

MVAH ZOOM Movie Club

July 5, 2022, 3pm

Next movie club: August 2nd at 3PM

Attendees:

Host: Barbara Brennan

Cher Terry
Louise McLean
Robert McLean
Carol Mattaino
Joe Mattaino
Betsy Stephens
Caryl Curry

Movie 1. The House of Gucci –2021 film based on the 2001 book of the same name.

(Amazon) Starring Lady Gaga,

Rating: 3.75

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.

Movie 2. RESPECT. 2021 film – Amazon.

Rating: 3.25

Starring Jennifer Judson as Aretha Franklin. Forest Whitaker as her father.

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, ultimately concluding with the recording of her influential live album *Amazing Grace* (1972).

AUGUST MOVIES

- 1. ALL THE PRESIDENTS' MEN. Remembering Watergate. This is the 50th Anniversary so thought watching ALL THE PRESIDENTS' MEN would bring back some memories. It is also interesting to see what life was like in Washington during that period. – rotary phones, typewriters, phone booths, etc. -Starring Dustin Hoffman and Robert Redford. Nominated for 8 academy awards. Watch on HBO MAX (Turner Classic Movie is part of HBO Max). Or rent on Amazon Prime Video.**

All the President's Men is a 1976 American biographical political drama-thriller film about the Watergate scandal that brought down the presidency of Richard Nixon. Directed by Alan J. Pakula with a screenplay by William Goldman, it is based on the 1974 non-fiction book of the same name by Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward, the two journalists investigating the Watergate scandal for The Washington Post.

The film stars Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman as Woodward and Bernstein, respectively; it was produced by Walter Coblenz for Redford's Wildwood Enterprises.

The film was nominated in multiple Oscar, Golden Globe and BAFTA categories, and in 2010, the film was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant." [2][3]

- 2. QUARTERT – 2012 drama/comedy. Starring Maggie Smith, Tom Courtenay.**

Once-popular opera diva Jean Horton (Maggie Smith) creates a stir with her arrival at Beecham House, a home for retired performers. No one

feels the uproar more than Reginald (Tom Courtenay), Jean's ex-husband, who still stings from her long-ago infidelity. Most of the other Beecham residents are delighted, and try to convince Jean to join them in a performance of "Rigoletto." Jean, however, knows that she is long past her prime and is reluctant to sully the memory of her once-lovely voice.