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Classic Film Festival October 23-26

Summary:

(August 19, 2003)-Discover a “classic” movie-viewing experience during the Morris Classic Film Festival to be held at the Morris Theatre October 23-26. The fifth annual Festival, sponsored by the Campus Activities Council Films Committee at the University of Minnesota, Morris, will again offer movies “as they were meant to be seen – on the big screen, in all their glory.”

This year's lineup is another eclectic mix of classic films, from the raucous wit of Billy Wilder to the psychological complexity of Alfred Hitchcock. Here are the offerings:

Thursday October 23 7pm - *Funny Face* (C,1957) Audrey Hepburn and Fred Astaire. A young woman agrees to model a line of ultra-chic fashions for a photographer so she can get to Paris to meet the beatnik founder of "empathicalism" (a rejection of all material things). Paris provides the backdrop for this stylized musical featuring the music of George Gershwin and the fashions of Givenchy.

Friday October 24 7pm - *The Maltese Falcon* (B&W,1941) Humphrey Bogart, Mary Astor, Peter Lorre and Sydney Greenstreet Classic film noir, John Huston's directorial debut cracks along at a lightning pace. Bogart is on peak form as Dashiell Hammett's Sam Spade working hard to separate the good gals and guys from the bad. Nominated for three Oscars including Best Picture.

Saturday October 25 2pm - *The Wizard of Oz* (C and B&W,1940) Judy Garland, Frank Morgan, Ray Bolger, Bert Lahr and Jack Haley. Based on L. Frank Baum's story. Dorothy is transported from her ordinary, B&W life to a colorful world of fantasy in the land of Oz. Many memorable characters like the Munchkins, the Wicked Witch of the West, etc. and the incredible cinematography and art direction make this showing on the big screen an opportunity not to be missed. Nominated for six Oscars, it won for Best Song and Best Original Score.

Saturday October 25 9pm - *The Bicycle Thief* (B&W,1949) Lamberto Maggiorani, Lianella Carell, Enzo Staiola and Elena Altieri. A week in the life of a working man whose job depends on his bicycle and the problems that arise for him and his son when it is stolen. A beautiful film that won an honorary Oscar before foreign films had a category of their own.

Sunday October 26 7pm - *Lifeboat* (B&W,1944) Alfred Hitchcock directs Tallulah Bankhead, William Bendix and Walter Slezak. Shipwreck survivors adrift in a lifeboat during World War 2. Trouble starts when they pull a man out of the water who turns out to be from the U-boat that sank them. Adapted from an original story by John Steinbeck. Despite the restricted location, Hitchcock still makes a fleeting appearance on screen.

Whether a confirmed movie fan or seeing these films for the first time, movie-goers can expect to enjoy thought-provoking entertainment. (Films are subject to change based on availability.)

For ticket information, contact the Office of Student Activities at UMM, 320-589-6080.

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