



SCHMIGADOON! AFI Movie Club Pick of the Day

Description

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Today's AFI Movie Club selection is *Schmigadoon!*, an American musical comedy television series created by Cinco Paul and Ken Dario that parodies and pays homage to Golden Age musicals of the 1940s and 1950s. Cinco Paul also has written all the show's songs.



Schmigadoon!

The series is directed by Barry Sonnenfeld and stars an ensemble cast including Cecily Strong, Kristen Chenoweth, Martin Short, and recent Academy-award winner, Ariana DeBose (*West Side Story*), among others. Christopher Gattelli handled the choreography.

Cecily Strong also is credited as a series producer. Said Strong, “It turns out that when you stay with something for two years, they make you a producer. Strong was the first person cast in *SCHMIGADOON!*”



Cecily Strong

Here is what the American Film Institute had to say about *SCHMIGADOON!* at the 2021 AFI Awards:

“SCHMIGADOON! explodes with joy and music and laughter – and contemporary cynicism. This candy-colored cocktail is hand-crafted by Cinco Paul and Ken Daurio, who have created an ebullient valentine to musicals by inviting even the most sardonic to see the world beyond the fog of Brigadoon. Cecily Strong and Keegan-Michael Key light up a glittering marquee of Broadway talent that power an insight into personal change through clever homage, catchy songs and bravura, show-stopping choreography.” -The American Film Institute, [AFI AWARDS 2021](#)

The series is available on Apple TV+ and premiered on July 16th, 2021.

Check out the official trailer where star Kristen Chenoweth sings the showstopping “Tribulation” sing-a-long in one four-minute-long, continuous take!

About AFI Movie Club

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