

## **Emory & Turner Classic Movies Offer Film Course for Non-traditional Adult Students**

**For immediate release:** Atlanta, GA April 13, 2009 – How has film been used as a tool to expose injustice and advocate reform? What are the challenges of bringing a literary property to the screen? What are the differences between The Marx Brothers' Paramount and MGM periods? The new *TCM Film School*, offered by Evening at Emory and Turner Classic Movies, provides the unique opportunity for adult students to learn about and discuss the history and artistry of American film, thereby gaining a heightened awareness and appreciation of the medium.

Bret Wood, Award-Winning Filmmaker and DVD Producer will teach the inaugural *TCM Film School*, leading students on an exploration of five essential American movies of various genres personally selected by TCM's on-air host, Robert Osborne: "Ben-Hur" (1959), "Lolita" (1962), "A Night at the Opera" (1935), "The Letter" (1940) and "I Am a Fugitive From a Chain Gang" (1932).

Wood's DVDs have received the National Society of Film Critics Film Heritage Award (2003 and 2004), and in 2008, appeared on the Ten Best lists of *The New York Times*, *Entertainment Weekly* and *Sight and Sound*. A former instructor of Film History at the Atlanta College of Art (1995 - 2007), Wood has published numerous works on the subject. He is also a regular contributor to TCM Interactive and an award-winning filmmaker, writing and directing the documentary "Hell's Highway: The True Story of Highway Safety Films" (2003) and "Psychopathia Sexualis" (2006).

The course meets on Tuesdays from July 14 to August 11; 7-8:00 pm. Course tuition is \$195. For more information, please visit the Evening at Emory website: [www.EveningAtEmory.org](http://www.EveningAtEmory.org).

Turner Classic Movies is a Peabody Award-winning network celebrating 15 years of presenting great films, uncut and commercial-free, from the largest film libraries in the world. Currently seen in more than 80 million homes, TCM features the insights of veteran primetime host Robert Osborne and weekend daytime host Ben Mankiewicz, plus interviews with a wide range of special guests. As the foremost authority in classic films, TCM offers critically acclaimed original documentaries and specials, along with regular programming events that include *The Essentials*, *31 Days of Oscar* and *Summer Under the Stars*. TCM also produces a wide range of media about classic film, including books and DVDs, along with hosting a wealth of materials at its Web site, [www.tcm.com](http://www.tcm.com). TCM is part of Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., a Time Warner company.

Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., a Time Warner company, creates and programs branded news, entertainment, animation and young adult media environments on television and other platforms for consumers around the world.

Evening at Emory is a program of the Emory University Center for Lifelong Learning committed to nurturing the timeless passion for lifelong learning through innovative, sophisticated personal enrichment classes for adults. Since 1951, the program has encouraged personal growth in an atmosphere that fosters creativity, discussion, and intellectual exploration.

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