

Classic Film Series Returns

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Because of COVID 19 restrictions, the Museum has had to curtail our Classic Film Series for the past few months. But we are happy to announce that we are now able to offer a “Virtual Classic Film Series” beginning March 14. All you need is an internet connection, a streaming device, and a special password to join our “classic film gang” again.

What is a “classic film?” Broadly speaking, classic films are films that have stood the “test of time” and are valued for their historical and cultural significance. Most people agree that films like *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Godfather*, *Gone with the Wind*, and *Casablanca* are “classics.” They are designated as such because of their quality and we value them as a part of our heritage. The critics and institutions like the American Film Institute do not recognize every film as a “classic” because not every film meets this criterion. The age of a film helps to determine whether or not it has stood the test of time.

Because we are currently experiencing some difficult times due to the COVID 19 pandemic, I thought we should start by sharing a laugh or two. That’s why our upcoming classic film series is entitled, “Make ‘Em Laugh.” This series features some of the funniest classic films ever made. The Museum has arranged to share these films through Swank Motion Pictures. Each film will be available for 24 hours. You will need a computer, smartphone, or tablet, a link to the Swank Motion Pictures viewing platform, and the passphrase for that week's film. Ty Elliot, our NMJC computer specialist has created a simple "how-to" information sheet which is available here and on the Museum’s website and Facebook page along with video instructions, which are now on our YouTube channel.

It’s not quite the same as being together in person, and you will have to provide the popcorn and beverages yourself, but it might be the next best thing. So, let’s give it a try!

Here is a list of the upcoming films and the viewing instructions.

3/14/21	<i>Singin' in the Rain</i>	(1952)
3/21/21	<i>Harvey</i>	(1950)
3/28/21	<i>Some Like it Hot</i>	(1959)
4/4/21	<i>Grease</i>	(1978)
4/11/21	<i>The Odd Couple</i>	(1968)
4/18/21	<i>Three Amigos</i>	(1986)
4/25/21	<i>Airplane!</i>	(1980)

How to View Movies Online with the Western Heritage Museum

1. Make sure you have a supported browser.

a. On a PC or Mac Computer:

- You must have one of the following browsers:

Edge - 

Firefox - 

Chrome - 

Safari and Internet Explorer are **NOT** supported -



b. On an Android smartphone or tablet:

- You must use the Chrome browser. Please download Chrome from the Google App Store if needed. 

c. On an Apple iPhone or iPad:

- First, you must download the SWANK app from the Apple App Store.



Swank Media Player



- This is all you will need for iPhone and iPad. You will click the link provided to you and this app will automatically open for you to view the film.

2. Click the link provided to you on your computer, smartphone or tablet. **Example link:**

<https://digitalcampus.swankmp.net/vs-nmjc44537/passphrase-watchlink/>

3. Enter the passphrase provided with the link. **Example passphrase:**

AE3990796E9E48C8A1CCBDA2XXXXXXXX

4. Enjoy the show! You should now have the movie playing on your device. You should be able to pause and continue to play it as needed.