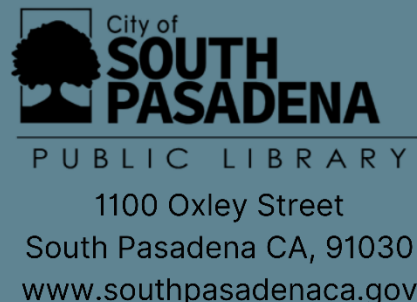




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South Pasadena Public Library to Host Silent Film Series with Live Piano Accompaniment

South Pasadena (Calif.) – South Pasadena has served as a filming location for many famous features. From Paul Powell's *Pollyanna* (1920) to John Carpenter's *Halloween* (1978), South Pasadena is entrenched in Hollywood history. In celebration of our cinematic city, the South Pasadena Public Library is hosting a special silent film series in October, November, and December. All screenings will take place in the Library Community Room, located at 1115 El Centro Street, South Pasadena. No registration is required.

Silent Film Series Dates:

Date: Friday, October 4, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Library Community Room, 1115 El Centro Street, South
Pasadena, CA 91030

Film(s): *The Haunted House* (1921) and *Nosferatu* (1922)

Date: Friday, November 15, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Library Community Room, 1115 El Centro Street, South
Pasadena, CA 91030

Film(s): *Andy Gump's Stump Speech* (1924) and *Upstream* (1927)

Date: Friday, December 13, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Library Community Room, 1115 El Centro Street, South
Pasadena, CA 91030

Film(s): *Peter Pan* (1924)

All films will be accompanied by live piano by Michael D. Mortilla.

Michael D. Mortilla is well known in the silent film world as a composer and accompanist. Michael has composed silent film scores for the Chicago Symphony, the Academy of Motion Pictures, the Library of Congress, the Olympics, National Film Preservation Foundation, and many others. He

was the last composer to collaborate on a produced work with legendary choreographer Martha Graham. Mr. Mortilla was a faculty member at UC Santa Barbara for fourteen years, serving as resident composer and sound designer in theater and dance. Since 2000 he has resided in Burbank, working as a free-lance journeyman composer and sound designer in theater, film, silent film, animation, dance, and various other productions.

This program is made possible by the generous support of the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library. The Library is located at 1100 Oxley Street in South Pasadena. For information about services and programs, visit the website is at www.southpasadenaca.gov/library. The Library is open Monday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Upon request made no later than four (4) business days before the event, the City will provide a reasonable accommodation for a qualified person with a disability to have equal access to the event. Please call (626) 403-7312 or fill out the City's request form available at <https://www.southpasadenaca.gov> and email the form to Human Resources at HR@southpasadenaca.gov.

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