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2008 SFA SPOKESPERSON, MARISA PETRORO STARRING IN EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE ITALIAN

Romantic Comedy Hitting Select Theaters on September 5

Los Angeles, California – August 5, 2008 – Marisa Petroro, actress, model and 2008 spokesperson for The Sarcoma Foundation of America is starring in [Everybody Wants to be Italian](#), a story of the struggle of two Italians and their quest to win each other’s hearts in Boston’s famed North End. The feature film will be opening in a number of cities in New York and New Jersey, Philadelphia and Salt Lake City on September 5.

“You’ll fall in love with this film. We screened it a few weeks ago and I was really happy with how the story turned out. The characters are believable and I think moviegoers will connect to their personalities,” says Petroro. “I mean, everybody understands love. I’m a hopeless romantic so this was a perfect role for me.”

Shot on location in Boston and in Los Angeles, *Everybody Wants to be Italian* tells the story of Jake Bianski ([Jay Jablonski](#)), a handsome fishmonger still stuck on ex-girlfriend Isabella ([Marisa Petroro](#)) despite the fact that she left him eight years ago and is now married with three children. Fed up with their depressive pal’s unwillingness to let go of the past, Jake’s work friends Steve ([John Kapelos](#)) and Gianluca ([John Enos III](#)) set him up on a blind date with a smart, gorgeous veterinarian named Marisa ([Cerina Vincent](#)) at an Italian singles club party. Convinced that such a woman will not even consider dating a non-Italian, Jake passes himself off as a Bianchi instead of a Bianski as part of a crash course in faking his ethnicity.

But just as Jake’s friendship with Marisa blossoms into romance, his past amore Isabella finally decides she wants him back after all—and Marisa takes off to Italy—leaving Jake to decide whether to keep living in the past or embrace the promise of the future.

A raucous romantic comedy, *Everybody Wants to be Italian* is written and directed by Jason Todd Ipson.

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Quick Facts About Sarcoma

Sarcoma is a rare cancer in adults (1 percent of all adult cancers) but rather prevalent in children (about 20 percent of all childhood cancers). At any one time, 50,000 patients and their families are struggling with sarcoma. Every year, about 10,000 new cases are diagnosed, and about 5,000 people die from sarcoma.

About the Sarcoma Foundation of America

The Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA), a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit charitable organization, is an advocate for increased research to find new and better therapies with which to treat patients with sarcoma. SFA raises its own funds to provide research grants to sarcoma researchers. SFA also interacts with public, private for-profit, and private non-profit organizations to raise awareness of the treatment needs of sarcoma patients. For more information, please visit www.curesarcoma.org.