




# The invitation

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**Directed by:** Gino Cammarota  
**Produced by:** SD Cinematografica  
**Duration:** 43 min.  
**Versions:**   
**Format:** HD

Like flowers sprouting from the earth, the houses of Ursumarzu seem to emerge naturally from the rock, forming a village that harmoniously intertwines with the Calabrian landscape. Once a Roman fortress and later a thriving settlement, this town now has fewer than a thousand inhabitants. Yet, it keeps its traditions alive, such as the ancestral ritual of the "Mmiti di San Giuseppe." During this event, celebrated annually with the arrival of spring, the community comes together to prepare and share a banquet of plant-based foods, symbolizing abundance and hope. A rite of passage and purification rooted in pre-Christian times, it unites the entire population in a moment of conviviality and solidarity, especially towards the most needy. The festive atmosphere, shared memories, and an enduring bond with nature and history make Ursumarzu a living gateway to the past and a beacon of communal resilience.



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