

# European Studies Program

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## Blanka Rosenstiel Lecture Series on Poland

### Polish Film Series “The Pianist” Film Screening

Tuesday, November 18, 2014 | 2 PM - 4 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | GC 140



The true story of Wladyslaw Szpilman, who was Poland's and much of Europe's most accomplished classical pianist in the 1930's. At the outbreak of WWII, Szpilman became subject to anti-Semitic laws imposed by Nazi Germany, and by the start of the 1940's he saw his world go from the great concert halls to the Jewish ghetto in occupied Poland. His family suffered deportation to a German concentration camp and he was sent to a German labor camp. At last managing to escape, Szpilman went into hiding as a Jewish refugee and witnessed the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising (April 19 - May 16, 1943) and the Warsaw Uprising (August 1 - October 2, 1944). Directed by the great Polish director, Roman Polanski, The Pianist was awarded several prestigious awards, including an Oscar for Best Actor.

**This event is free and open to all FIU students and the public.**

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