Selected Great Films: We hope that this partial list of great directors, films and actors will guide you to films that you will enjoy and might otherwise overlook. Sometimes films are remade with identical titles, so be sure you check the dates. (Films in black and white have asterisks* next to them. Black and white films are often more beautiful than color films.)

Great Directors:

Sergei Eisenstein (Russian):
- Alexander Nevsky (1938)*
- The Battleship Potemkin (1925)*
- October (1928)*
- ¡Que Viva Mexico! (1931)*
- Strike (1925)*

Federico Fellini (Italian):
- La Strada (1954)*
- The White Sheik (1951)*

Akira Kurosawa (Japanese):
- Ikiru (1952)*
- The Seven Samurai (1954)*

Satyajit Ray (Indian):
- Pather Panchali (1955)*
- Aparajito (1956)*
- The World of Apu (1959)*
- Jalsaghar ("The Music Room") (1958)*

Jean Renoir (French):
- The Grand Illusion (1937)*
- The Rules of the Game (1939)*

Leni Riefenstahl (German): (film-maker to Hitler)
- Olympiad (1936-38)*
- Triumph of the Will (1934)*

Orson Welles (American):
- Citizen Kane (1941)*
- The Lady from Shanghai (1948)*
- Othello (1952)*

Comedy:
- Adam's Rib (1949)*
- Arsenic and Old Lace (1944)*
- Back to the Future (1985)
- Born Yesterday (1950)*
- Bringing Up Baby (1938)*
- City Lights (1921)*
- Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb (1964)*
- Duck Soup (1933)*
- A Fish Called Wanda (1988)
- The Gold Rush (1925)*
- The Guardsman (1931)*
- His Gal Friday (1940)*
- Hairspray (1988)
- It Happened One Night (1934)*
- The Horse's Mouth (1958)
- Jeeves and Wooster (1990)
- Kind Hearts and Coronets (1949)*
- Monsieur Hulot's Holiday (1953)
- Monty Python and the Holy Grail (1975)
- My Cousin Vinny (1992)
- My Family and Other Animals (2005)
- Ninotchka (1939)*
- The Producers (1968)
- Sherlock, Jr. (1924)*
- Sid Caesar (tv skits) (1950's)*
- The Solid Gold Cadillac (1956)*
- Some Like It Hot (1959)*
- The Thin Man (1934)*
- Yes, Prime Minister (1986)
- Wag the Dog (1997)
- Young Frankenstein (1974)

Documentaries:
- Bill Cunningham New York (2010)
- Encounters at the End of the World (2007)
- 4 Little Girls (1997)
- Grey Gardens (1975)
- Harlan County USA (1976)
- Rivers and Tides (2001)
- 7 Up (1964)*
- Shoah (1985)
- Spellbound (2002)
- The Thin Blue Line (1988)

Drama:
- Babette's Feast (1987)
- Barchester Chronicles (1982)
- The Battle of Algiers (1966)*
- The Bicycle Thief (1948)*
Billy Budd (1962)*
Breaker Morant (1979)
Burnt by the Sun (1995)
Central Station (1998)
Chariots of Fire (1981)
Citta Aperta ("Open City") (1945)*
The Crying Game (1992)
Disraeli (1929)*
The Emperor Jones (1933)*
Les Enfants du Paradis (1945)*
The Entertainer (1960)*
The 400 Blows (1958)*
Gladiator (2000)
Glory (1989)
The Godfather (1972)
The Heiress (1949)*
Henry V (1944)*
The Hurt Locker (2008)
King of Masks (1999)
Korczak (1990)*
The Letter (1940)*
Los Olvidados (1950)*
Malcolm X (1992)
A Man for All Seasons (1966)
Master and Commander (2003)
Milk (2008)
My Beautiful Laundrette (1985)
My Mother’s Castle (1990)
Not One Less (1999)
On The Waterfront (1954)*
The Passion of Joan of Arc (1928)*
The Revolt of Job (1984)
Richard III (1955)
A Soldier’s Tale (1984)
A Streetcar Named Desire (1951)*
Uncle Moses (1932)*
Uncle Vanya (1963)*
The Whisperers (1967)*

Romance: Becoming Jane (2007)
Bend It Like Beckham (2002)
I Know Where I’m Going (1945)*
Impromptu (1991)
Mostly Martha (in German) (2001)
Mediterraneo (1992)
Never on Sunday (1960)*
Pygmalion (1938)*
The Shop Around the Corner (1940)*

Suspense: Le Boucher (1969)
Casablanca (1942)*
Foyle’s War (2002)
Inside Job (2006)
The Lady Vanishes (1938)*
M (1931)*
The Maltese Falcon (1941)*
The Manchurian Candidate (1962)*
Notorious (1946)*
Rear Window (1954)*
The Scarlet Pimpernel (1935)*
The Seventh Seal (1956)*
Shadow of a Doubt (1943)*
The Shawshank Redemption (1994)
The Third Man (1949)
Sunset Boulevard (1950)
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Treasure of Sierra Madre (1948)
The Wages of Fear (1953)*

Westerns: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly (1966)
Lonesome Dove (1989)
My Darling Clementine (1946)*
The Searchers (1956)
Stagecoach (1939)*

Musicals: Cabaret (1972)
Cabin in the Sky (1943)*
Carmen Jones (1954)
Gold Diggers of 1933 (1933)*
My Fair Lady (1964)
Shall We Dance? (1937)*
Sister Act (1993)
West Side Story (1961)
The Wizard of Oz (1939)