

MVAH ZOOM Movie Club

August 1, 2023 @ 3pm

Next movie club: September 5, 2023 @ 3PM

Attendees:

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| Carol Mattaino |
| Joseph Maittaino |
| Louise McLean |
| Robert McLean |
| Kathi Hanrahan (host) |

AUGUST MOVIES

Movie 1: *There Will Be Blood* (2007, Prime Video) – Drama

Rating: 3.0

There Will Be Blood is an American epic period drama film, loosely based on the 1927 novel *Oil!* by Upton Sinclair.^[4] It stars Daniel Day-Lewis as Daniel Plainview, a silver miner turned oilman on a ruthless quest for wealth during Southern California's oil boom of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Widely touted as a masterpiece, this sparse and sprawling epic about the underhanded "heroes" of capitalism boasts incredible performances by leads Daniel Day-Lewis and Paul Dano and is director Paul Thomas Anderson's best work to date. (Wikipedia, Rotten Tomatoes 91%)

Movie 2: *Peace by Chocolate* (2021, Prime Video) – Comedy/Drama

Rating: 4.7

Peace by Chocolate is based on an internationally recognized true story. After the bombing of his family's chocolate factory, Tareq Hadhad, a charming young Syrian refugee, struggles to settle into small-town life in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. Despite moving to a new country, he's intent on pursuing his dream to become a doctor. But when his father, Issam, insists that he must focus on survival, Tareq and his family move towards a different, but familiar path: Rebuilding Issam's chocolate business. When what seemed like a nostalgic attempt to cling onto remnants of an old life past becomes an overnight sensation, Tareq is shocked. As father and son both struggle to find common ground and navigate the complexities of family duty, the heightening tension between them threatens to tear the family apart. (Rotten Tomatoes, 86%)

SEPTEMBER MOVIES

American Factory (2019, Netflix) – Documentary

American Factory is about Chinese company Fuyao's factory in Moraine, a city near Dayton, Ohio, taking over a defunct General Motors truck plant. At the time of the GM closing in December 2008, the plant employed 2,400 people. In late 2015, Fuyao opens the factory to build automotive glass for various automakers, hiring two thousand Americans. Early days of hope and optimism give way to setbacks as high-tech China clashes with working-class America. Rotten Tomatoes website says: "*American Factory* takes a thoughtful -- and troubling -- look at the dynamic between workers and employers in the 21st-century globalized economy." The film won an Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature.

Fat Man and Little Boy (1989, Prime Video) – Historical, War Drama

Fat Man and Little Boy were the names of the two WWII bombs dropped on the Japanese cities of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, respectively. In real life, Robert Oppenheimer (played by Dwight Schultz) was the scientific head of the Manhattan project, the secret wartime project in New Mexico where the first atomic bombs were designed and built. General Leslie Groves (played by Paul Newman) was in overall command and the film reenacts the project with an emphasis on their relationship.