

Advanced Audio-Visual Class

One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest 1975 Drama / Dark Humor

This was a novel first, a play second, and a movie third. It was filmed at the Oregon State Mental Hospital. The psychiatrists in the movie weren't actors. They were actual psychiatrists at the Oregon State Mental Hospital. Oscar Winner for Best Leading Actor, Best Leading Actress, Best Director (Milos Forman), Best Picture, Best Writing - Screenplay Adapted From Other Material. Oscar Nominee for Best Supporting Actor, Best Cinematography, Best Film Editing, Best Music. This was the second movie to ever win all of the "Big Five" Oscar Awards. The first was *It Happened One Night* (1934). The third was *Silence of the Lambs* (1991). Listed #20 on The American Film Institute's Top 100 Movies.

Airplane! 1980 Comedy

The American Film Institute called this one of the top ten funniest movies of all times. It won Best Comedy Screenplay from the Writers Guild of America. The screenplay was nominated for a BAFTA Award. The movie was nominated for a Golden Globe Award for Best Comedy Motion Picture.

Stand by Me 1986 Adventure / Drama

This is based on a novella by Stephen King, one of the US's most famous modern writers. He says that it is 90% true. Oscar Nomination for Best Writing - Screenplay Based on Material from Another Medium. All four actors won Young Artists' Awards, and they are all still acting in movies. The film was also nominated for a Directors Guild Award, two Golden Globes Award, three Independent Spirit Awards, and a Writers Guild Award.

City On The Edge Of Forever 1967 Science Fiction / Romance / Adventure

Won Best Written Dramatic Episode from the Writers Guild of America. Won Hugo Award for Best Dramatic Presentation. Nominated for four Emmy Awards, two for Outstanding Dramatic Series and two for Outstanding Supporting Actor (Leonard Nimoy, "Spock.")

Glory 1989 Drama / War / Western

Oscar Winner for Best Supporting Actor (Denzel Washington), Best Cinematography, Best Sound. It was nominated for two other Oscar Awards. It also won or was nominated for awards from American Cinema Editors, BAFTA, British Society of Cinematographers, Casting Society of America, Golden Globes, Grammy, Image, Political Film Society, and Writers Guild of America.

Finding Forrester 2002 Drama

Four wins and four nominations from Berlin International Film Festival, Casting Society of America, Golden Satellite, Heartland Film Festival, Last Vegas Film Critics Society, and Young Artist.

Much Ado About Nothing 1993 Comedy / Romance

This was the seventeenth of thirty-seven plays written by William Shakespeare (1564-1616). It is impossible to talk about English literature without discussing Shakespeare. His plays changed the English language, and they are still being performed today. Shakespearean actors are highly respected. Shakespeare's plays are the subject of more scholarly analysis

than anyone could possibly read. For this film, Kenneth Branagh (producer / Benedick) won a London Critics Circle Film Award for British Producer of the Year, and Emma Thompson (Beatrice) won an Evening Standard British Film Award for Best Actress. It was also nominated for a BAFTA Film Award for Best Costume Design, a Golden Palm Award at the Cannes Film Festival, a Golden Globes Award for Best Motion Picture - Comedy/Musical, An Independent Spirit Award for Best Feature, and An Independent Spirit Award for Female Lead (Emma Thompson - Beatrice).

October Sky 1999 Drama

This was a book first, then a movie. It is based on a true story. It won an Ajijic International Film Festival Award, a Broadcast Film Critics Award, and a Humanitas Prize. It was nominated for an Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy & Horror Award, an American Cinema Foundation Award, a Casting Society of America Award, a Motion Picture Sound Editors Award, a Writers Guild Award, two Young Artists Awards, and a YoungStar Award.

Dances with Wolves 1990 Adventure / Drama / Western

This was a novel first and a movie second. It has been called "the most accurate Western ever made." Oscar Winner for Best Cinematography, Best Director (Kevin Costner), Best Film Editing, Best Music, Best Picture (Jim Wilson/Kevin Costner), Best Sound, Best Writing - Screenplay Adapted From Other Material. Oscar Nominee for Best Leading Actor (Kevin Costner), Best Supporting Actor (Graham Greene - Kicking Bird), Best Supporting Actress (Mary McDonnell - Stands With A Fist), Best Art Direction - Set Decoration, Best Costume Design. Listed #75 on The American Film Institute's Top 100 Movies.

It Happened One Night 1934 Romantic Comedy / Farce

This was the first film to ever sweep the "Big Five" Oscar Awards. Best Leading Actor, Best Leading Actress, Best Director (Frank Capra), Best Picture, Best Writing. Listed #53 on The American Film Institute's Top 100 Movies.

A Patch of Blue 1964 Drama

Oscar Winner for Best Supporting Actress (the girl's mother). Oscar Nominee for Best Leading Actress and three other categories. Nominated for a BAFTA Award. Won a Golden Globes for Best Female Newcomer (the leading actress) and nominated for three other Golden Globes Awards. Won a Laurel Award for Best Supporting Actress, came in second place for Best Drama, and nominated for three other Laurel Awards. Nominated for a Writers Guild Award. The leading actor, Sidney Poitier, won an Oscar for Lifetime Achievement.