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Sandburg hosts 'Movie Music Romance' class Oct. 4

GALESBURG, IL Sept. 26, 2018— “Movie Music Romance,” a narrated 2-hour presentation of 36 classic film clips spanning the past 80 years, will be presented for the first time at Carl Sandburg College at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4. Advanced registration is encouraged (\$15) and everyone is invited to attend.

“Movie Music Romance” is the second of what is expected to be a series of three multimedia history presentations making the rounds at Illinois community colleges since last year. The in-person show is presented by John LeGear, a semi-retired history buff from Chicago who has been building and promoting national nonprofit organizations for the past 40 years.



In the music presentation, LeGear sets up the scene for each of the 36 film clips that appear, but candidly admits the joy comes from taking an 80-year journey through some of the film industry's most memorable movie moments.

“Two years ago I cobbled together the American history seminar for community colleges to inspire the audience to think,” LeGear said. “The idea behind ‘Movie Music Romance’ is to invite the audience to feel. Most of these songs and dances will trigger fond memories, especially among the senior citizens who most often come to their local community college for this type of program. But beyond that, these film highlights permit people to relive the experience again and recall the joy of the first time they saw them.”

Songs and dances range in length from one to four minutes and feature the likes of Judy Garland, Audrey Hepburn, Ann-Margret, Elvis Presley, Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling. Tunes include “As Time Goes By” from “Casablanca” and “Singing in the Rain” to turning-point moments from recent films like “The Shape of Water” and “The Greatest Showman.”

The Corporate Leisure department at Carl Sandburg College agreed to be the first of what is expected to be a dozen or more Illinois community colleges to host “Movie Music Romance.” Most of the selected colleges have already hosted LeGear’s history seminar — now called “American History at Hollywood Speed” — which may be coming to Sandburg in 2019.

“Movie Music Romance” will be held on the main campus in the Center for Manufacturing Excellence building from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4. Registration is \$15. Please register in advance either through the college’s Leisure and Corporate Department, or by calling Linda at (309) 345-3501.

A preview of the presentation can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/o2tz4eOj4Dc>.