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Classic films make return engagements

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Finding **classic** movies on the big screen isn't easy, but several theaters will be showing special revivals in the next few weeks. Singles

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The Raue Center for the Arts in downtown Crystal Lake continues its **classic film** series with "My Fair Lady," 5 p.m. Sunday. Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison star in this 1964 musical based on George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion."

The scene where Henry Higgins unveils Eliza Dolittle who hasn't completely shed her cockney background at the Ascot opening ranks among Hollywood's finest comic moments. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for students) at the box office.

"My Fair Lady" also opens Roger Ebert's Overlooked **Film** Festival Wednesday in Urbana. The festival will run through April 30. For information, visit www.ewertfest.com .

Closer to home, the Silent **Film** Society of Chicago will present Cecil B. DeMille's 1923 version of "The Ten Commandments" at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Pickwick Theatre in Park Ridge. Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$11 at the door (\$8 for students and seniors).

Unlike DeMille's better-known 1956 remake, the silent version uses the story of Moses as a prologue. Most of the **film** follows two

brothers, one who abides by the commandments and the other who breaks them.

The Silent **Film** Society of Chicago bounces right back with a 1926 Clara Bow vehicle, "Mantrap," at 2:30 p.m. May 7 at the Arcada Theatre in St. Charles. Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$10 at the box office. For information on "Mantrap" and "The Ten Commandments," visit www.silentfilmchicago.com .

Hollywood Blvd., the terrific movie theater-restaurant in Woodridge, has two major events coming up. First is "West Side Story," showing

April 28-30. Two of the movie's rival gang members, George Chakiris and Russ Tamblyn, will appear.

From May 12-14, Hollywood Blvd. will show "To Kill a Mockingbird." Mary Badham, who played Gregory Peck's daughter in the Oscar-winning **film**, will host each screening. For information on Hollywood Blvd., visit www.atriptothemovies.com .

Now, stand back while I bring the column to a tidy conclusion by connecting these movies:

In "This Property is Condemned," Badham played the younger sister of Natalie Wood, whose singing voice in "West Side Story" was dubbed by Nixon, who also dubbed Hepburn in "My Fair Lady" and Deborah Kerr in "The King and I," which starred Yul Brynner, who played Rameses in the 1957 version of "The Ten Commandments," which was directed by DeMille, who directed the 1923 "Ten Commandments," which featured Eugene Palette, who co-starred in "Mantrap."

I owe it all to the Internet Movie Database.

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