

MVAH ZOOM Movie Club

May 2, 2023 @ 3pm

Next movie club: June 6, 2023 @ 3PM

Attendees:

Carol Mattaino
Joe Mattaino
Louise McLean
Robert McLean
Cher Terry
Kathi Hanrahan (host)

MAY MOVIES

Movie 1: Charlie Wilson's War (2007, Netflix) – Dark Comedy

Rating: 4.33

In the 1980s U.S. Rep. Charlie Wilson (Tom Hanks), Texas socialite Joanne Herring (Julia Roberts) and CIA agent Gust Avrakotos (Philip Seymour Hoffman) form an unlikely alliance to boost funding for Afghan freedom fighters in their war against invading Soviets. The trio's successful efforts to finance these covert operations contributes to the fall of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War. *Charlie Wilson's War* manages to entertain and inform audiences, thanks to its witty script and talented cast of power players. (Rotten Tomatoes, score: 82%)

Movie 2: Till (2022, Prime Video) – Historical Drama

Rating: 4.63

Till is a profoundly emotional and cinematic film about the true story of Mamie Till Mobley's relentless pursuit of justice for her 14 year old son, Emmett Till, who, in 1955, was brutally lynched while visiting his cousins in Mississippi. In Mamie's poignant journey of grief turned to action, we see the universal power of a mother's ability to change the world. *Till* reframes an historically horrific murder within a mother's grief, brought heartwrenchingly to life by Danielle Deadwyler's tremendous performance. (Rotten Tomatoes, score 96%)

JUNE MOVIES

Movie 1: Manchester by the Sea (2016, Prime Video) - Drama

After the death of his older brother Joe, Lee Chandler (Casey Affleck) is shocked that Joe has made him sole guardian of his teenage nephew Patrick. Taking leave of his job as a janitor in Boston, Lee reluctantly returns to Manchester-by-the-Sea, the fishing village where his working-class family has lived for generations. There, he is forced to deal with a past that separated him from his wife, Randi (Michelle Williams), and the community where he was born and raised. The film received critical acclaim and was widely counted among the best films of 2016; the National Board of Review listed it as the top film of 2016 and Affleck won the Academy Award for Best Actor. (Rotten Tomatoes, 96%, Wikipedia)

Movie 2: The Land Before Time (1988, Netflix) – Animated film

The Land Before Time is a classic animated adventure film directed by Don Bluth. The movie follows the journey of a young brontosaurus named Littlefoot, as he and his friends embark on a perilous journey to find a lush and safe land known as the Great Valley. Along the way, they encounter various challenges and obstacles, but their determination and friendship keep them going. The film features the voices of Pat Hingle, Candace Hutson, Judith Barsi, and Will Ryan, among others, and is a timeless tale of courage and hope in the face of adversity. Ultimately 14 films were released in a series up through 2016. (Forbes, 4/1/23, Wikipedia)