



INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR ETHNIC STUDIES

American Movie Classics

at the

ICES Auditorium, 2, Kynsey Terrace, Colombo 08



BEN HUR

Friday, February 16: 4:30pm

A Film by Timur Bekmambelov

Ben-Hur is a 2016 American epic historical period drama film directed by Timur Bekmambelov and written by Keith Clarke and John Ridley. It is the fifth film adaptation of 1880 novel **Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ** by Lew Wallace. Ben Hur is the story of Judah Ben-Hur a prince falsely accused of treason by his adopted brother Messala. Separated from his family and the woman he loves Judah is forced into slavery. After years at sea Judah returns to take revenge. Starring: Jack Huston, Toby Kebbell, Rodrigo Santoro, Morgan Freeman. **(124 minutes.)**



THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI

Friday, February 23: 4:30pm

A Film David Lean

The Bridge on the River Kwai is a 1957 British-American epic war film. When British P.O.W.s build a vital railway bridge in enemy occupied Burma, Allied commandos are assigned to destroy it. The film captured the imagination of the public and won seven 1957 Academy Awards including Best Picture, Best Actor (Alec Guinness), and Best Director (David Lean). Even it's the theme song, an old WWI whistling tune, the "Colonel Bogey March," became a massive worldwide hit. *The Bridge on the River Kawi* continues today as one of the most memorable cinematic experience of all time. **(162 minutes)**



THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH

Friday, March 2: 4:30pm

An Alfred Hitchcock Masterpiece

James Stewart and Doris Day give magnificent performances as Ben and JoMcKenna, an American couple vacationing in Morocco. whose son is kidnaped and taken to England. Caught up in International espionage, the McKennas' lives hang in the balance as they race to save their son in the chilling, climactic showdown in London's famous Royal Albert Hall. **(120 minutes)**



SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

Friday, March 9: 4:30pm

A film by Gene Kelly and Stanley Donen

Movies are giving way to talking pictures – Silent and a Hooper-turned-matinee idol (Gene Kelly) is caught in the bumpy transition, as are his buddy, (Donald O'Connor), prospective ladylove (Debbie Reynolds) and shrewish costar (Jean Hagen). Rediscover the musical masterwork, *Singin in the Rain*, with downpour of celebratory special features that salute not just this all-time favorite but also the musical legacy of its producer, songwriter Arthur Freed. **(103 minutes)**



LOVE IS A MANY SPLENORED THING

Friday, March 16 : 4:30pm

A film by Henry King

Love, as portrayed and dramatized in this fine and sensitive Buddy Adler production based on the Han Suyin bestseller, is indeed a many-splendored thing. It's an unusual picture shot against authentic Hong Kong backgrounds and offbeat in its treatment, yet as simple and moving a love story as has come along in many a moon. William Holden as the American correspondent, and Jennifer Jones as the Eurasian Doctor, make a romantic team of great appeal. The film won several awards including Best Picture Buddy Adler, Best Actress Jennifer Jones, Best Original Music Score Alfred Newman. **(102 minutes)**