COMEDY GOLD ON THE SILVER SCREEN

A 75-minute film history presentation of classic comedies from the past 100 years



Join us for a guided tour through the past 100 years of outstanding comedies in John LeGear's film history presentation *Comedy Gold on the Silver Screen*. Witness the evolution of humor on film since the arrival of Charlie Chaplin in Hollywood in 1914 and enjoy a taste of television comedy in this swift-moving tribute to outstanding writing, direction and performance.

In addition to laughs, you'll learn of little-known insights and fresh perspectives on some of film history's comedy classics, among them Buster Keaton's "The General" (1926); Cary Grant and his delightful aunts Josephine Hull and Jean Adair in "Arsenic and Old Lace" (1944); "Some Like it Hot" (1959); "Young Frankenstein" (1974); "When Harry Met Sally" (1989); and Seth MacFarlane's talking teddy bear "ted" (2012).

Plainfield Library presents "Comedy Gold on the Silver Screen," a fun-filled film history presentation, Thursday, June 16 at 7 pm

- > **Opening tune...**from what popular film from the 1970s?
 - Mark Twain and Woody Allen, if only for a moment
- 1. Charlie Chaplin film highlights including moments from "The Gold Rush" (1925) and "The Great Dictator" (1940)
- 2. The General (1926) starring Buster Keaton and Marion Mack with footage excerpted from "Feature Films" on YouTube
- 3. Leatherheads (set in mid-1920s) starring George Clooney and Renee Zellweger (2008)
- 4. It Happened One Night (1934) starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert
- 5. Bringing Up Baby (1938) starring Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant (the ultimate "screwball comedy")
- **6. The Bride Came C.O.D.** (1941) starring James Cagney and Bette Davis
- 7. Arsenic and Old Lace (1944) starring Cary Grant, Josephine Hull and Jean Adair in a film directed by Frank Capra
 - Them! (1954) starring Joan Weldon (in this brief scene), but otherwise James Arness, James Whitmore and Edmund Gwenn
- 8. It's a Mad Mad Mad World (1963) featuring Buddy Hackett, Mickey Rooney and Jim Backus
- 9. Three Wishes for Opie (1964) from The Andy Griffith Show featuring Andy and Don Knotts
- 10. The Dentist (1969) skit from The Carol Burnett Show starring Tim Conway and Harvey Korman
- 11. Television Comedy in the 1970s from CNN's "The Seventies" focusing on The Mary Tyler Moore Show (1970-77)
- 12. Bananas (1971) "wedding night" starring Woody Allen and Louise Lasser, narrated by Howard Cosell for Wide World of Sports
- 13. Young Frankenstein (1974) "Railroad Station" starring Madeline Kahn and Gene Wilder; a story co-written and directed by Mel Brooks
 - Sandy from Grease (1978) starring John Travolta and an animated hot dog/bun
- **14. Good Morning Vietnam** (1987) starring Robin Williams, Forest Whitacre and Bruno Kirby
- 15. When Harry Met Sally (1989) starring Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan in a film directed by Rob Reiner
- 16. Sinbad Comedy Special on HBO Brain Damaged (1990) about marriage and bikini underwear
- 17. Everyone Needs a Best Friend from the movie "ted" (2012) starring Mark Wahlberg, Mila Kunis & (producer/director) Seth McFarlane
- 18. Game Night (2018) starring (in this scene) Billy Magnussen and Sharon Horgan
- 19. Some Like it Hot (1959) starring Marilyn Monroe, Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis; directed by Billy Wilder

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