



2024 Spring Term
Tuesdays
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
April 16 – May 21



BEHIND THE SCENES: THE FILMS AND FILMMAKERS THAT CHANGED HOLLYWOOD

Presented by Emmy-nominated documentarian and author Steven C. Smith

This series will reveal the compelling human stories behind classic movies and their makers. We'll discover how these storytellers changed Hollywood, and why their films remain vital today. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Recordings of sessions are available to registered participants.

April 16: CASABLANCA: THE MAKING OF MOVIES' GREATEST LOVE STORY

We'll explore the real-life events that inspired its story.

April 23: THEY'RE HERE! HOLLYWOOD SCI-FI AND SOVIET SCARES IN THE 1950s

In the 1950s, as mysterious UFO sighting swept the nation, Hollywood began making ambitious sci-fi movies that thrilled audiences and reflected Cold War fears of Russia.

April 30: HOLLYWOOD REBELS: ORSON WELLES AND OTTO PREMINGER

Our focus is on two directors who forged unique paths to Hollywood.

May 7: MEL BROOKS AND THE ART OF MOVIE PARODY

Filmmaker Mel Brooks demonstrated how parody can be a tribute. We'll hear from Mel himself about how his love of classic films changed his life and work.

May 14: SCREWBALL: IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT AND HIS GIRL FRIDAY

How does a studio create its house style and make hits?

May 21: WEST SIDE STORY, THE SOUND OF MUSIC AND THE ERA OF MUSICAL BLOCKBUSTERS

West Side Story and The Sound of Music may have found success on Broadway, but their movie versions made them iconic.



Steven C. Smith is an award-winning author and four-time Emmy-nominated producer who interviewed many of Alfred Hitchcock's collaborators. He appears as a film historian in several Hitchcock documentaries and received the ASCAP-Deems Taylor Award for his biography of Bernard Herrmann, the composer most associated with Hitchcock. Steven's over-200 documentaries include collaborations with Steven Spielberg, George Lucas, Martin Scorsese, Stephen Sondheim, Julie Andrews, Cicely Tyson, Harrison Ford, and Sidney Poitier. He is the author of the award-winning biography *Music by Max Steiner: The Epic Life of Hollywood's Most Influential Composer*.

TUITION
6 Sessions
\$75 Members **\$90 Non-Members**

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