

MVAH ZOOM Movie Club

October 12, 2021 3pm

Next movie club: November 9th at 3PM

Attendees:

Host: Barbara Brennan

Cher Terry
Betsy Stephens
Louise and Bob McClean
Carol and Joe Mattaino
Kathi Hanrahan
Caryl Curry

Movie 1. Minari – (Amazon Prime Video) 2020 Drama Minari is a 2020 American drama film written and directed by Lee Isaac Chung. It stars Steven Yeun, Han Ye-ri, Alan Kim, Noel Kate Cho, Youn Yuh-jung, ...

Production company: Plan B Entertainment

Box office: \$15.5 million

Budget: \$2 million

Music by: Emile Mosseri

MVAH Movie Club Average rating: 4.4 out of 5.

Academy Award nominee Lee Isaac Chung directs this 2021 drama that documents a Korean-American family as they start their new life in rural Arkansas. Steven Yeun embraces his Korean-American heritage as he takes on the leading role.

With a dream to be more than just a chicken sexer, and a desire to own his own farm, Jacob Yi (Steven Yeun) moves his family across the country, from California to Arkansas. After starting his new farm, Jacob enlists the help of local man Paul (Will Patton) to help him grow and manage this new venture. Following the arrival of Monica's mother Soonja (Youn Yuh-Jung), from South Korea, tensions soon begin to rise as money and health troubles put a strain on Jacob's marriage.

In an attempt to bond with young David (Alan Kim), Soonja takes him down to the nearby creek to plant a Korean vegetable called 'Minari', a plant, she tells him, that will flourish anywhere. Tragedy strikes, kicking off a series of catastrophic events leading them to start a new life yet again.

Steven Yeun is sensational in the lead role. He gives the performance of his career, so it's no surprise he received an Academy Award nomination His nomination also makes Yeun the first Asian American to be nominated for best actor. Newcomer Alan Kim's performance makes him one of the youngest ever nominees for best supporting actor. Despite having an extensive career, Youn Yuh-Jung is relatively unknown to international audiences, but her performance throughout oozes sincerity.

The atmosphere that surrounds the movie radiates authenticity and integrity. Lachlan Milne's cinematography provides warm-toned visuals that compliment Harry Yoon's editing. Before creating 'Minari', Lee Isaac Chung planned to adapt 'My Antonia' by Willa Cather but found out she didn't want her work adapted to the big screen. Chung drew inspiration from his own childhood and upbringing to create a film that incorporates the themes of family, perseverance and the American dream.

Movie 2. 12th Man (Netflix) 2017.

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The 12th Man (Norwegian: Den 12. mann) is a 2017 Norwegian historical drama film directed by Harald Zwart, starring Thomas Gullestad as Jan Baalsrud, ...

Budget: 64 million Norwegian krone

Production companies: Nordisk Film Production ...

Country: Norway

Cinematography: Geir Hartly Andreassen

True World War II story about Jan Baalsrud, one of the 12 saboteurs sent in 1943 from England to the Nazi occupied Northern Norway. After their boat is sunk by the Germans, Jan goes on the run towards the neutral Sweden. However, the brutal weather conditions turn out to possibly be an even greater foe than the Nazi patrols.

November MOVIES

Ladies in Lavender – (Amazon Prime Video) 2004 British Drama. Stars Judi Dench and Maggie Smith.

Ladies in Lavender is a 2004 British drama film written and directed by Charles Dance. The screenplay is based on a 1908 short story by William J. Locke.

Taking place in pre-World War II England, aging sisters Ursula and Janet live peacefully in their cottage on the shore of Cornwall. One morning following a violent storm, the sisters spot from their garden a nearly-drowned man lying on the beach. They nurse him back to health and discover that he is Polish. Communicating in broken German while they teach him English, they learn his name is Andrea and that he is a particularly gifted violinist. His boat

was on its way to America, where he is headed to look for a better life. It doesn't take long for them to become attached to Andrea, and they dote on him. Other townspeople, however, have their suspicions, especially when he befriends a Russian woman, Olga.

RADIOACTIVE – 2019 (Amazon Prime Video). Biography, Drama, Romance

Radioactive (film) - Wikipedia [https://en.wikipedia.org › wiki › Radioactive_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radioactive_(film))

Radioactive is a 2019 British biographical drama film written by Jack Thorne, directed by Marjane Satrapi and starring Rosamund Pike as Marie Curie.

Box office: \$3.5 million Screenplay by: Jack Thorne Country: United Kingdom

Edited by: Stéphane Roche

The incredible true story of Marie Skłodowska-Curie and her Nobel Prize-winning work that changed the world.