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***SILENT MOVIE MONDAYS* Returns for Season Three at the Historic Balboa Theatre**

San Diego, CA – June 8, 2026 – This fall, the silver screen flickers and the Wonder Morton Theatre Organ roars back to life as **Silent Movie Mondays** returns to the Historic Balboa Theatre for its highly anticipated third season — an immersive celebration of silent cinema where classic films, immersive music, and a devoted community of moviegoers come together for unforgettable Monday nights in the Gaslamp Quarter.

Following the season reveal during the June 8 screening of *Safety Last!* — the finale of Season Two — San Diego Theatres is proud to unveil a new lineup of seven silent-era classics spanning spine-tingling suspense, sweeping romance, laugh-out-loud comedy, and grand adventure.

“San Diego Theatres is thrilled to present the third season of Silent Movie Mondays at the Balboa Theatre”, said Steven Johnson, Vice President of Business Development and Marketing for San Diego Theatres. Johnson added, “Season Three showcases some of the best silent cinema of the era, and a roster of acclaimed theatre organists that will delight not only our loyal audience but those new to this exceptional experience.

Season Three of Silent Movie Mondays will kick off with two haunting silent classics: ***The Headless Horseman (1922)*** on September 21 featuring acclaimed theatre organist Ken Double, followed by ***Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (1920)*** featuring organist David Marsh on October 26 Setting the tone for an autumn filled with excitement and just the right dose of suspense and scare from cinema’s earliest storytellers.

Audiences will delight in our ***Laurel & Hardy*** holiday triple-feature on December 7 featuring organist Russ Peck, and revel in the thrilling spectacle of **Buster Keaton’s *The General (1926)*** with organist Brett Valliant on February 8, and swoon over the sweeping romance of ***The Sheik (1921)*** featuring organist David Marsh, laugh alongside Harold Lloyd’s heartfelt comedy ***Grandma’s Boy (1922)*** accompanied by organist Russ Peck on May 3, and we close Season Three of Silent Movie Mondays with the dazzling fantasy epic ***The Thief of Bagdad (1924)*** featuring a return of organist Ken Double.

Each screening begins with a live pre-show performance on the historic Wonder Morton Theatre Organ, by acclaimed theatre organist Rosemary Bailey, setting the mood to help transport audiences back to the magic of the early days of moviemaking. Following each screening, an engaging talkback with the evening organist alongside a film expert, offering behind-the-scenes context, historical insight, and lively conversation brings these nearly century-old stories into a fresh, contemporary light.

Silent Movie Mondays has become a gathering place for classic film lovers, curious newcomers, and costumed enthusiasts alike. Guests are encouraged to lean into each month’s theme — with many attendees arriving in period-inspired attire, playful costumes, or looks inspired by the evening’s featured film, helping transform the Historic Balboa Theatre into a living tribute to cinema’s golden age. Arrive early and stay late for fun and informative activities!



Balboa Theatre's history began in **1924** when it opened as a vibrant venue for vaudeville, music, and silent films in **downtown San Diego**. A century later, that legacy continues as audiences are transported back to that era when these films illuminated the screen and the theatre organ roared to life creating a whimsical, atmospheric, and totally unique auditory experience that replicated the sounds of a full symphony at the fingertips of one player.

Ticket prices start at **\$18 for reserved seating** (\$11 for students, seniors (\$65+), and military members) and are available for purchase at <https://sandiegotheatres.org/silent-movie-mondays>

Premium reserved seating is available for **\$38** (\$33 for students, seniors, and military members). This ticket includes a complimentary bag of hot buttered popcorn.

Fans of the series are encouraged to take advantage of our early bird season ticket offer available through June 30th. Subscribers receive 7 shows for the price of 6 along with new perks, including a commemorative Season 3 lapel pin & VIP lanyard, designated VIP Season Ticket Holder Entrance, Season Ticket Holder Lounge and invitations to experiences only offered to season ticket holders.

Media assets available for download here: [Silent Movie Mondays Season III](#)

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ABOUT SAN DIEGO THEATRES

San Diego Theatres, Inc. proudly manages the San Diego Civic Theatre, celebrating 60 years of artistic excellence, and the historic Balboa Theatre, which marked its 100th anniversary in 2024. Committed to creating transformative moments through world-class performing arts and educational experiences, San Diego Theatres fosters collaboration, builds community connections, and ensures every performance becomes a cherished memory.

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Silent Movie Mondays Season 3 Films and Information

The Headless Horseman (1922) Monday, September 21, 2026.

The eerie charm of Washington Irving's legendary tale brought to life! Starring the iconic Will Rogers, these atmospheric silent classic blends humor, romance, and spine-tingling folklore as the superstitious Ichabod Crane finds himself entangled in a terrifying midnight encounter that may—or may not—be more than a ghostly legend. A hauntingly fun cinematic experience featuring live organ accompaniment by Ken Double.

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (1920) Monday, October 26, 2026.

One of silent cinema's most chilling performances is *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*! John Barrymore delivers a mesmerizing transformation in this dark tale of science gone horribly wrong, as a brilliant doctor unleashes his sinister alter ego with shocking consequences that spiral beyond his control. The gripping and gothic masterpiece will feature live organ accompaniment by David Marsh.

Laurel & Hardy Triple Feature (1933-1937) Monday, December 7, 2026.

The definition of pure comedy gold with a *Laurel & Hardy Triple Feature*! A classic 234-minute compilation featuring three of the duo's most beloved comedic films: *Bogus Bandits* (1933), *March of the Wooden Soldiers* (1934), and *Movie Struck* (1937). Featuring Organist by Russ Peck.

The General (1926) Monday, February 8, 2027.

Experience Buster Keaton at his very best in *The General*! Packed with breathtaking stunts, ingenious gags, and non-stop action, this Civil War-era adventure follows a determined railroad engineer who will stop at nothing to recover his beloved locomotive—and win back the girl he loves. With live organ accompaniment by Brett Valiant.

The Sheik (1921) Monday, March 22, 2027.

Immerse yourself in the sweeping romance and exotic adventure of *The Sheik*! Rudolph Valentino became a global sensation with this passionate story of love, danger, and desire set against a backdrop of sweeping desert landscapes and high drama that captivated audiences worldwide. With David Marsh featuring live organ accompaniment.

Grandma's Boy (1922) Monday, May 3, 2027.

Harold Lloyd is at his most endearing in *Grandma's Boy*! This heartfelt comedy follows a timid young man who must find his courage—with a little help from his spirited grandmother—to overcome his fears, win the girl, and finally become the hero of his own story. A charming and uplifting comedy featuring live organ accompaniment by Russ Peck.

The Thief of Bagdad (1924) Monday, June 7, 2027.

Douglas Fairbanks shines in this magical adventure filled with flying carpets, enchanted palaces, and daring feats as a clever rogue set out to win the heart of a princess and prove that even a thief can become a hero. A breathtaking cinematic fantasy featuring live organ accompaniment by Ken Double.