is ruined when a long-abandoned superhighway just outside their door is suddenly open to cars and trucks.

Another entry, from Austria, is Jessica Hausner's "**Lourdes**" (2009), starring the wonderful Sylvie Testud as a crippled woman who goes to the Catholic shrine, hoping for a cure.

From Sweden comes Fredrik Edfeldt's "**The Girl**." Blanca Engstrom is positively amazing as the titular character, a 9-year-old left to fend for herself when her parents go to Africa on a mission of mercy. And from Germany, there's Maren Ade's "**Everyone Else**" (2009). A 30-something couple go on vacation in Sardinia in an attempt to save their relationship, but nothing works out the way they had hoped.

The complete schedule is at czechcenter.com

* Films from the biennial Adelaide Film Festival in Australia will be screened at the Museum of Modern Art Thursday through April 13.

The schedule includes the New York debut of three features ("**Mrs. Carey's Concert**," "**My Year Without Sex**" and "**Boxing Day**") as well as two films ("**Look Both Ways**" and "**Samson and Delilah**") that previously screened here at New Directors/New Films. The complete rundown is at moma.org.

* Thursday would have been Billie Holiday's 96th birthday (she died in 1959). To mark the occasion, WKCR (89.9 FM) -- the Columbia University student radio station -- will devote the entire day, from midnight to midnight, exclusively to the music of the legendary jazz vocalist. Call it Billie's holiday.

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