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Brad Pitt announces todayâ??s AFI Movie Club selection: BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID. Starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford as the infamous outlaws, the film appears on AFIâ??s original and 10th-anniversary lists of the greatest American films â?? and the dynamic duo of Butch and Sundance were co-ranked #20 among AFIâ??s greatest screen heroes!

DID YOU KNOW? The real Butch Cassidy never used violence or firearms until he moved to Bolivia in the last days of his life. William Goldman, who won an OscarÂ® for writing the film, said that this paradox in Cassidyâ??s character was his primary motivator in developing the story for the film. View this exclusive AFI Archive video of Goldman talking about writing the film.

Interesting Facts

Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid were real-life outlaws living at the turn of the 20th century.

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Robert LeRoy Parker and Harry Alonzo Longabaugh â?? the real-life Butch and Sundance! â?? were members of a gang called The Wild Bunch. The gangâ??s name was never referred to in the movie to avoid confusion with another western in theaters that same year â?? Sam Peckinpahâ??s THE WILD BUNCH!

Stars Paul Newman and Robert Redford teamed up with director George Roy Hill for THE STING in 1973. That later film would win Best Picture at the Academy AwardsÂ®!

BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID was the highest-grossing Western ever made. Adjusted for todayâ??s numbers, the film would have earned over a half billion dollars!

Paul Newman, an early investor in BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID, initially planned to play Sundance with Steve McQueen as his co-star.

The movie doesnâ??t end at the credits: Family-friendly Discussion Questions

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

-Is this the first time youâ??ve seen BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID?

-Does the Western theme remind you of other kinds of movies youâ??ve seen that are not typically considered to be Westerns, such as STAR WARS?

-The dynamic duo Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid were co-ranked #20 on AFIâ??s 100 YEARSâ?¦100 HEROES & VILLAINS list. Would you describe them as heroes? Why or why not?

-BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID was released in September 1969. What else was going in our nation at that time â?? and why do you think this movie resonated so strongly with audiences?

-Why do you think BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID is still so beloved after 51 years?

-How would you rate BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID?

EXTRA â?? Listen to what everyday funnyman Ben Stiller has to say about the film and about Woodcock, in aprticular, here:

I hope the AFI Movie Club brings some inspiration and entertainment during this uncertain time when we are reminded â??Thereâ??s no place like home.â?• AFI has created a global, virtual gathering of those who love the movies where each dayâ??s film â?? announced by a special guest â?? is accompanied by fun facts, family-friendly discussion points and material from the AFI Archive to bring the viewing experience to life. As a non-profit, AFI Movie Club is a member-powered organization, dependent upon the support of its movie fans. To support AFI Movie Club please consider becoming a member or donating.

About AFI Movie Club

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