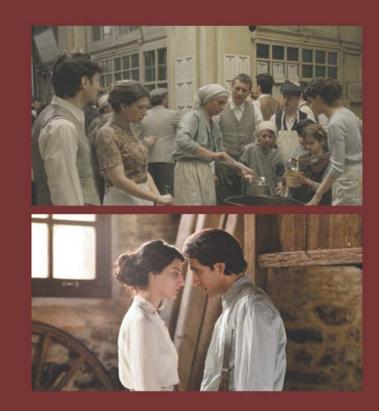
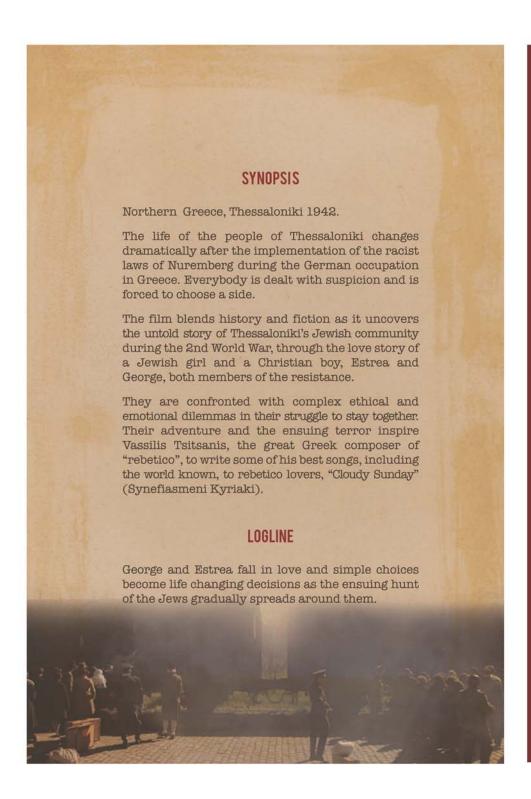
The untold story of Thessaloniki's Jewish community, which suffered the greatest losses in Europe during the 2nd World War

THE DIRECTOR

Manoussos Manoussakis studied at the London Film School and since then he has established a long and successful career. He has directed: 4 feature films, 11 theatrical plays, 10 TV movies and 20 weekly TV series. He has been awarded with the Best Cinematography award at the Chicago Children Film Festival and the Best Screenplay Award at the Thessaloniki Film Festival with the film "The Enchantress" (I Skiahtra). All his TV series have been largely viewed, reaching a rating of 73%, a record which has not been surpassed yet. Meanwhile, he has received an award for best director and three Favorite TV series awards. It is important to mention that the subject matter of most of his works is concerned with the denunciation of intolerance.





VASSILIS TSITSANIS

"I consider myself a student of Vassilis Tsitsanis"

Mikis Theodorakis from the book by Lola Daifa "Musical Dialogues"

Vassilis Tsitsanis was a composer of the Greek folk music genre "rebetico". He abandons Law School to master the art of bouzouki. The traditional Greek string instrument was his passion from an early age. The "rebetico" was born in a night-time subculture that came out of the poor working class and was officially banned in 1935. Despite the prohibition, the rebetico continues to be sung in small stages and Vassilis Tsitsanis in 1942, opens his famous club, Ouzeri Tsitsanis, in Thessaloniki. During this period he composes some of the greatest songs in the history of Greek music, including "Cloudy Sunday" (Synefiasmeni Kiriaki), "Ungrateful" (Aharisti), and "Magic Nights" (Nihtes Magikes). He becomes a rebetico legend. He is one of the most important composers not only of "rebetico", but of the 20th century's Greek music. Vassilis Tsitsanis was the first one to break the rules of the traditional urban folk songs by introducing innovative lyrics and unconventional timbers. His contribution transformed "rebetico" into an accepted form of art.

