

Edgar Wright announces todayâ??s AFI Movie Club selection: DUCK SOUP (1933)

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Edgar Wright announces todayâ??s AFI Movie Club selection: DUCK SOUP â?? an early sophisticated comedy that holds up well over time. The film appears on three of AFIâ??s lists of the greatest American films â?? including #5 on AFIâ??s 100 YEARSâ?¦100 LAUGHS. And the Marx Brothers â?? Groucho, Chico and Harpo â?? appear collectively at #20 on AFIâ??s list of the greatest screen legends!

The mayor of Fredonia, NY, complained to Paramount Pictures about the name of the mythical kingdom of Freedonia. There is now a film festival in celebration of the film â?? Freedonia Marxonia: Marx Brothers Film Festival and Symposium â?? held in Fredonia! In the meantime, watch Billy Crystal and Lily Tomlin talk about their love of the Marx Brothers in this exclusive AFI Archive clip.

Interesting Facts

Italian dictator Benito Mussolini banned the film from Italy because he thought it was a direct attack on him.

Groucho had a very unique explanation of the movieâ??s title. â??Take two turkeys, one goose, four cabbages, but no duck, and mix them together. After one taste, youâ??ll duck soup the rest of your life.â?•

DUCK SOUP is the final Marx Brothers film to feature straight man Zeppo Marx?

Actress Margaret Dumont starred in half of all Marx Brothers movies. She was an experienced comedienne, who Groucho Marx referred to as â??practically the fifth Marx Brother.â?•

DUCK SOUP doesnâ??t end at the credits. Engage with your family, friends and others like you who love the movies. Check out the AFI Movie Club Discussion Questions for this movie and post your responses in the comment section!

AFI Movie Club Discussion Questions

Join the conversation on Twitter and Instagram now using #AFIMovieClub. Or post your responses in the comment section below.

-DUCK SOUP is a satire â?? using humor to comment on the world. What elements of the movie do you think may have been happening in the world during the time it was made?

-What themes of the movie still resonate in todayâ??s world?

-Many consider DUCK SOUP to be the best of the Marx Brothers movies. Do you have a favorite?

-The Marx Brothers are one of the funniest comedy groups in movie history â?? inspiring generations. What comedy groups and comedians rank as your favorites?

-How would you rate DUCK SOUP?

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