Pay-as-you-wish Friday Nights
Bernard and Irene Schwartz Classic Film Series


Justice in Film
Explore how film has tackled social strife, morality, and the perennial struggle between right and wrong—conflicts that manifest across cultures and history.

Entrance to the film series is included with Museum Admission during New-York Historical’s Pay-as-you-wish Friday Nights (6–8 pm). No advance reservations. Tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 6 pm. New-York Historical Society Members receive priority.

For more information on our featured films and speakers, please visit nyhistory.org/programs or call (212) 485-9205.
Friday, February 15, 7 pm
**Shadow of a Doubt | 1943 | 108 min.**
Paley Center for Media Curator Ron Simon and New-York Historical Society Vice President for Public Programs Dale Gregory introduce this film noir about a teenage girl who realizes her visiting uncle may be harboring a dark secret. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock. Starring Teresa Wright, Joseph Cotten.

Friday, February 22, 7 pm
**People Will Talk | 1951 | 110 min.**
Legal scholar and author Philip Bobbitt introduces this romantic comedy with echoes of the McCarthy era. A physician becomes embroiled in a witch-hunt-like misconduct trial and is questioned on everything from his work methods to his personal relationships. Directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz. Starring Cary Grant, Jeanne Crain.

Friday, March 1, 7 pm
**Cabin in the Sky | 1943 | 98 min.**
Gail Lumet Buckley, author and daughter of Cabin in the Sky star Lena Horne, and journalist Bob Herbert introduce the musical that follows Little Joe, a chronic gambler killed over his debts who is given a second chance at life as both heaven and hell grapple for his soul. Directed by Vincente Minnelli. Starring Ethel Waters, Eddie “Rochester” Anderson, Lena Horne.

Friday, March 8, 7 pm
**Pat and Mike | 1952 | 95 min.**
Legal scholar Annette Gordon-Reed and her husband Justice Robert R. Reed, in conversation with Ron Simon and Dale Gregory, introduce this romantic comedy about a woman who won’t give up her promising athletic career despite her fiancé’s insistence that she abandon her ambitions to marry him. Directed by George Cukor. Starring Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, Aldo Ray.

Friday, March 22, 7 pm
**How Green Was My Valley | 1941 | 118 min.**
Ron Simon and Dale Gregory introduce the 1941 Academy Award winner for Best Picture that follows the story of the Morgans, a hardworking family facing changing times in their small Welsh village. Directed by John Ford. Starring Walter Pidgeon, Maureen O’Hara, Donald Crisp.

Friday, April 5, 7 pm
**Casablanca | 1942 | 102 min.**
Journalist Pia Lindström, the eldest daughter of Ingrid Bergman, is joined by Ron Simon to introduce what is often considered one of the greatest films of Hollywood’s Golden Age. The beleaguered and cynical Rick must choose between the woman he loves and sacrificing everything he has for a greater cause. Directed by Michael Curtiz. Starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Claude Rains.

Friday, May 31, 7 pm
**The Children’s Hour | 1961 | 107 min.**
Catherine Wyler, daughter of the film’s director William Wyler, is joined by broadcast journalist Lesley Stahl to introduce the story of a private all-girls school that is shaken by a shocking rumor. Directed by William Wyler. Starring Audrey Hepburn, Shirley MacLaine, James Garner.

Friday, June 7, 7 pm
**Mister Roberts | 1955 | 123 min.**
Historians Harold Holzer and Craig L. Symonds introduce this postwar classic set during World War II on a quiet naval outpost in the Pacific Ocean. Roberts, the ship’s executive officer, longs for a transfer to join the action, but the harsh, unpopular captain refuses to sign off on his request. Directed by John Ford and Mervyn LeRoy. Starring Henry Fonda, James Cagney, William Powell.

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