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Great Movie Romances
GREASE, WEST SIDE STORY
and more!
Alfred Hitchcock
Jean Harlow
Hollywood Modern: Film Design of the 1930s

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February 4 - March 3

In time for Valentine’s Day, and throughout the month of February, AFI Silver offers a selection of great movie romances, one from each decade, from 1930s screwball comedy to the quirky rom-coms of today. The series begins with a reprise of beloved classics BRINGING UP BABY and THE PALM BEACH STORY, which were snowed out by last year’s snowmageddon!

• AFI Member passes will be accepted at all films in the Screen Valentines series

Schedule

BRINGING UP BABY
Fri, Feb 4, 9:15; Sat, Feb 5, 6:30; Thu, Feb 10, 7:00
THE PALM BEACH STORY
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Wed, Feb 9, 6:30 (Montgomery College show); Thu, Feb 10, 9:10
SABRINA
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♥ Mon, Feb 14, 7:00
WEST SIDE STORY
Fri, Feb 11, 8:30; Sat, Feb 12, 9:30; Sun, Feb 13, 5:30
GREASE SING-A-LONG
Fri, Feb 18, 7:00; Sat, Feb 19, 7:45, 10:00; Thu, Feb 24, 9:30
SOMEWHERE IN TIME
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NOTTING HILL
Fri, Feb 25, 7:00; Sun, Feb 27, 9:10; Tue, Mar 1, 7:00
LOVE ACTUALLY
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THE PALM BEACH STORY
Claudette Colbert intends to leave her husband, Joel McCrea, a struggling New York architect, and move to Palm Beach in a matter-of-fact search for a wealthy husband—to help fund the work of her true love, McCrea. Not willing to give her up, McCrea pursues her, arriving to find filthy rich Rudy Vallee in the picture. Passed off as Colbert’s brother while he hangs around in hopes of wooing her back, McCrea catches the eye of Vallee’s vivacious sister, Mary Astor. Many comic couplings and escapes ensue in Preston Sturges’ delirious screwball comedy, one of film historian Stanley Cavell’s quintessential “comedies of remarriage.” DIR/SCR Preston Sturges; PROD Buddy G. DeSylva. US, 1942, b&w, 88 min. NOT RATED

SABRINA
Audrey Hepburn sparkles in the title role as the chauffeur’s daughter who pines in secret for her father’s employer’s son, playboy William Holden. She’s packed off to Paris to forget her heartbreak and returns a fashionable woman of the world—and Holden takes notice. So, too, does his older brother, Humphrey Bogart, who intends for his kid brother to make a good marriage with a wealthy heiress. Running interference, Bogie steps out with Sabrina himself—and into a comic love triangle. DIR/SCR/PROD Billy Wilder; SCR Samuel A. Taylor, Ernest Lehman, from the play “Sabrina Fair” by Taylor. US, 1953, b&w, 113 min. NOT RATED

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**SOMEBODY IN TIME**

“Beyond fantasy. Beyond obsession. Beyond time itself ... he will find her.” On opening night, playwright Christopher Reeve meets an old woman who presses a gold pocket watch into his hand and begs him to “come back to me” before disappearing. Some years later, at an old hotel, Reeve becomes taken with the beautiful woman in an old framed photograph (Julia Roberts), Hollywood’s favorite leading lady, drops into his Notting Hill bookshop. Brief pleasantries are exchanged between the posed celebrity and the charmingly fumbling bookseller, who soon meet cute again—literally bumping into each other on the street. More pleasantries, but flirtatious this time ... will they meet again? The third time’s the charm in this warm and witty romance written by Richard Curtis (FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL, LOVE ACTUALLY) and directed by Roger Michell (PERSUASION, MORNING GLORY). DIR Roger Michell; SCR/PROD Richard Curtis; PROD Duncan Kenworthy. UK, 1999, color, 124 min. RATED PG-13 ★

**NOTTING HILL**

Much to Will Thacker’s (Hugh Grant) surprise, Anna Scott (Julia Roberts), Hollywood’s favorite leading lady, drops into his Notting Hill bookshop. Brief pleasantries are exchanged between the posed celebrity and the charmingly fumbling bookseller, who soon meet cute again—literally bumping into each other on the street. More pleasantries, but flirtatious this time ... will they meet again? The third time’s the charm in this warm and witty romance written by Richard Curtis (FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL, LOVE ACTUALLY) and directed by Roger Michell (PERSUASION, MORNING GLORY). DIR Roger Michell; SCR/PROD Richard Curtis; PROD Duncan Kenworthy. UK, 1999, color, 124 min. RATED PG-13 ★

**LOVE ACTUALLY**

It’s the holiday season in London and ten separate love stories are unfolding—and intertwining—all over town in romcom veteran Richard Curtis’ [screenwriter of FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL, BRIDGET JONES’ DIARY AND NOTTING HILL] directorial debut. The ensemble cast assembles some of the finest acting talent of the day, including Hugh Grant, Colin Firth, Liam Neeson, Emma Thompson, Keira Knightley, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Bill Nighy, Laura Linney, Alan Rickman, Billy Bob Thornton, Rowan Atkinson and more. This surfeit of talent are unfolding—and intertwining—all over town in romcom veteran Richard Curtis’ [screenwriter of FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL, BRIDGET JONES’ DIARY AND NOTTING HILL] directorial debut. The ensemble cast assembles some of the finest acting talent of the day, including Hugh Grant, Colin Firth, Liam Neeson, Emma Thompson, Keira Knightley, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Bill Nighy, Laura Linney, Alan Rickman, Billy Bob Thornton, Rowan Atkinson and more. This surfeit of talent and the chagrin of Williams’ fellow reporter Loretta Young, who secretly has a crush on her workmate. But are these two lovebirds from different worlds really right for each other? The first of many collaborations between director Frank Capra and screenwriter Robert Riskin, who would become a steady pairing throughout the 1930s. DIR Frank Capra; SCR Robert Riskin, Jo Swerling, from a story by Harry Chandlee. US, 1931, b&w, 90 min. NOT RATED ★

**LIBELED LADY**

Sat, Mar 5, 7:20; Sun, Mar 6, 6:45

“She may be his wife, but she’s my fiancée!” After alleging that socialite Myrna Loy is a home wrecker, newspaperman Spencer Tracy concocts an elaborate scheme to escape a $5 million libel suit brought by the miffed Loy against his paper: prove that his accusation is correct. He steers Loy toward well-known lady killer William Powell. Meanwhile, Tracy arranges for his own long-suffering fiancée, Jean Harlow and elopes with her, to the patrician family’s shock and the chagrin of Williams’ fellow reporter Loretta Young, who secretly has a crush on her workmate. But are these two lovebirds from different worlds really right for each other? The first of many collaborations between director Frank Capra and screenwriter Robert Riskin, who would become a steady pairing throughout the 1930s. DIR Frank Capra; SCR Robert Riskin, Jo Swerling, from a story by Harry Chandlee. US, 1931, b&w, 90 min. NOT RATED ★

**PLATINUM BLONDE**

Sat, Mar 5, 3:00; Tue, Mar 8, 7:00

Covering a story about controversial business dealings by the rich and powerful Schuyler family, scrappy newshound Robert Williams falls for the charms of their daughter Jean Harlow and elopes with her, to the patrician family’s shock and the chagrin of Williams’ fellow reporter Loretta Young, who secretly has a crush on her workmate. But are these two lovebirds from different worlds really right for each other? The first of many collaborations between director Frank Capra and screenwriter Robert Riskin, who would become a steady pairing throughout the 1930s. DIR Frank Capra; SCR Robert Riskin, Jo Swerling, from a story by Harry Chandlee. US, 1931, b&w, 90 min. NOT RATED ★

**Jean Harlow Centennial Celebration**

March 3 marks the centennial of one of the screen’s most dazzling presences, Jean Harlow (1911-1937), whose effervescence, exuberance and knack for playing good girls with the sex appeal of bad ones made her unique in Hollywood’s pantheon of leading ladies. After finding fame while still a teen as one of Howard Hughes’ discoveries in HELL’S ANGELS, Harlow starred in a string of sparkling comedies before dying at the age of 26. As recently showcased in AFI Silver’s recent screenings of RED DUST and BOMBSHELL during the fall’s Victor Fleming retrospective, Harlow’s appeal has not diminished with the passage of time.

**GREASE**

“GREASE is bigger than AMERICAN IDOL, badder than HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL and better than GLEE (I said it!). GREASE is, was and will always be the word.” —Sasha Perl-Raver, She Knows Entertainment
Part I: The British Hitchcock (February 4 - March 31) focuses on the British pictures, including THE LADY VANISHES, THE 39 STEPS, the original THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH and the silent films BLACKMAIL and THE LODGER.

Part II and Part III coming later this year!

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Schedule

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THE SKIN GAME
Tue, Feb 15, 8:45; Thu, Feb 17, 9:10
RICH AND STRANGE
Tue, Feb 15, 7:00; Wed, Feb 16, 8:45
THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH (1934)
Sat, Feb 19, 1:00; Sun, Feb 20, 2:30; Mon, Feb 21, 5:15; Wed, Feb 23, 9:30
NUMBER SEVENTEEN
Sun, Feb 20, 1:00; Mon, Feb 21, 1:00
THE 39 STEPS
Fri, Feb 25, 9:30; Sat, Feb 26, 10:00; Sun, Feb 27, 7:15; Tue, Mar 1, 9:30; Wed, Mar 2, 7:00, 9:00; Thu, Mar 3, 9:45
THE LODGER: A STORY OF THE LONDON FOG
Sat, Feb 26, 3:00
SECRET AGENT
Sat, Mar 5, 1:00; Sun, Mar 6, 7:00
SABOTAGE
Sat, Mar 12, 1:00; Sun, Mar 13, 1:00
YOUNG AND INNOCENT
Mon, Mar 21, 7:20; Tues, Mar 22, 7:20
JAMAICA INN
Tues, Mar 22, 9:10; Wed, Mar 23, 9:10
THE LADY VANISHES
Fri, Mar 25, 9:20; Sat, Mar 26, 9:45; Sun, Mar 27, 9:15; Mon, Mar 28, 9:20; Tue, Mar 29, 9:15; Wed, Mar 30, 9:00; Thu, Mar 31, 7:10, 9:15
BLACKMAIL (Silent Version)
Sun, Mar 27, 3:00

BLACKMAIL (Sound Version)
Originally made and released in 1929 as a silent film, BLACKMAIL was partly reshot and released that same year as the first British talkie. Hitchcock displays an intuitive sense of the new medium, using sound design to heighten psychological tension and underpin the guilt of the heroine (Anny Ondra) who, having killed in self-defense, is haunted by mentions of the word “knife” and being blackmailed. The film was shot on location in London, lending verisimilitude to Hitchcock’s first major chase sequence and bravura finale, where the police tail the blackmailer to the domed roof of the British Museum’s Reading Room. DIR/SCR Alfred Hitchcock; SCR Bann W. Levy, based on the play by Charles Bennett; PROD John Maxwell. UK, 1929, b&w, 85 min. NOT RATED.

MURDER!
Unconvinced of a young actress’s guilt in the murder of a fellow troupe member—despite overwhelming circumstantial evidence—jury member and eminent stage actor Herbert Marshall resolves to reinvestigate the case himself. As he pieces together the events of the night of the murder, he comes up with an ingenious trap to catch the real killer: holding auditions for a new play based on the sensational murder case. Hitchcock’s third sound film already shows him a deft innovator in the new medium, including what many consider to be the first use of a voiceover to represent an internal line of thought: Marshall pondering the case while shaving! DIR/SCR Alfred Hitchcock; SCR Walter C. Mycroft, Alma Reville, based on the novel “Enter Sir John” by Clennence Dene and Helen Simpson; PROD John Maxwell. UK, 1930, b&w, 97 min. NOT RATED.

THE SKIN GAME
The Hillcists, a family of rural landowners, become embroiled in a bitter feud with rising industrialist Mr. Hornblower (Edmund Gwenn), who has evicted the tenant-farming Jackman family from property he bought from the Hillcists. As the two families lock into a battle of wills and property speculation, where the old money increasingly loses out to the new, the Hillcists resort to morally dubious methods of persuasion. Based on a popular John Galsworthy play, this very British drama of rural class conflict makes for a fascinating curio in the Hitchcock canon. DIR/SCR Alfred Hitchcock; SCR Alma Reville, based on the play by John Galsworthy; PROD John Maxwell. UK, 1931, b&w, 81 min. NOT RATED.

RICH AND STRANGE
After an exquisite opening sequence of cleverly choreographed tedium, office drone Henry Kendall declares to wife Joan Barry that he’s had enough. Luckily Kendall’s rich uncle has offered them funds, and they leave on a world cruise. Putting in to exotic ports of call—first to Paris, then Marseille, Port Said, Ceylon and Singapore—Barry and Kendall each find themselves courted by, and falling for, more worldly fellow passengers: she, Commander Gordon (Percy Marmont) and he, “the Princess” (Betty Amann). Will they lose each other in their search for adventure? Hitchcock teasingly told interviewer that the script was inspired by his and wife Alma’s own honeymoon cruise. DIR/SCR Alfred Hitchcock; SCR Alma Reville, Val Valentine, based on the novel by Dave Collins; PROD John Maxwell. UK, 1931, b&w, 82 min. NOT RATED.

THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH (1934)
Vacationing in snowy St. Moritz, English couple Leslie Banks and Edna Best innocently stumble upon international intrigue after a cryptic message is delivered to Best at the casino by her dying dance partner, who is assassinated by creepy Peter Lorre and his goons. Before Banks and Best can go to the authorities, they discover that their daughter has been kidnapped, and their silence is the ransom if they’re ever to see her again. Back in England, the couple must set about solving the mystery themselves. In 1956, at the height of his career, Hitchcock would remake this film with Jimmy Stewart and Doris Day, but for many, this British original remains the best. DIR/PROD Alfred Hitchcock; SCR Charles Bennett, D.B. Wyndham-Lewis; PROD Michael Balcon. UK, 1934, b&w, 75 min. NOT RATED.

SERIES INFOS

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**THE 39 STEPS**

At a London vaudeville show, Robert Donat meets a mysterious woman who tells him of a spy plot up in Scotland. The next morning she’s dead in his apartment, leaving Donat with an impossible story to explain to the police, so he’s off to Scotland to do what must be done himself. Sometimes called the NORTH BY NORTHWEST of Hitchcock’s British period, this film deftly combines thrilling adventure with droll comedy, a fast-paced and fun entertainment that set the mold for many Hitchcock movies to come. **DIR** Alfred Hitchcock; **SCR** Charles Bennett, Ian Hay, based on the novel by John Buchan; **PROD** Michael Balcon. UK, 1935, b&w, 86 min. NOT RATED.

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**SECRET AGENT**

His death at the front faked for the papers, novelist-turned-soldier John Gielgud accepts a new identity and a spy mission to Switzerland, where he’s teamed with high-living assassin “the General” (Peter Lorre) and the beautiful Madeleine Carroll, a fellow agent assigned to cover as his wife. Seeking to disrupt a German-Ottoman military deal, the team must battle through red herrings, double crosses, self-doubt and a fatal case of mistaken identity. Dynamic set pieces and a scene-stealing performance by Lorre make for cracking screen entertainment. **DIR** Alfred Hitchcock; **SCR** Charles Bennett, Ian Hay, Alma Reville, Jesse Lasky Jr., based on the novel “Achardien” by W. Somerset Maugham; **PROD** Michael Balcon. UK, 1936, b&w, 86 min. NOT RATED.

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**SABOTAGE**

Suspecting London cinema operator Oscar Homolka of terrorist activity, Scotland Yard detective John Loder goes undercover. He ingratiates himself with Homolka’s American wife, Sylvia Sydney, and her young brother Desmond Tester, but not in time to uncover Homolka’s latest plot—a bomb hidden in a birdcage, carried unwittingly by Tester through the city. Hitchcock’s command of suspense, combining the audience’s knowledge of a threat unknown to the characters with little feints and digressions to ratchet up the tension, is masterful. Based on the Joseph Conrad novel “The Secret Agent”. Hitchcock had to change the title because he’d used it for a previous film. **DIR** Alfred Hitchcock; **SCR** Charles Bennett, based on the novel “The Secret Agent” by Joseph Conrad; **PROD** Michael Balcon. UK, 1936, b&w, 76 min. NOT RATED.

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**YOUNG AND INNOCENT**

Aspiring screenwriter Derrick De Marney is wrongfully accused of murdering an actress he was involved with, and goes on the lam in the English countryside until he can clear his name. But the constable’s daughter, Nova Pilbeam (Betty in THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH), enamored of the dashing young fellow and convinced of his innocence, tags along. An underappreciated gem! **DIR** Alfred Hitchcock; **SCR** Charles Bennett, Edwin Greenwood, Anthony Armstrong, Gerald Savory, Alma Reville, based on the novel “A Shilling for Candles” by Josephine Tey; **PROD** Edward Black. UK, 1937, b&w, 82 min. NOT RATED.

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**JAMAICA INN**

Hitchcock’s final British picture before departing for the US and REBECCA, was, like that film, based upon a Daphne du Maurier novel. Eighteen-year-old Maureen O’Hara, having recently lost her mother in Ireland, travels to her husband’s native Cornwall to seek refuge, but instead finds Gothic intrigue. Her uncle is involved with a pirate gang of “wreckers,” their boss none other than the local squire and justice of the peace, Sir Humphrey Pengallan (Charles Laughton). After O’Hara assists Robert Newton, a member of the gang sentenced to hang for stealing, she’s drawn into a dangerous intrigue. **DIR** Alfred Hitchcock; **SCR** Sidney Gilliat, Jean Harrison, Alma Reville, J.B. Priestley, based on the novel by Daphne du Maurier; **PROD** Erich Pommer, Charles Laughton. UK, 1939, b&w, 105 min. NOT RATED.

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**THE LADY VANISHES**

The greatest of Alfred Hitchcock’s British films, not just the template for his later Hollywood films in its deft blend of suspenseful mystery and wry comedy, but a hugely influential film for all moviemaking. Michael Redgrave and Margaret Lockwood become embroiled in a mystery aboard a transcontinental train after Lockwood witnesses the strange disappearance of fellow traveler Dame May Whitty. Their search for clues among a parade of bizarre and sinister passengers uncovers an international espionage ring and imminent danger. **DIR** Alfred Hitchcock; **SCR** Sidney Gilliat, Frank Launder, based on “The Wheel Spins” by Ethel Lena White; **PROD** Edward Black. UK, 1938, b&w, 97 min. NOT RATED.

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**THE LODGER: A STORY OF THE LONDON FOG**

A killer stalks a London neighborhood, murdering fair-haired lovelies every Tuesday night for the past several months and leaving behind a mysterious calling card that describes him as “The Avenger.” Could it be Ivar Novello, the spooky new tenant at the local boarding house? Hitchcock’s first thriller, while not the first movie he directed, was the first one he considered to bear his artistic signature. (It’s also the first in which Hitchcock appears in a cameo, which became a standard practice.) **DIR/SCR** Alfred Hitchcock; **SCR** Eliot Stannard, based on the novel by Marie Belloc Lowndes; **PROD** Michael Balcon, Cathyle Blackwell. UK, 1927, b&w, 80 min. Silent with live accompaniment. NOT RATED.

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**BLACKMAIL (Silent Version)**

Originally made and released in 1929 as a silent film, BLACKMAIL was partly reshot and released that same year as the first British talkie. The enormous success of the sound version and the passing of the silent film era relegated the silent version to undeserved obscurity, and it was only recently rediscovered and restored. “Watching the original version of BLACKMAIL today confirms what would be known as Hitchcock’s first sound film was also his last and best silent film.” —Rafael Film Center

**Alloy Orchestra**

Alloy Orchestra is a three-man musical ensemble that writes and performs live accompaniment to classic silent films. Working with an outrageous assemblage of peculiar objects, they thrust and grind soulful music from unlikely sources. Performing at prestigious film festivals and cultural centers in the US and abroad (Telluride Film Festival, Lourve, Lincoln Center, Academy of Motion Picture Art and Sciences, National Gallery of Art and others!), Alloy has helped revive some of the greatest masterpieces of the silent era.

“‘The best in the world at accompanying silent films.’” —Roger Ebert
Backwards and in High Heels: Ginger Rogers Centennial Retrospective

February 4 - April 7

July 16, 2011, will mark the centennial of one of Hollywood’s greatest leading ladies, Ginger Rogers. Best known as one half of the most famous dancing duo in filmdom, Rogers enjoyed great success with her nondancing roles as well, many notable for their directors and costars, including THE MAJOR AND MINOR (directed by Billy Wilder), MONKEY BUSINESS (directed by Howard Hawks, costarring Cary Grant and Marilyn Monroe), ROXIE HART (directed by William Wellman, based on the same source play as the hit musical CHICAGO), VIVACIOUS LADY (directed by George Stevens, costarring Jimmy Stewart) and KITTY FOYLE, for which she won the Best Actress Oscar. All ten of Rogers’ films with Fred Astaire are featured in this series, showcasing the duo’s dynamic dance artistry. Though many consider Astaire the single greatest dancing talent in film history, a punch line from the Bob Thaves’ comic strip “Frank and Ernest” has become a much-quoted appeal for equal credit and equal rights: “Sure he was great, but don’t forget that Ginger Rogers did everything he did … backwards and in high heels.”

* AFI Member passes will be accepted at all films in the Ginger Rogers series

Schedule

**FLYING DOWN TO RIO**
Fri, Feb 4, 5:30; Sun, Feb 6, 6:00; Mon, Feb 7, 5:30, 9:30

**THE GAY DIVORCEE**
Mon, Feb 7, 7:20; Wed, Feb 9, 9:00

**TOP HAT**
Sat, Feb 12, 4:45; Wed, Feb 16, 7:00

**ROBERTA**
Sat, Feb 19, 5:30; Sun, Feb 20, 6:30

**FOLLOW THE FLEET**
Sun, Feb 20, 4:15; Mon, Feb 21, 7:00

**SWING TIME**
Fri, Feb 25, 4:45; Sat, Feb 26, 5:10; Mon, Feb 28, 4:45; Tue, Mar 1, 4:45; Wed, Mar 2, 4:45; Thu, Mar 3, 4:45

**STAR OF MIDNIGHT**
Sun, Feb 27, 1:00; Mon, Feb 28, 7:00

**SHALL WE DANCE**
Fri, Mar 4, 4:45; Sat, Mar 5, 5:00; Wed, Mar 9, 6:30 (Montgomery College show)

**GOLD DIGGERS OF 1933**
Sun, Mar 6, 1:00; Mon, Mar 7, 7:00

**STAGE DOOR**
Wed, Mar 16, 7:20; Thurs, Mar 17, 9:20

**VIVACIOUS LADY**
Wed, Mar 16, 9:20; Thurs, Mar 17, 7:20

**MONKEY BUSINESS**
Fri, Mar 18, 9:30; Sat, Mar 19, 9:45; Wed, Mar 23, 6:30 (Montgomery College show); Thu, Mar 24, 5:30

**BACHELOR MOTHER**
Sun, Mar 20, 12:30; Mon, Mar 21, 5:30; 9:10; Tues, Mar 22, 5:30

**ROXIE HART**
Fri, Mar 25, 5:30; Mon, Mar 28, 5:30; Tue, Mar 29, 5:30; Wed, Mar 30, 5:30; 7:10; Thu, Mar 31, 5:30

**THE MAJOR AND THE MINOR**
Sat, Mar 26, 12:45; Tue, Mar 29, 7:10

**KITTY FOYLE**
Sun, Mar 27, 7:00; Mon, Mar 28, 7:10

**THE STORY OF VERNON AND IRENE CASTLE**
Fri, Apr 1, 5:30; Sat, Apr 2, 6:05; Tue, Apr 5, 5:00; Thu, Apr 7, 5:00

**THE BARKLEYS OF BROADWAY**
Sun, Apr 3, 12:20; Mon, Apr 4, 4:30; Wed, Apr 6, 4:30

**STORM WARNING**
Sat, Apr 2, 8:00; Sun, Apr 3, 2:30

*Also a part of the Hollywood Modern: Film Design of the 1930s series, see page 10.*
Pre-Code Double Feature: Two Movies for the Cost of One Admission!

#13 on AFI’s 100 Years…100 Musicals

**42ND STREET**
Sweet understudy Ruby Keeler gets her big break after star Bebe Daniels fractures an ankle in this fast-paced, hugely influential movie musical. Story-wise, it’s the quintessential Depression-era backstage musical, but choreographer Busby Berkeley, who shot and directed the elaborate dance numbers, made it a visual extravaganza, something unique to the screen that couldn’t be seen on a Broadway stage. Daniels, Keeler and crooner Dick Powell are top-billed, but young Ginger Rogers is distinctly memorable as saucy dancer “Anytime Annie”—“Anytime Annie? Who could forget ‘er. She only said ‘no’ once and then she didn’t hear the question!” DIR Lloyd Bacon; SCR Erwin Gelsey, James Seymour, based on the play “The Gold Diggers of Broadway” by Avery Hopwood. US, 1933, b&w, 96 min. NOT RATED

Screening with:

**STAGE DOOR**
“Evidently you’re a very amusing person,” deadpans high-toned Katharine Hepburn to wisecracking new roommate Ginger Rogers at their Broadway boarding house for aspiring actresses. But in time, solidarity develops between them over the shared ups and downs of life in the theater, alongside fellow theatrical hopefuls Lucille Ball, Ann Miller, Eve Arden, Gail Patrick and Andrea Leeds. Four Oscar nominations, including Best Picture, Director, Screenplay and Supporting Actress for Leeds; director Gregory La Cava won top honors from the then-nascent New York Film Critics Circle. DIR Gregory La Cava; SCR Morrie Ryskind, Anthony Veiller, based on the play by Edna Ferber and George S. Kaufman; PROD Pandro S. Berman. US, 1937, b&w, 92 min. NOT RATED

**GOLD DIGGERS OF 1933**
Coin-clad Ginger Rogers and chorines sing “We’re in the Money,” but the show’s producers aren’t, leading to a court-ordered shutdown. Rogers and fellow troupers Ruby Keeler, Joan Blondell and Aline MacMahon then go to work raising the cash for their show, specifically targeting Keeler’s songwriter beau Dick Powell and his wealthy brother Warren William. Busby Berkeley’s dance numbers out-dazzle his triumphs from 42ND STREET earlier that year, while the pre-Code risqué factor—those coin costumes leave little to the imagination, while a song like “Pettin’ in the Park” stokes it—will raise eyebrows even today. DIR Mervyn LeRoy; SCR Erwin Gelsey, James Seymour, from the play “The Gold Diggers of Broadway” by Avery Hopwood. US, 1933, b&w, 96 min. NOT RATED

**VIVACIOUS LADY**
Small-town college professor Jimmy Stewart returns from a trip to New York having retrieved ne’er-do-well cousin James Ellison, as his stern father Charles Coburn dictated, but also having married nightclub singer Ginger Rogers in a whirlwind romance, which no one could have anticipated. But their marriage remains unconsummated as the cautious Stewart waits for the right time to break the news to the family, including weak-hearted mother Beulah Bondi and his former fiancée, Frances Mercer. A winning romantic comedy from director George Stevens (THE MORE THE MERRIER). DIR/PROD George Stevens; SCR P.J. Wolfson, Ernest Pagano, based on a story by I.A.R. Wylie. US, 1938, b&w, 90 min. NOT RATED

**MONKEY BUSINESS**
Howard Hawks’ madcap 1952 comedy was a throwback to the screwball territory of the 1930s that his own TWENTIETH CENTURY, BRINGING UP BABY and HIS GIRL FRIDAY had staked out. With an accidental assist from a lab chimp, brilliant but absent-minded professor Cary Grant ingests a serum that restores youthful vitality by reversing the aging process. Grant rediscovers his vim and vigor; his patient but weary wife Ginger Rogers, overmedicated on the stuff, regresses to full-on childhood. Supporting players Charles Coburn as Grant’s taskmaster boss and Marilyn Monroe—already the picture of youth—as Coburn’s nontyping secretary round out the picture. DIR Howard Hawks; SCR Ben Hecht, Charles Lederer, I.A.L. Diamond, Harry Segal; PROD Sol C. Siegel. US, 1952, b&w, 97 min. NOT RATED

**BACHELOR MOTHER**
Single and soon-to-be-unemployed shopgirl Ginger Rogers discovers an abandoned baby and is immediately mistaken for its mother. The boss’s son, handsome bachelor David Niven, takes pity on the poor unwed “mother” and arranges for her to remain employed. In spite of himself, Niven finds himself beginning to fall for the plucky young lady and her darling “son.” Try as she might, Rogers can’t convince anyone that it isn’t her baby—least of all the boss, Charles Coburn, who, delighted to find “evidence” that his playboy son might finally be settling down, declares that the infant looks just like him and must be his grandson! DIR Garson Kanin; SCR Norman Krasna, Felix Jackson; PROD Buddy G. DeSylva. US, 1939, b&w, 82 min. NOT RATED
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**TOP HAT**
Fred Astaire is hard at work on some new dance steps in his hotel room. The racket disturbs Ginger Rogers in the room below, and when she charges upstairs to confront him, it’s love at first sight. Though it features a record five dance numbers between the two, one of the real stars of this film is the original score, composed by Irving Berlin. Rogers proved on wearing an elaborately feathered gown for their “Cheek to Cheek” dance, which Astaire hated (it shed profusely), and, in a rare instance, the two fought. A few days later, Rogers received a feather-shaped gold charm (and a new nickname), along with this apology note: “Dear Feathers, I love ya! Fred.” DIR Mark Sandrich; SCR Allan Scott, Dwight Taylor, based on the play by Sándor Faragó and Aladar Laszlo. PROD Pandro S. Berman. US, 1935, b&w, 101 min. NOT RATED ★★

**ROBERTA**
In Paris, after a booked gig falls through, dance bandleader Astaire and friend Randolph Scott appeal to boutique shopgirl Irene Dunne for help. Imagine Astaire’s surprise when he discovers the shop’s imperious patron, “Countess Schwarenken,” is none other than his own hometown sweetheart (Ginger Rogers), hiding behind a thick Polish accent. And THE GAY DIVORCEE are the only two Rogers-Astaire films based on Broadway musicals, and ROBERTA features Jerome Kern’s hits “Smoke Gets in Your Eyes,” “I Won’t Dance” and Best Song Oscar nominee “Lovely to Look At.” Look for Lucille Ball—uncredited and platinum blonde—as a model in the fashion show! DIR William A. Seiter; SCR Irene Murphy, Sam Mintz, Allan Scott, based on the musical by Jerome Kern and Otto H. Hobart, based on the novel “Gowns by Roberts” by Alice Duer Miller. US, 1935, b&w, 106 min. NOT RATED ★★

**FOLLOW THE FLEET**
On shore leave in San Francisco, sailor Fred Astaire attempts to rekindle romance with his old flame and dancing partner, Ginger Rogers. Following hot on the heels of his hit score for TOP HAT, the great Irving Berlin, who claimed Astaire inspired him to do his greatest work, supplied the music and lyrics, featuring the hits “Let’s Face the Music and Dance,” “Let Yourself Go” and “I’m Putting All My Eggs in One Basket.” Harriet Hilliard (who would go on to fame in THE ADVENTURES OF OZZIE AND HARRIET) makes her film debut as Rogers’ sister, though she was made to wear a brunette wig lest she draw too much attention from Rogers, the film’s star. DIR Mark Sandrich; SCR Allan Scott, Dwight Taylor, based on the play “Shore Leave” by Hubert Osborne. PROD Pandro S. Berman. US, 1939, b&w, 110 min. NOT RATED ★★

**SHALL WE DANCE**
Rogers and Astaire’s seventh film pairing finds them aboard an ocean liner, he a famous ballet dancer, she the renowned tap dancer he’s fallen for—hard. Complicating the already fraught courtship (she’s not interested), a rumor circulates that the two are secretly married to each other. The catchy score is by George and Ira Gershwin, their first for a Hollywood musical (and George’s last—he died later that year). Stand-out songs include Oscar-nominated “They Can’t Take That Away from Me,” “Shall We Dance” and the cheerful “tomato/tomahto, potato/potahto” breakup duet, “Let’s Call the Whole Thing Off,” to which the pair dance on roller skates! DIR Mark Sandrich; SCR Allan Scott, Ernest Pagnano; PROD Pandro S. Berman. US, 1937, b&w, 109 min. NOT RATED ★★★

**CAREFREE**
Ralph Bellamy needs help convincing his cold-footed girlfriend Ginger Rogers to marry him, so he persuades his psychiatrist friend Fred Astaire to take her on as a patient. Happily, through treatment, Rogers does succeed in falling in love…just not with the right guy! The film is notable for featuring the first-ever kiss between Rogers and Astaire, following their dance to “I Used to Be Color Blind.” Nominated for Academy Awards for Art Direction (Van Nest Polglase), Musical Score and Best Song (“Change Partners,” by Irving Berlin). DIR Mark Sandrich; SCR Allan Scott, Ernest Pagnano, Dudley Nichols, Hagga White; PROD Pandro S. Berman. US, 1938, b&w, 83 min. NOT RATED ★★★

**THE STORY OF VERNON AND IRENE CASTLE**
Rogers and Astaire’s final film together for RKO is also the only one based on a true story; they play renowned ballroom dancing stars Irene and Vernon Castle, whose popularity soared in the years leading up to WWII. When the war starts, the story takes a dramatic, tragic turn…Irene Castle served as a consultant on the set, and saw to it that the costume department painstakingly created copies of her gowns and shoes, but when she insisted that Rogers cut and dye her famous long blonde hair to match Castle’s own dark bob, Rogers “politely” refused, explaining in her autobiography that the intent was “just to emulate” the Castles, not be carbon copies! DIR H.C. Potter; SCR Richard Sherman, Oscar Hammerstein II, Dorothy Yost, based on stories by Irene Castle; PROD George Rightik. US, 1939, b&w, 93 min. NOT RATED ★★★

**THE BARKLEYS OF BROADWAY**
Ten years after playing Vernon and Irene Castle, Rogers and Astaire were united for one final film together, this time at MGM—and in color! The film originally starred Astaire and Judy Garland, but her substance abuse had taken a toll on her performing ability, so Rogers was hired as an eleventh-hour replacement. Here, she plays a veteran musical comedy performer tired of being in a partnership with her husband (Astaire). Her desire to branch out on her own as a dramatic actress eventually causes the couple to split. In a supporting role, Oscar Levant sparkles with acerbic wit as the couple’s pianist friend who attempts to reunite them. DIR Charles Walters; SCR Betty Comden, Adolph Green, Sheldon Epps; PROD Arthur Freed. US, 1949, color, 109 min. NOT RATED ★★★

**FLYING DOWN TO RIO**
In their first film pairing, Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire are supporting players (a singer and assistant bandleader, respectively) who provide musical entertainment and wiseacre commentary as their bandleader boss Gene Raymond pursues flirtatious South American beauty Dolores del Rio. Fred and Ginger light up the screen during their first dance together—with their foreheads touching—to the seductive saxy-up beat of the Oscar-nominated hit “Carioca.” Billed as a freewheeling “romantic joy ride through the sky,” this pre-Code travologue charmer ends with an over-the-top number featuring women dancing on the wings of (flying!) planes. DIR Thornton Freeland; SCR Erwin S. Gelsey, H.W. Homemann, Cyril Hume, based on the play by Anne Caldwell and the story by Lux Bock. US, 1933, b&w, 87 min. NOT RATED ★★★

**THE GAY DIVORCEE**
Despite Astaire’s protestations against making another picture with Rogers (he’d been part of a famous dancing duo already, with his sister Adele, and was ready for a solo career), RKO knew a good thing when they saw one, and trumpeted their new stars as “The King and Queen of Broadway musicals, and ROBERTA features Jerome Kern’s hits “Let’s Face the Music and Dance,” “Let Yourself Go” and “I’m Putting All My Eggs in One Basket.” Harriet Hilliard (who would go on to fame in THE ADVENTURES OF OZZIE AND HARRIET) makes her film debut as Rogers’ sister, though she was made to wear a brunette wig lest she draw too much attention from Rogers, the film’s star. DIR Mark Sandrich; SCR Allan Scott, Dwight Taylor, based on the play “Shore Leave” by Hubert Osborne. PROD Pandro S. Berman. US, 1939, b&w, 110 min. NOT RATED ★★★

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**10th Anniversary Edition**

**SWING TIME**
Rogers claimed this was her favorite of the ten films she made with Astaire. Here, he plays “ Lucky,” a gambler hoping to raise $25,000 and thereby, prove himself worthy of his bride-to-be, Betty Furness. The plot hits a snag when he meets, and falls for, the beautiful Penny (Ginger Rogers), a dancer in New York. Jerome Kern composed the memorable score, which includes the enduring classic (and winner of the Best Song Oscar), “The Way You Look Tonight,” plus, “Pick Yourself Up,” “Never Gonna Dance” and “A Fine Romance.” Choreographer Hermes Pan received an Oscar nomination for his inspired dance direction. DIR George Stevens; SCR Howard Lindsay, Allan Scott, based on the story “Portrait of John Garnett” by Erwin S. Gelsey; PROD Pandro S. Berman. US, 1936, b&w, 103 min. NOT RATED ★★★

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**ROXIE HART**

“This picture is dedicated to all the beautiful women in the world who have shot their men full of holes out of pique.”

Before the smash Broadway musical “Chicago” and Rob Marshall’s 2002 Oscar-winning film adaptation, William Wellman directed Ginger Rogers in this fast, funny and furious screen version of Maurine Watkins’ stage original. Rogers is in fine comedic form as Roxie Hart, the dancer who confesses to a murder she didn’t commit, while Adolphe Menjou dazzles as her silver-tongued solicitor, Billy Flynn. Though a straight adaptation of Watkins’ stage play, and nearly broke, working girl Ginger Rogers stops off from her business trip to visit younger sister Doris Day in the sleepy Southern town of Rock Point. But the night she arrives, she stumbles upon a murder scene at the edge of town, spying a group of Klansmen posing—unmasked—with their victim. Stealing away undetected, Rogers arrives at her sister’s and is shocked to recognize her new brother-in-law, Steve Cochrane, as one of the killers. Rogers delivers unprecedented dramatic shadings as the conscience-torn sister, and Ronald Reagan gives one of his better performances as the upright DA to whom she turns for help as she tries to exonerate her brother and their victim. Additional dialogue was punched up by Donald Ogden Stewart (THE PHILADELPHIA STORY), who would find himself on the blacklist, along with Trumbo, in the 1950s. DIR Sam Wood; SCR Dalton Trumbo, Donald Ogden Stewart, based on the novel by Christopher Morley; PROD David Hempstead. US, 1940, b&w, 75 min. NOT RATED Presented on DVD

**STORM WARNING**

Model/saleswoman Ginger Rogers stops off from her business trip to visit younger sister Doris Day in the sleepy Southern town of Rock Point. But the night she arrives, she stumbles upon a murder scene at the edge of town, spying a group of Klansmen posing—unmasked—with their victim. Stealing away undetected, Rogers arrives at her sister’s and is shocked to recognize her new brother-in-law, Steve Cochrane, as one of the killers. Rogers delivers unprecedented dramatic shadings as the conscience-torn sister, and Ronald Reagan gives one of his better performances as the upright DA to whom she turns for help in director Stuart Heisler’s (THE GLASS KEY) noir-tinged thriller. DIR Stuart Heisler; SCR Daniel Fuchs, Richard Brooks; PROD Jerry Wald. US, 1951, b&w, 93 min. NOT RATED

**KITTY FOYLE**

Ginger Rogers won the Best Actress Oscar (her first and only nomination) for her portrayal of a working-class young woman who, having pulled herself up by her bootstraps during the Great Depression, now must choose between socially conscious doctor James Craig, who has proposed, and high-society dreamer Dennis Morgan, her exhusband, who wants her back. The script was one of the first successes in Dalton Trumbo’s long, controversial career; additional dialogue was punched up by Donald Ogden Stewart (THE PHILADELPHIA STORY), who would find himself on the blacklist, along with Trumbo, in the 1950s. DIR Sam Wood; SCR Dalton Trumbo, Donald Ogden Stewart, based on the novel by Christopher Morley; PROD David Hempstead. US, 1940, b&w, 107 min. NOT RATED

**THE RED SHOES**

February 23

**SHALL WE DANCE**

March 9

**MONKEY BUSINESS**

March 23

**THE CONFORMIST**

April 6

**ROXIE HART**

“The cadets are a little too fond of the new “girl,” but Rogers keeps up the charade long enough to get to know schoolmaster Ray Milland. Though a straight adaptation of Watkins’ stage play, and nearly broke, working girl Ginger Rogers resolves to head home to Iowa. She masquerades as a twelve-year-old to get a child’s fare on the train, until a whistle-stop mishap maroons her at a train station. Rogers arrives at her sister’s and is shocked to recognize her new brother-in-law, Steve Cochrane, as one of the killers. Rogers delivers unprecedented dramatic shadings as the conscience-torn sister, and Ronald Reagan gives one of his better performances as the upright DA to whom she turns for help in director Stuart Heisler’s (THE GLASS KEY) noir-tinged thriller. DIR Stuart Heisler; SCR Daniel Fuchs, Richard Brooks; PROD Jerry Wald. US, 1951, b&w, 93 min. NOT RATED Presented on DVD

**2011 NEW AFRICAN FILMS FESTIVAL**

March 10-15

AFI Silver is proud to host the ninth-annual New African Films Festival, copresented by AFI, TransAfrica Forum and afrikafé. The vibrancy of African filmmaking from all corners of the continent will be on display. The full lineup of films in the festival will appear in a separate festival flier and online in early February. Please visit AFI.com/Silver for further information, updates and to purchase tickets.
Hollywood Modern: Film Design of the 1930s

February 5 - March 3

In conjunction with the National Building Museum’s current exhibit, “Designing Tomorrow: America’s World’s Fairs of the 1930s,” AFI Silver presents this series of films featuring an eclectic, and occasionally over-the-top, array of modernist set designs, reflecting the forward-looking design sensibilities of the 1930s. At a time of incredible economic difficulty, Hollywood provided moviegoers in the 1930s with sparkling fantasies of fashion, urban decadence and nights on the town, set within environments offering the most deluxe, most glamorous, most modern styles available. Many of the same design trends seen onscreen were displayed in demonstration homes at the World’s Fairs of the 1930s, from chrome accents, modular furnishings and plate glass, to synthetic fabrics and surfaces.

Whether it is the appearance of Frank Lloyd Wright’s Ennis House in FEMALE, the spiraling lobby of GRAND HOTEL, William Powell’s penthouse in STAR OF MIDNIGHT or the glittering Silver Sandal Club in SWING TIME, examples of modern architecture and design can be seen within a long list of films considered classics of Hollywood’s golden age.

SPECIAL thanks to the NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM for its collaboration, including co-curators of the exhibit DEBORAH SORENSEN and LAURA BURD SCHIAVO, PAUL KILMER, director of public programs, and SCOTT KRATZ, vice president for education.

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Schedule

GRAND HOTEL
Sat, Feb 5, 12:45

FEMALE
Sun, Feb 6, 12:45

THE GAY DIVORCEE*
Mon, Feb 7, 7:20; Wed, Feb 9, 9:00

TROUBLE IN PARADISE
Sat, Feb 12, 12:45; Thu, Feb 17, 7:30

DESIGN FOR LIVING
Sun, Feb 13, 1:00; Mon, Feb 14, 9:20

THE WOMEN
Sat, Feb 19, 2:45

SWING TIME*
Fri, Feb 25, 4:45; Sat, Feb 26, 5:10; Mon, Feb 28, 4:45; Tue, Mar 1, 4:45; Wed, Mar 2, 4:45; Thu, Mar 3, 4:45

A STAR IS BORN (1937)
Sat, Feb 26, 12:30

STAR OF MIDNIGHT* w/RAFTER ROMANCE
Sun, Feb 27, 1:00; Mon, Feb 28, 7:00

*Also part of the Backwards and in High Heels: Ginger Rogers Centennial Retrospective series, see pages 6 - 8 for film information.

Introduction by curator Deborah Sorensen and Washington Post film critic Ann Hornaday

GRAND HOTEL

This film is the apotheosis of MGM’s carefully cultivated prestige, meticulously crafted glamour and bevy of bankable stars, with Greta Garbo, John Barrymore, Joan Crawford, Wallace Beery and Lionel Barrymore’s personal dramas intersecting at Berlin’s most luxurious hotel. Guided then by the brilliant Irving Thalberg, the studio was known for having superb talent behind and in front of the camera, and the film’s real star is the art deco hotel set designed by the legendary art director Cedric Gibbons. Oscar winner for Best Picture, 1932. DIR Edmund Goulding; SCR Bita Balázs, William A. Drake, based on Draka’s play, based on the novel “Menschen im Hotel” by Vicki Baum; PROD Irving Thalberg. US, 1932, b&w, 112 min. NOT RATED 🍩

FEMALE

Ruth Chatterton is a hard-driving captain of industry in the auto business who loves her work and her hunky workers, too. But most of all, she loves her freedom, and prefers to love ‘em and leave ‘em. When the talented engineer George Brent resists the boss’s overtures, Chatterton discovers a new challenge … and new feelings. Michael Curtiz’s direction sparkles (with assists from Williams Dieterle and Wellman), and the screenplay is by Gene Markey, scripter of another pre-Code favorite, BABY FACE. Design aficionados will delight in Chatterton’s digs, Frank Lloyd Wright’s Ennis House in L.A.’s Los Feliz hills (nine years old in 1933!), plus over-the-top art deco set design by Jack Okey. DIR Michael Curtiz; SCR Gene Markey, Kathryn Soaka, Donald Henderson Clarke, PROD Robert Presnell Sr. US, 1933, b&w, 60 min. NOT RATED 🍩

TROUBLE IN PARADISE

Prowling Paramount’s back-lot version of Venice, suave thief Herbert Marshall meets his ideal mate in sprightly pickpocket Miriam Hopkins, with whom he hatches a plot to get close to wealthy widow Kay Francis and relieve her of her excess valuables. Complications ensue when Marshall discovers that the charming Francis is quite the jewel herself. Director Ernst Lubitsch’s most sparkling creation, with chic art deco sets that match the movie’s ultramodern attitude. “As close to perfection as anything I have ever seen in the movies.” —Dwight Macdonald. DIR/PROD Ernst Lubitsch; SCR Samson Raphaelson, Grover Jones, from the play “The Honest Finder” by Lulu McAlister. US, 1932, b&w, 83 min. NOT RATED 🍩

THE WOMEN

Hounded by gossip, Manhattan society woman Norma Shearer resolves not to give up her straying husband without a fight, egged on by her madcap friend Rosalind Russell, she screws up the courage to confront that home-wrecking shaggydog Joan Crawford. Director George Cukor nimbly guides the sprawling, all-female cast, featuring memorable turns by Paulette Goddard, Joan Fontaine and Marjorie Main (in a proto-Ma Kettle role) in this wicked and witty satire of what women want. Cedric Gibbons’ stylish backdrops set the scenes. DIR George Cukor; SCR Anita Loos, Jane Murfin, based on the play by Clare Boothe Luce; PROD Hunt Stromberg. US, 1939, b&w/color, 133 min. NOT RATED 🍩

A STAR IS BORN (1937)

Young hopeful Janet Gaynor’s star rises as alcoholic leading man Fredric March’s fades, a career imbalance that threatens their love and friendship in Hollywood’s cruel calculus. This drama of heartbreak in Hollywood’s dream factory has proven surprisingly enduring, with remakes in 1954 and 1976 (and, it’s rumored, 2012!). Versatile director William Wellman guides Gaynor and March to two of the finest performances of their careers. W. Howard Greene received an Honorary Oscar for his pioneering color photography, and March’s chic pad looks years ahead of its time thanks to art director Lyle Wheeler. DIR/SCR William A. Wellman; SCR Robert Carson, Dorothy Parker, Alan Campbell; PROD David O. Selznick. US, 1937, color, 111 min. NOT RATED 🍩

DESIGN FOR LIVING

Meeting cute on the train, Americans in Paris Miriam Hopkins—a successful commercial artist—and Gary Cooper and Frederic March—unsuccessful painter and playwright, respectively—take up residence together in the boys’ garret, Hopkins believing that she can advance both of their careers, making a “gentleman’s agreement” of no sexual distractions. She helps each catch their first break, but also entices each to break the agreement (she’s no gentleman). Feeling pinched by the love triangle, Hopkins leaves to marry her buttoned-down boss, causing all three to realize that their bohemian arrangement wasn’t so bad. DIR/PROD Ernst Lubitsch; SCR Ben Hecht, from the play by Noël Coward. US, 1933, b&w, 95 min. NOT RATED 🍩

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2011 Environmental Film Festival in the Nation’s Capital

At AFI March 18 - 26

Once again, AFI Silver is proud to host screenings in this year’s Environmental Film Festival in the Nation’s Capital. The festival runs March 15-27. For a complete schedule, please visit dcevironmentalfilmfest.org.

Schedule

HOW I ENDED THIS SUMMER
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WINDFALL
Sat, Mar 19, 5:00

UNCLE BOONMEE WHO CAN RECALL HIS PAST LIVES
Sat, Mar 19, 7:20

THE PIPE
Fri, Mar 25, 7:15

HAPPY PEOPLE: A YEAR IN THE TAIGA
Sat, Mar 19, 7:20

SUBMISSION
Sat, Mar 26, 3:00

TROPICAL MALADY
Sat, Mar 26, 7:30

Washington, DC, Premiere
In Person: filmmaker Laura Israel will hold a postscreening discussion

WINDFALL

The wind turbine has become a symbol of hope. The sleek white spokes spinning against the sky promise a future free of fossil fuel dependency and the importation of foreign oil. Who could object to wind energy? That’s what the residents of Meredith, NY, thought when turbine salesmen came knocking on their doors. With local dairy farms in decline, the economy needed a boost. Similar scenarios are now playing out all over North America as energy companies grow more bullish on wind. For those who think the transition should be a breeze, this documentary offers a surprising reality check. (Courtesy of Toronto International Film Festival)

DIR/PROD Laura Israel; PROD Autumn Tarleton. US, 2010, color, 83 min. NOT RATED

TROPICAL MALADY

This is the story of a community tragically divided over a pipeline that could bring economic prosperity or destruction to a way of life shared for generations. In a remote and tranquil corner of Western Ireland sits Broadhaven Bay and the tiny village of Rossport. The unique nature of the coastline, which has sustained generations of farmers and fishermen, has also delivered to Shell Oil the perfect landfill for the Corrib Gas Pipeline. In the most dramatic clash of cultures in modern Ireland, the rights of farmers over their fields, and of fishermen over their fishing grounds, has come in direct conflict with one of the world’s most powerful oil companies. (Courtesy of Irish Film Board/Bord Scannán na hÉireann) Official Selection, 2010 Toronto Film Festival

DIR Risteard Ó Domhnaill; PROD Rachel Lysaght. Ireland, 2010, color, 83 min. NOT RATED

HAPPY PEOPLE: A YEAR IN THE TAIGA

Werner Herzog presents a picturesque documentary about the life of the indigenous people living in the heart of the Siberian Taiga over the course of one year. In the heart of the Siberian wilderness, 300 people inhabit a small village, Bahkhta, on the Yenisei River. There are only two ways to reach this outpost: one is by helicopter, the other by boat. There is no telephone, running water or medical aid. The natives, whose daily routines have barely changed over the centuries, keep living their lives according to their cultural traditions. If human civilization were destroyed, they would survive, thanks to the knowledge of their forefathers … (Courtesy Wernerherzog.com)

DIR Dmitry Vasyukov; SCR Werner Herzog, Rudolph Herzog; PROD Vladimir Perepelkin, Nick N. Radian, Charlie Wadick, Christopher Fraser. Germany, 2010, color, 94 min. In English and Russian with English subtitles. NOT RATED

UNCLE BOONMEE WHO CAN RECALL HIS PAST LIVES

Apichatpong Weerasethakul’s 2004 film TROPICAL MALADY welcomed viewers to a magical cinematic jungle, a place of cosmic mystery and the mystical transmigration of souls. The first half of the film focuses on the burgeoning romance between soldier Keng and farm boy Tong, who spend a day traveling around the city by scooter. The second half of this provocative diptych finds Keng pursuing a tiger at night in the jungle. The tiger may or may not be a ghost, may or may not be Tong in spirit form—and the hunter may or may not be the hunted. Special Jury Prize, 2004 Cannes Film Festival

DIR/SCR Apichatpong Weerasethakul; PROD Charkes de Meaux. Thailand/ France/Germany, 2010, color, 113 min. In Thai with English subtitles. NOT RATED

SUBMISSION (Underkastelsen)

Swedish filmmaker Stefan Jarl is concerned about today’s “chemical society.” At the time of World War II, humans used 1 million tons of chemicals per year; today the amount has risen to 500 million tons. The chemical business is the fastest-growing industry on the planet. This revealing documentary explores 100,000 chemicals encountered daily, from softeners (phthalates) to flame retardants (PBDE) to surfactants (PFOS, PFOA), and the hundreds of foreign chemicals revealed to be present in Jarl’s own blood. The film examines the known effects of these chemicals and questions of how and why individuals are willing to submit themselves to such hazards. Narrated by Stellan Skarsgård.

DIR/SCR/PROD Stefan Jarl. Sweden, 2010, color, 87 min. In English, Danish and Swedish with English subtitles. NOT RATED

HOW I ENDED THIS SUMMER

[Fortu provyol etim letom]

On a desolate island in the Arctic Circle, two men work at a small meteorological station: the gruff and imposing Sergei and his inexperienced new partner, college grad Pavel. One day while alone, Pavel receives terrible news for Sergei from headquarters. Intimidated, he can’t bring himself to disclose it, and when the truth is finally revealed, the consequences explode against a chilling backdrop of thick fog, sharp rocks and the merciless Arctic Sea. Shot on location at the Varkkai Polar Station on the northernmost tip of Chukotka, Russia, Best Film, 2010 London Film Festival; Best Actor (shared by leads Grigoriy Dobrygin and Sergei Suskepalis) and Best Cinematography, 2010 Berlin Film Festival.  

DIR/SCR/PROD Roman Borisovich, Aleksandr Kushchev. Russia, 2010, color, 130 min. In Russian with English subtitles. NOT RATED

Special Sneak Preview!

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TROPICAL MALADY

Like 2010 Cannes Palme d’Or winner UNCLE BOONMEE WHO CAN RECALL HIS PAST LIVES, Apichatpong Weerasethakul’s 2004 film TROPICAL MALADY welcomed viewers to a magical cinematic jungle, a place of cosmic mystery and the mystical transmigration of souls. The first half of the film focuses on the burgeoning romance between soldier Keng and farm boy Tong, who spend a day traveling around the city by scooter. The second half of this provocative diptych finds Keng pursuing a tiger at night in the jungle. The tiger may or may not be a ghost, may or may not be Tong in spirit form—and the hunter may or may not be the hunted. Special Jury Prize, 2004 Cannes Film Festival.

DIR/SCR Apichatpong Weerasethakul; PROD Charkes de Meaux. Thailand/France/Germany/Italy, 2004, color, 118 min. In Thai with English subtitles. NOT RATED
New 35mm Print!
THE LEOPARD [Il Gattopardo]
Sat, Mar 19, 1:00; Sun, Mar 20, 5:00; Thurs, Mar 24, 7:30
Luchino Visconti’s masterpiece, winner of the Palme d’Or in 1963, was butchered down by 40 minutes for its US release, and only recently restored to something approximating its full grandeur. But Lancaster, the patriarch of a noble family in proud decline, realizes the truth in his nephew Alain Delon’s observation, “If we want things to stay as they are, things will have to change.” He sends Delon to join Garibaldi’s Risorgimento forces, releases him from an engagement to his cousin—Lancaster’s daughter—and orchestrates an advantageous marriage to the daughter of a nouveau riche town mayor, the ravishing Claudia Cardinale. Giuseppe Rotunno’s painterly, widescreen photography is a must-see on the big screen. DIR/SCR Luchino Visconti; SCR Suso Cachi d’Arma, Pasquale Festa Campanile, Ennio Medioli, Massimo Fracassa, based on the novel by Giuseppe di Lampedusa; PROD Goffredo Lombardo. Italy/France, 1963, color, 186 min. In Italian with English subtitles. RATED PG

New 35mm Print!
THE CONFORMIST [Il conformista]
Fri, Apr 1, 9:45; Sat, Apr 2, 10:00; Sun, Apr 3, 9:30; Mon, Apr 4, 9:15; Tue, Apr 5, 7:00; Wed, Apr 6, 6:30 (Montgomery College show); Thu, Apr 7, 7:00
Director Bernardo Bertolucci’s masterpiece chronicles the desperate quest to belong undertaken by a bourgeois Italian socialite and sexually—whose maniacal obsession with normality leads him to fascist politics, an ill-fated marriage, a dangerous affair and the betrayal of a kindly mentor. He ultimately discovers that demonic conformity is the surest route to depravity. Featuring beautiful art deco sets and camerawork by the great Vittorio Storaro (“his accomplishment may be the apex of color cinematography” —Michael Atkinson, The Village Voice), a must-see on the big screen! DIR/SCR Bernardo Bertolucci, based on the novel by Alberto Moravia; PROD Maurizio Lodi-Fè, Giovanni Bertolucci. Italy/France/West Germany, 1970, color, 115 min. In Italian with English subtitles. NOT RATED

New 35mm Print!
SHOAH
Part 1: Sat, Apr 2, 1:00; Sun, Apr 3, 4:30
Part 2: Sat, Apr 9, 1:00; Sun, Apr 10, 3:30
Twelve years in the making, this film is Claude Lanzmann’s monumental epic on the Holocaust and features not historical footage but interviews with survivors, bystanders and perpetrators that “reincarnate” the Jewish tragedy, and also visits places where the crimes took place. The film grew out of Lanzmann’s concern that the genocide perpetrated then only 40 years earlier was already retreating into the mists of time, that atrocity was becoming sanitized as history. His massive achievement—at once epic and intimate, immediate and definitive—is a triumph of form and content that reveals hidden truths while rewriting the rules of documentary filmmaking. It remains nothing less than essential. DIR/SCR/PROD Claude Lanzmann. France, 1985, color/b&w, Part I: 273 min (incl 15 min intermission); Part II: 292 min (incl 15 min intermission). In English, German, Hebrew, Polish, Yiddish and French with English subtitles. NOT RATED

New 35mm Print!
MAMMA ROMA
Fri, Apr 1, 7:30; Mon, Apr 4, 7:00; Tue, Apr 5, 9:15; Wed, Apr 6, 9:15; Thu, Apr 7, 9:15
Anna Magnani is Mamma Roma, a middle-aged prostitute who attempts to extricate herself from her sordid past for the sake of her son. Shot in the great tradition of Italian neorealism, this film offers an unflinching look at the struggle for survival in postwar Italy and highlights director Pier Paolo Pasolini’s lifelong fascination with the marginalized and dispossessed. Though banned upon its release in Italy for obscenity, today the film is a classic, featuring a powerhouse performance by one of cinema’s greatest actresses and offering a glimpse at a country’s most controversial director in the process of finding his style. (Courtesy of The Criterion Collection) DIR/SCR Pier Paolo Pasolini; PROD Alfredo Bini. Italy, 1962, b&w, 110 min. In Italian with English subtitles. NOT RATED

“Magnani magically, magnificently shifts from embodying both the eternal mother and the eternal city, bawdy and serious, dominating and enduring.”

—Armond White, New York Press
**THE GIRLFRIENDS [Le Amiche]**

Fashion designer Clelia returns from Rome to her hometown of Turin to open a boutique. There she discovers a neighbor, Rosetta, who has attempted suicide, but survives thanks to Clelia’s intervention. Rosetta introduces Clelia to a fashionable set of friends, including the newly married Nene, the soon-to-be divorced Momina, and the flirty Mariella, plus their circle of husbands, boyfriends and suitors. Swooped up in the glamour and excitement, Clelia can’t shake the spectre of nothingness behind it all, and neither can the troubled Rosetta. Michelangelo Antonioni’s sharply observational drama works within the genre conventions of his 1950s work but also anticipates his existential experiments of the 1960s.

-DIR/SCR Michelangelo Antonioni; SCR Suso Ciacchi d’Amico, Alba De Cespedes based on the novel “Tra donne sole” by Cesare Pavese; PROD Giovanni Addessi. Italy, 1955, b&w, 104 min. NOT RATED

Restored by Cineteca di Bologna at L’Immagine Ritrovata with funding provided by Gucci and The Film Foundation. A Film Desk release.

“One of Antonioni’s greatest films!”
—David Thompson, Time Out (London)

“Impossible to stop watching! The expressive elegance of Antonioni’s camera movements still has the power to amaze. … So bracing—so sad and, sometimes, so funny.”

**EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF**

TV director Jacques Dutronc, divorced and now separated from his current girlfriend Nathalie Baye, meets prostitute Isabelle Huppert and takes her on as a tenant—and she, him as a client—in his and Baye’s abandoned apartment. A man slipping into an epically surreal midlife crisis, Dutronc doesn’t understand the women in his life, be they his ex-wife, his daughter, his ex-girlfriend, or the seemingly happy hooker Huppert; and lashes out periodically in acts of violence, passion, aggressively poor-taste humor and combinations of all three. But the entropic, corrupt on-screen universe director Jean-Luc Godard depicts here only seems to encourage such behavior.

-DIR/PROD Jean-Luc Godard, SCR Arne-Maria Cieliebe, Jean-Claude Carrière; PROD Alain Sarde. France, 1980, color, 87 min. In French with English subtitles. NOT RATED

“Should be seen by everyone interested in movies or in life, without hesitation or delay.”
—Jonathan Rosenbaum

“Establishing the template which would make the ’80s Godard’s second great decade, EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF stitches together a dense fabric of spoken and visual references, employing oblique quotes and strange cameos to create a work of twitchy brilliance.”
—Jesse Cataldo, SLANT Magazine

**BALTAZAR USHKA ICE MAN**

For more than 30 years, Baltazar Ushka has regularly climbed Ecuador’s Chimborazo, one of the world’s highest volcanoes, to chop huge blocks of ice from the glacier, which will be used to cool fruit juices at the Indian market. In this extraordinary documentary, which has no dialogue or voice-over commentary, travels through time in a circular way to create a portrait of the last Chimborazo Ice Man, ultimately exploring powerful themes of man vs. the environment, time and global warming.

-DIR Igor Guayasamín, José Guayasamín. Ecuador, 2008, color, 22 min. NOT RATED

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In 1964, two officers from the Weapons Research Establishment were clearing a barren dump zone in Western Australia to make space for rocket tests when they came across the area’s indigenous owners. The group of 20 Martu people was unaware that their country had been colonized for nearly 200 years and that there was a modern society beyond the 141,000 square miles of desert they called home. In this extraordinary documentary, Yuwali, who was 17 at the time of the discovery, recalls the Martus’ startling first contact and eventual removal from their homeland. Now 62, she describes with hindsight and humor the terrifying experience of seeing her first “whitefella.”

-DIR/SCR/PROD Bentley Dean, Martin Butler. Australia/France, 2009, color, 52 min. NOT RATED
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BLACK ORPHEUS [Orfeu Negro]
Fri, Mar 4, 7:00, 9:15; Sat, Mar 5, 9:30; Sun, Mar 6, 9:00; Tue, Mar 8, 9:00; Wed, Mar 9, 9:00
Winner of the Palme d’Or in 1959 and the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. Marcel Camus retells the Greek myth of Orpheus and Eurydice amid the riotous color and sounds of Carnaval in Rio de Janeiro. Fresh from his first bossa nova hit, “Desafinado,” Antonio Carlos Jobim co-wrote the famous groundbreaking soundtrack with Luiz Bonfá. Poet/playwright/composer Vinicius de Moraes helped adapt the script from his play; Jobim and de Moraes later co-wrote the popular “The Girl from Ipanema.”

DIR/SCR Marcel Camus; SCR Jacques Viot, based on the play “Orfeu da Conceição” by Vinicius de Moraes; PROD Sacha Gordine. Brazil/France/Italy, 1959, color, 100 min. In Portuguese with English subtitles. NOT RATED

New Digitally Restored 35mm Print!
THE RED SHOES
Mon, Feb 21, 2:30; Wed, Feb 23, 6:30 (Montgomery College show); Thu, Feb 24, 6:45
Arguably the greatest of the classic Michael Powell/ Emeric Pressburger films (THE LIFE AND DEATH OF COLONEL BLIMPO, A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH, BLACK NARCISSUS), and a singular influence for all films about dance, this film can now be enjoyed on the big screen in a gorgeous, eye-poppingly colorful new 35mm print. Flame-haired ballerina Moira Shearer faces an impossible choice, between her promising dancing career—and loyalty to the stern impresario Anton Walbrook—and love, in the person of composer Marius Goring. Nominated for five Oscars, winning for Best Art Direction and Music. DIR/SCR/PROD Michael Powell, Emeric Pressburger; SCR based on the fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen. UK, 1948, color, 133 min. NOT RATED •• Restored by UCLA Film & Television Archive in association with the BFI, the Film Foundation, ITV Global Entertainment Ltd. and Janus Films. Restoration funding provided by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, the Film Foundation and Louis B. Mayer Foundation.

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