

MVAH ZOOM December Movie Club

December 15, 2020 2pm

Next movie club: January 19th at 3PM

Attendees:

Cher Terry
Karen Justesen
Betsy Stephens
Louise and Bob McLean
Carol and Joe Mattaino
Kathleen Hanrahan
Caryl Curry

Movie 1. The Death of Stalin – Netflix

MVAH MOVIE CLUB AVERAGE RATING: 2.3 OUT OF 5

Moscow, 1953. After being in power for nearly thirty years, Soviet dictator Joseph Vissarionovich Stalin (Adrian McLoughlin) takes ill and quickly dies. Now the members of the Council of Ministers scramble for power.

Rotten tomatoes give it a 95% audience score 78%

When tyrannical dictator Joseph Stalin dies in 1953, his parasitic cronies square off in a frantic power struggle to become the next Soviet leader. Among the contenders are the dweebish Georgy Malenkov, the wily Nikita Khrushchev and Lavrenti Beria -- the sadistic secret police chief. As they bumble, brawl and backstab their way to the top, the question remains -- just who is running the government?

Rating: R (Some Sexual References | Language Throughout | Violence)

Genre: Dark Comedy

Original Language: English

Director: Armando Iannucci

Producer: Nicolas Duval-Adassovsky, Kevin Loader, Laurent Zeitoun

Writer: Armando Iannucci, David Schneider, Ian Martin

Release Date (Theaters): Mar 9, 2018 Limited

Release Date (Streaming): Jun 11, 2018

Box Office (Gross USA): \$8.0M

Runtime: 1h 47m

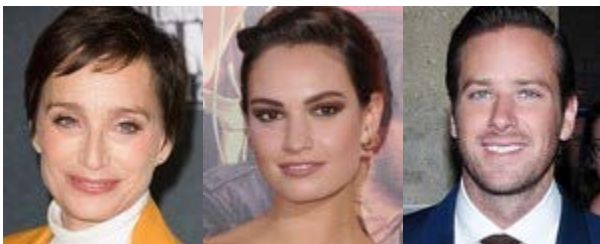
Production Co: Panache Productions, France 3 Cinéma, Quad Productions, Gaumont, Main Journey, La Compagnie Cinématographique

Movie 2. REBECCA 2020 production on Netflix

MVAH MOVIE CLUB AVERAGE RATING: 2.14 out of 5.

A young newlywed arrives at her husband's imposing family estate on a windswept English coast and finds herself battling the shadow of his first wife, Rebecca, whose legacy lives on in the house long after her death.

Rotten Tomatoes rated it 40%



Lily James

Mrs. de Winter

Armie Hammer

Maxim de Winter

Kristin Scott Thomas

Mrs. Danvers

Comments: Overall no one was crazy about either movie. That happens!

I asked if they would be interested in foreign films and the response was positive. So, in February we will have a foreign film – several of us have seen it, but think the other Movie Club folks would enjoy it, too. It is **THE SILENT REVOLUTION**. (Amazon Prime Video – Rental \$3.99) German with English subtitles. I haven't picked a second February movie yet.

The January movies selected are:

MIGHTY IRA – documentary on Amazon Prime Video

Ira Glasser is one of America's unsung champions of civil rights and liberties. As the leader of the American Civil Liberties Union for 23 years, he transformed the organization from a small, "mom-and-pop" operation on the verge of bankruptcy into a civil liberties juggernaut with offices in every state and a \$30 million endowment. As his generation retires from the barricades, Ira reminisces on his life at the forefront of defending the rights of all Americans, from civil rights leaders to neo-Nazis.

LATE NIGHT – Comedy on Amazon Prime Video

Katherine Newbury (Dame Emma Thompson) is a pioneer and legendary host on the late-night talk show circuit. When she's accused of being a "woman who hates women", she puts affirmative action on the to-do list, and - presto! - Molly (Mindy Kaling) is hired as the one woman in Katherine's all-male writers' room. But Molly might be too little too late, as the formidable Katherine also faces the reality of low ratings and a network that wants to replace her. Wanting to prove she's not merely a diversity hire who's disrupting the comfort of the brotherhood, Molly is determined to help Katherine revitalize her show and career - and possibly effect even bigger change at the same time.