

Science on Screen

Athena Cinema Hosts First Science on Screen Event of Third Year of the Program

Athens Uptown Cinema Screens "There Will Be Blood" with a talk by Dr. Srdjan Nestic

ATHENS, OH – The Athena Cinema recently announced that it had been chosen as the recipient of the Science on Screen grant for a third year. The events pair a short talk with a scientist or technology expert with a film. On Tuesday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m., Russ Professor of Chemical Engineering Srdjan Nestic of Ohio University will give a short talk on his work before a screening of the Academy Award winning film, *There Will Be Blood*. The event will be FREE and open to the public.

Dr. Nestic, the Director of the Institute for Corrosion and Multiphase Technology, will speak about his research related to oil and gas pipeline corrosion and erosion. He will also share the untold story of his involvement with the largest trial in history, the case surrounding the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

"At US \$2.2 trillion, the annual cost of corrosion worldwide is over 3% of the world's GDP. Yet, governments and industries pay little attention to corrosion except in high-risk areas like aircraft and pipelines", from a paper: "Now is the Time," by George F. Hays, PE, Director General, World Corrosion Organization.

There Will Be Blood is Anderson's loose adaptation of the novel *Oil!* by Upton Sinclair, and it focuses its attentions on Daniel Plainview (Daniel Day-Lewis), a miner who happens upon black gold during a disastrous excavation that ends in a broken leg. Pulling himself up from the bowels of the earth, both literally and metaphorically, Plainview embarks on a systematic and steadfast approach to mastering the oil business. Using plain-spoken and straightforward language, Plainview launches a campaign to convince small-town property owners they should let him drill their land. Often celebrated as a masterpiece and one of the greatest American movies of the century, Paul Thomas Anderson's *There Will Be Blood* is a must see on the big screen.

The Athena was one of twenty non-profit cinemas nationwide selected for this prestigious program. Participating theaters are encouraged to create their own unique Science on Screen program. The Athena's Science on Screen program, "or science movie mash-ups" as they've dubbed them, have taken the opportunity to customize the Athena's events by emphasizing audience interaction through Q&A's and other fun, hand's-on, "show and tell" extras. From demonstrations to movie themed pizzas, the events offer enlightenment and entertainment. Their speaker/movie pairings have even been featured on the National WOUB program "Science Friday".

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