

MVAH ZOOM Movie Club
June 7, 2022, 3pm
Next movie club: July 5th at 3PM
(Note: No movie club in August)

Attendees:

Host: Barbara Brennan

Cher Terry
Louise McLean
Robert McLean
Carol Mattaino
Joe Mattaino

Movie 1. The Imitation Game – 2014 Netflix starring Benedict Cumberbatch, Keira Knightley

Rating: 4.9

Turing has been of great renown among computer scientists for generations, but in recent years his stature as a culture icon has steadily grown, and now millions of people know him because of the Oscar-nominated movie “The Imitation Game.”

The film focuses on Turing’s heroics in World War II, when he worked for the British intelligence service and played the key role in breaking the German “Enigma” code.

“He invented the idea of software, essentially,” Dyson says. “It’s software that’s really the important invention. We had computers before. They were mechanical devices. What we never had before was software. That’s the essential discontinuity: That a machine would actually decide what to do by itself.” Quote by Freeman Dyson, famed physicist.

Movie 2. Belfast. Written and directed by Kenneth Branagh – Amazon

Rating: 4.8

A 2021 British coming-of-age drama film written and directed by Kenneth Branagh. The film stars Caitriona Balfe, Judi Dench, Jamie Dornan, Ciarán Hinds, Colin Morgan, and newcomer Jude Hill. The film, which Branagh has described as his "most personal film", follows a young boy's childhood in Belfast, Northern Ireland, at the beginning of The Troubles in 1969. A biographical sketch of Kenneth Branagh’s young life in Belfast.

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House of Gucci – 2021 film – Amazon

House of Gucci is a 2021 American biographical crime drama film directed by Ridley Scott, based on the 2001 book *The House of Gucci: A Sensational Story of Murder, Madness, Glamour, and Greed* by Sara Gay Forden. The film follows Patrizia Reggiani (Lady Gaga) and Maurizio Gucci (Adam Driver), as their romance transforms into a fight for control of the Italian fashion brand Gucci. Jared Leto, Jeremy Irons, Jack Huston, Salma Hayek, and Al Pacino also star.

RESPECT – 2021 film – Amazon

Respect is a 2021 American biographical musical drama film directed by Liesl Tommy (in her feature directorial debut), written by Tracey Scott Wilson, Callie Khouri, and is based on the life of American singer Aretha Franklin. The film stars Jennifer Hudson as Franklin, with Forest Whitaker, Marlon Wayans, Audra McDonald, Marc Maron, Tituss Burgess, and Mary J. Blige in supporting roles. The film follows the first three decades of Franklin's life, from being born as a musical prodigy in an affluent African-American family, the repercussions of losing her mother at age 10 to her arduous rise to international musical stardom, while enduring an abusive marriage.