

Valerio Zurlini

Highly regarded in the 1960s as one of the great Italian cinema directors — the films of Valerio Zurlini have since fallen into an undeserved obscurity.

Violent Summer

Sunday, 8 October 2017 at 4:30pm

Valerio Zurlini | Italy 1959 | 98 min | Italian with English subtitles

At the height of World War II in Fascist Italy, spoiled young Carlo Caremoli (Jean-Louis Trintignant) enjoys a beach vacation with his friends, oblivious to world events due to the protection provided by his Fascist bigwig father, Ettore (Enrico Maria Salerno). When Carlo meets older widow and mother, Roberta Parmesan (Eleonora Rossi Drago), he is smitten despite her reluctance to get involved. Carlo persists, and just as he and Roberta find happiness, the brutal reality of the war crashes in upon them.

Awards: Best Actress (Eleonora Rossi Drago), Best Score (Mario Nascimbene), Nastro d'Argento 1960

Girl With A Suitcase

Sunday, 15 October 2017 at 4:30pm

Valerio Zurlini | Italy 1961 | 113 min | Italian with English subtitles

Lorenzo (Jacques Perrin), 16 and born into a wealthy family in Parma, tries to make things right toward a showgirl, Aida (Claudia Cardinale), whom his older brother has mistreated. In extending kindness and standing up for her and, eventually, falling in love with her, he comes of age.

Nominated: Palme d'Or, Cannes Film Festival 1961

