



ROMANTIC COMEDY: HOLLYWOOD-STYLE



April 12 **The 1930s: Ernst Lubitsch and the Birth of Romantic Comedy**

Trouble in Paradise, Ninotchka, The Shop Around the Corner, It Happened One Night, Twentieth Century, My Man Godfrey, The Awful Truth, Top Hat

April 19 **The 1940s: Katharine Hepburn and Other Fast-Talking Dames**

The Philadelphia Story, Bringing Up Baby, Adam's Rib, Midnight, The Lady Eve, Remember the Night, Cluny Brown, His Girl Friday

April 26 **1950s Romantic Comedy: Wilder and Wilder**

Love in the Afternoon, Some Like It Hot, The Seven Year Itch, The Apartment, Pillow Talk, Born Yesterday, It Should Happen to You, Roman Holiday

May 3 **The 1960s: Romantic Comedy in Transition**

Barefoot in the Park, Cactus Flower, How to Steal a Million, Breakfast at Tiffany's, Two for the Road, The Graduate, Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice

May 10 **The 1970s: The Sexual Revolution Comes to Hollywood**

John and Mary, Avanti, Starting Over, Annie Hall, Shampoo, The Goodbye Girl, Cinderella Liberty, California Suite

May 17 **The 1980s: Love in All Its Disguises**

Tootsie, Splash, Roxanne, Broadcast News, Working Girl, Bull Durham, Moonstruck, When Harry Met Sally

May 24 **The 1990s: Love in La La Land and Other Locations**

L.A. Story, Pretty Woman, Jerry Maguire, Sleepless in Seattle, You've Got Mail, While You Were Sleeping, The American President, Four Weddings and a Funeral

May 31 **A New Century: Diminishment of Romantic Comedy and Rise of Rom Coms**

Failure to Launch, How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days, 50 First Dates, Down With Love, Sideways, Knocked Up, Trainwreck, Enough Said, Maggie's Plan, Silver Linings Playbook

Recommended Reading on Romantic Comedy

“Romantic Comedy in Hollywood” by James Harvey, Knopf 1987

“Romantic Comedy” by Claire Mortimer, Routledge Taylor & Francis Group 2010

“Romantic Comedy: Boy Meets Girl Meets Genre” by Tamar Jeffers, McDonald Wallflower 2007

“The Great Movies” by Roger Ebert, Broadway Books 2002

“5001 Nights at the Movies” by Pauline Kael, Holt Rinehart Winston 1982

“The New Biographical Dictionary of Film” by David Thomson, Knopf 2010

Katharine Hepburn’s Recipe for Brownies

½ cup cocoa

1 stick unsalted butter

2 eggs

1 ¼ cups sugar

½ cup all-purpose flour

¼ cup broken-up walnuts or pecans

1 teaspoon vanilla

Pinch of salt



Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Melt butter in saucepan with cocoa and stir until smooth. Remove from heat and allow to cool for a few minutes. Mix in eggs, one at a time. Add sugar, flour, nuts, vanilla and salt. Pour into a greased 8X8 square pan. Bake 40 minutes. “Don’t overbake!” They should be gooey. Let cool (an essential step). Cut into squares.

Matinee Screenings to accompany this class in Maraschi at 3 p.m.

- **The Shop Around the Corner (1940) 1 hour 39 minutes**
Wednesday April 26
- **Starting Over (1979) 1 hour 45 minutes**
Wednesday May 10
- **While You Were Sleeping (1995) 1 hour 43 minutes**
Wednesday May 24