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Spice up your life at the 2004 Greek Film Festival

ELECTRIC Shadows cinemas and the Greek Film Festival Association of Canberra will open the 2004 Greek Film Festival of Canberra on September 16 at 6.45pm and a film screening at 7pm.

The festival will continue until September 22, with films screening every night from 7pm.

The Canberra festival is part of the national Greek Film Festival presented in cinemas by Greek communities across Australia and Palace Cinemas.

Greek Film Festival Association of Canberra member Kathy Tricolas said this had been a spectacular year for Greek culture with the Olympics exposing Greek culture to the world.

"This year's Greek film festival is a chance for Canberra audiences to enjoy even more of the Greek spirit with an eclectic mix of contemporary and classic cinema," Miss Tricolas said.

Following a successful premier last year, Miss Tricolas said the Canberra festival promised to capture audiences again with another outstanding line-up of films.

The 2004 festival in Canberra will open on September 16 with the bittersweet epic, *A Touch of Spice*.

A Touch of Spice tells the story of a young Greek boy growing up in Istanbul whose grandfather teaches him that both food and life need a little something to give them flavour – they both require a touch of spice.

The festival also presents director Jules Dassin's timeless *Never on a Sunday*, featuring Melina Mercouri, and the award-winning political thriller *Z* from renowned director Costa Gavras.

Other festival highlights include the touching romantic drama *Alexandria*, the multi-award winning *Ghost of a Chance*, the clever comedies *Totally Married* and *The Valiants of Samothrace*.