



On the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the assassinations  
of Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino,  
the Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia  
presents

## FALCONE AND BORSELLINO: TWO ITALIAN HEROES



### Screening of *Excellent Cadavers* (Italy, 2005 - Original title: *In un altro paese*)

A documentary by **Marco Turco** - Running time: 1:31 - In **English** and **Italian**, with **English subtitles**  
Presented by **Paola Ebranati**, Education Officer at the Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia

Based on the 1995 non-fiction book by American journalist Alexander Stille about the Sicilian Mafia, its connection with some political figures of the First Italian Republic and Justice Giovanni Falcone's relentless fight against it, Marco Turco's *Excellent Cadavers* is an angry documentary on the effects of Mafia power on Sicilian society and on Italian political life in the 1980s and early 90s.

The designated heroes are two prosecutors who, at great risk and difficult odds, put the Mafiosi in prison: **Giovanni Falcone** and **Paolo Borsellino**, murdered in separate bombings in 1992.

Before their deaths, Justices Falcone and Borsellino helped to bring about the convictions of hundreds of Mafia soldiers and bosses in the unprecedented "maxi-trial" of the mid-1980s. They and some of their colleagues represent the possibility of a rational, modern approach to law and civic life, something that has not always flourished in Italy. Their attempts to fight the influence of the Mafia - and to curb violence that in the early 1980s was claiming three lives a week in Palermo - were often obstructed by longstanding traditions of red tape and outright corruption. Alexander Stille, one of the best English-language writers on 20th-century Italy, serves as narrator and tour guide, taking us to the scenes of crimes and explaining their causes and consequences. (He is frequently joined on camera by Letizia Battaglia, a photojournalist and anti-Mafia activist, who plays the role of survivor and passionate eyewitness.)

**Friday, May 18 at 6:00 pm**

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**FREE ADMISSION** - Light refreshments

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