

EXPLORING FILM GENRES



CLASSES FOR ADULTS ABOUT UNDERSTANDING FILMS

Movie Watching is an activity that starts at a young age. The wonder and social components that come with going to the movies fill us with excitement. Now, as adults, you can experience movies with a deeper understanding of their content. The Plaza is proud to be offering classes for adults about analyzing films with an introduction to film genres. This four week series will show viewers how to look at the core values that lie at the heart of specific film genres. Each class will deal with a different genre, delving into Noir, Western, Thriller, Musical, and many types of cinema. At the beginning of the class we will discuss the fundamentals of the genre of the day and then screen a film. After the film we will come back together to talk about how elements like lighting, cinematography, and mise-en-scène work together to create the filmic environment.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Think about how elements of film work together to create distinguished genres.
- Articulate and discuss films in an analytic way to understand their deeper meaning.
- Go over the basics of cinematic grammar, reviewing terms that adhere to lighting techniques, cinematography, sound editing, and narrative.
- Discuss the process of critiquing and celebrating films to be able to discuss what works and doesn't work for a particular movie.
- Consider the history surrounding each film and how it may have influenced the genre.



ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR: As The Plaza's Film and Media Arts Education Coordinator, Jennifer Gagliardi is responsible for the Media Arts program for children and teens. She also curates The Cineaste film series. Jennifer holds a BA in English Literature and an MA in Art History and Criticism with a concentration in film/cultural studies. She is currently an adjunct professor in the St. Joseph's College English Department.

TUITION: \$125 OR \$100 FOR PLAZA MEMBERS

SERIES ONE (NEW STUDENTS):
1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13 | 10AM-1PM

SERIES TWO (NEW & RETURNING STUDENTS):
1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15 | 1PM-4PM

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