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## Cinema Italiano

Where: Bowers Museum of Cultural Art, 2002 N. Main Street, Santa Ana, CA 92706  
November, Auditorium, Cost: \$10 per person

### Program Schedule:

Arrival: 1:30- 2:00 pm, Reception  
Seating in Auditorium: 1:45 pm  
Program Begins: 2pm



**Sunday January 24, 2010 – 2:00pm**

### Saturno Contro (Saturn in Opposition)

in Italian with English subtitles - **113 minutes**

**Directed by: Ferzan Ozpetek, 2007**

Genre: Drama

**PLOT:** Outgoing, gorgeous 30-year-old Lorenzo (Luca Argentero) is the live-in partner of successful author Davide (Pierfrancesco Favino). They happily spend their time with a circle of intimates: Antonio (Stefano Accorsi) and Angelica (Margherita Buy), a married couple with kids; sunny cokehead Roberta (Ambra Angiolini); Davide's acerbic ex Sergio (Ennio Fantastichini) and equally biting friend Neval (Serra Yilmaz) and her policeman husband (Filippo Timi); and newcomer Paolo (Michelangelo Tommaso).

First part of the film struggles to bring these ill-matched friends into focus, making much ado about their ferocious loyalty to each other. But there is little storyline on which to hang the characters' quirks, until Lorenzo is rushed to the hospital one night with a cerebral hemorrhage, leading to a warm and fuzzy, but quite moving, group mourning scene, played against the odd counterpoint of dance music.

Brought together by the emergency, the group becomes more interesting to watch and size up. The cloudless relationship between Lorenzo and Davide, forcibly interrupted by illness, stands in sharp contrast to the stormy breakup of Antonio and Angelica, when the former guilelessly confesses he is having an affair with another woman (Isabella Ferrari.)

The sudden appearance of Lorenzo's estranged father (Luigi Diberti) adds another, more traditional perspective as he belatedly attempts to come to terms with his son's homosexuality. One of the best-written and -acted characters is his second wife Minnie (Lunetta Savino), a lighthearted provincial woman of blunt words.