



***Laugh it up!***  
**Lyric Opera San Diego presents**  
**“CLASSICS OF COMEDY” MOVIE SERIES**

**Forget your troubles and laugh your way through  
some of the funniest movies of all time!**

**Top Ticket Price \$9**

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**SAN DIEGO — Lighten up your summer with five chances to split your sides at some of the funniest films to ever grace the silver screen. Lyric Opera San Diego presents another fun movie series, “Classics of Comedy,” in the beautiful air-conditioned Birch North Park Theatre throughout the scorching month of August.**

**Sunday Aug. 2 & Wednesday Aug. 5: “Monty Python & the Holy Grail”**  
From the clown princes of British silliness comes this unique retelling of the legend of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. The inspiration for the Broadway smash hit “Spamalot” is as hilarious today as it was when it was first released in 1975.

**Sunday Aug. 9 & Wednesday Aug. 12 “There’s No Business Like Show Business”**  
Nominated for three Academy Awards, this 1954 classic musical depicts the adventures of the traveling, singing, and dancing Donahue Family, and features the comedic and musical talents of Ethel Merman, Donald O’Connor, and Marilyn Monroe, among others.

**Sunday Aug. 16 & Wednesday Aug. 19 “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off”**  
In 1986 high school students across the country cheered as a young Matthew Broderick hilariously redefined the concept of playing hooky, with star supporting turns by Ben Stein (“Bueller... Bueller...”), Jennifer Grey, and even Charlie Sheen.

**Sunday Aug. 23 & Wednesday Aug. 26 “Harold and Maude”**  
A mixture of slapstick, dark humor, and existentialist drama, this 1971 cult favorite revolves around the love affair of Harold, a young man (played by Bud Cort) and the septuagenarian Maude (played by Ruth Gordon), who meet at a funeral.

Sunday Aug. 30 & Wednesday Sept. 2 **“Young Frankenstein”**

An early film by the great Mel Brooks and one of his funniest, this 1974 comedy is an affectionate parody of Frankenstein movies in the classical horror film genre, and stars Gene Wilder as the title character, with Teri Garr, Cloris Leachman, Marty Feldman, Madeline Kahn, Gene Hackman, Kenneth Mars, and finally Peter Boyle as the monster.

Sunday Matinees: 2:30PM

Wednesday Evenings: 7PM

Tickets:

\$9 general admission

\$7 students/seniors

Tickets available at [www.birchnorthparktheatre.net](http://www.birchnorthparktheatre.net) by calling (619) 239-8836 or at the theater box office

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