

La Cineteca italiana

presents

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

494 Van Hise ★ 6:00pm - 8:15pm

Lamerica

Director: Gianni Amelio. 116 minutes. 1994.



Lamerica tells the tale of a pair of Italian con-men who travel to Albania in the aftermath of Communism's collapse, hoping to take advantage of the ravaged economy by setting up a sham corporation and appointing a senile old man as its figurehead. But the ruse fails when the puppet CEO wanders away from the orphanage where he'd been stowed, leading one of the cons on an eye-opening quest through the slums. **Lamerica** won Best Director prize at the 1994 Venice Film Festival.

"The film's synthesis of fact and fiction is gracefully achieved." (Janet Maslin, *The New York Times*)

"A boldly chilling portrait of post-Communist Europe in moral eclipse, directed with passion and singular grace by Italian Gianni Amelio." (*TV Guide*)

In Italian with English subtitles