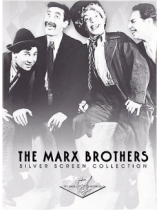


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Cocoanuts and the Marx Brothers



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Cocoanuts was the first feature film starring the four Marx Brothers: Groucho, Chico, Harpo and Zeppo. It may also have the distinction of being the first true movie musical, that is, a movie where the musical numbers were meant to be part of the story telling process rather than a performance for audience within the movie. It wasn't that the studio didn't plan to have a band playing with the musical scenes. A band was hired for the first day of shooting. Apparently they were to follow the actors around ready to play whenever someone was tempted to burst into song, but the director soon realized there was no reason to have them around and that they would distract from the plot of the movie; something that the Marx Brothers were already managing to do pretty well on their own. [Read more](#)

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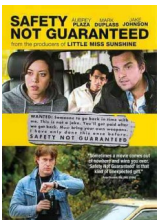
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Safety Not Guaranteed



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Wanted: Someone to go back in time with me. This is not a joke. You'll get paid after we get back. Must bring your own weapons. I have only done this once before. SAFETY NOT GUARANTEED.

The above classified advertisement along with a contact PO Box address that appeared in a local paper near Seattle Washington sets the stage for *Safety Not Guaranteed*. The ad intrigues

a reporter for a Seattle based magazine. Is the man who placed it crazy, disturbed or legit? For reasons of his own he sells his editor on the idea of checking it out as a human interest story. He takes along two interns: one of whom, Darius, ends up applying for the position in order to get the story behind the ad. [Read more](#)

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Robin Williams 1951 - 2014



Last night I read that we had lost one of the greats; Robin Williams was no longer with us.

When we think of him we most often think of his almost manic comedy. He was one of the best, and perhaps one of the few that could go one on one with the late great Johnathan Winters in comedy improvisation. We know however that Robin Williams was also a great actor. Like many comedians his view of life gave him great insight into the human condition and he was able to bring this to his more serious roles. He will be missed.

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The Lone Ranger (2013)



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?Narrator: A fiery horse with the speed of light, a cloud of dust and a hearty "Hi-yo Silver" - the Lone Ranger! With his faithful Indian companion, Tonto, the daring and resourceful masked rider of ?..

Wait, wait, wait, **wait!** ? this is not THAT Lone Ranger and perhaps this is one reason why Walt Disney?s reboot of the iconographic persona of this legendary western hero did not do as well

as expected at the box office. From the moment this new production of *The Lone Ranger* was announced it was compared with the 1950s television show starring Clayton Moore (and for a short while John Hart) and Jay Silverheels. It seemed it was destined to be a train wreck from the beginning. However, I love trains and as much as I hate to admit it, I'm always willing to look at a train wreck, no matter how much it pains me. So I dutifully checked out this new version of *The Lone Ranger* and watched it, knowing from the start that it wasn't going to be my Lone Ranger and Tonto [Read more](#)

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The 10th Kingdom

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[The 10th Kingdom](#) is another in my list of movies and shows that I try to watch every year. I have a lot of those and honestly I don't succeed in watching more than one or two of them over again each year. The 10th Kingdom is partially why this happens. Being a three part mini-series, it takes up much of the time I would use to watch some of my other favorites. The 10th Kingdom takes place mainly in the magical land of the Nine Kingdoms or as we would call it, the fairy tale worlds of old. Rebellion and war are afoot. Prince Wendell is soon to be crowned king of Snow White's former Kingdom; however his wicked step mother, the Queen, has escaped her prison and joined with the leader of the Troll Kingdom who wants to expand his territory. [Read more](#)

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Noises Off



term must be pronounced with the air of exaggerated sophistication that implies the lack of same.) Noises Off is one of my favorites. It has an all-star comedy cast featuring Michael Caine, Carol Burnett, Denholm Elliott, Julie Hagerty, Marilu Henner, John Ritter, and Christopher Reeve. The story is about a group of actors in a touring company performing a comedic play that they hope will head to the big time. In this case the action behind the scenes is as funny, or funnier, than what is taking place on stage. The film gives us a chance to see the action from both sides. From the front we see the play 'Nothing On,' from the back we see the interactions among the actors. There are affairs, personality conflicts, and drinking to the point of drunkenness. The term 'noises off' comes from the direction that backstage sounds are to cease, something that doesn't exactly happen backstage in the movie.

Noises Off is a comedy based on the play by Michael Frayn. It is a fast paced and driven movie that reminds me quite a bit of some of the best skits from the Carol Burnett Show. In most plays backstage is an area of controlled chaos. In the case of the backstage action in Noises Off remove the word controlled. If you like a good, semi intelligent comedy mixed with slapstick and outrageous personalities you should give Noises Off a try.

Posted by Keith C. on June 18, 2014

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Harvey



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'Well, I've wrestled with reality for 35 years, Doctor, and I'm happy to state I finally won out over it.'

Elwood P. Dowd.

Jimmy Stewart once said that his role as Elwood P. Dowd in Harvey was one of his favorites. It is perhaps his most famous movie role beside that of George Bailey in 'It's a Wonderful Life.' Harvey is a laid back and enjoyable film about a man who has left the work-a-day world and apparently entered into a life of unreality. [Read more](#)

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50 First Dates



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What would your life be like if every day you lived the same day over and over again? Perhaps a better question would be; what would it be like for those around you who continue to move ahead in time while you continue to live the same day over and over again? This is the problem faced by Lucy (Drew Barrymore), her family and her friends in their small town after an accident causes Lucy to forget everything that has happened to her since just before her accident. Her family and the town around her try to keep her from realizing that time has moved on. [Read more](#)

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Oscar



One doesn't usually think of Sylvester Stallone in terms of comedy. OK, I'll admit some people think of all his acting as comedic, however most of us tend to think of Stallone as an action adventure star or as Rocky. [Oscar](#) is a departure from his normal role. This movie, loosely based on a French play of the same name by Claude Magnier, features Stallone as gangster boss Angelo Provolone trying to honor his father's wish that he would put aside his gangster ways and become an honest businessman. [Read more](#)

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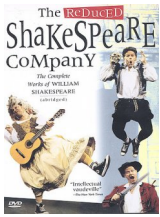
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Shakespeare - Compressed, twisted and bedazzled



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Laurence Olivier's Hamlet runs 157 minutes. The Franco Zeffirelli version of Romeo and Juliet clocks in at around 138 min. The Reduced Shakespeare Company's Complete Works of William Shakespeare - Abridged reduces these two plays and all of the rest of the Shakespeare plays in total down to a mere 90 minutes and they don't miss a single play. [Read more](#)

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