

# Film series honors Astaire

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For the next few months, Fred Astaire fans will be able to see him dancing with more than just vacuums.

In addition to television, they can see his dancing figure in the medium for which it was originally intended: film.

The Nebraska State Historical Society, 15th and P streets, launches a free film series Sunday that will give viewers a nine-film cross-section of Astaire's cinematic career.

Beginning with 1934's "Gay Divorcee," which was the premiere of the famous Ginger Rogers/Fred Astaire partnership, the series will run on each Sunday from Jan. 17 through March 14 at 2 p.m. in a small auditorium at the historical society.

Andrea Faling, the associate director of library and archives at the

historical society, said Astaire was chosen for the series because he was born in Omaha.

Although he moved to New York as a small child, he always considered Omaha his hometown, Faling said.

He performed in Nebraska during the '20s in vaudeville acts, but after leaving, he didn't have many ties in the state, Faling said.

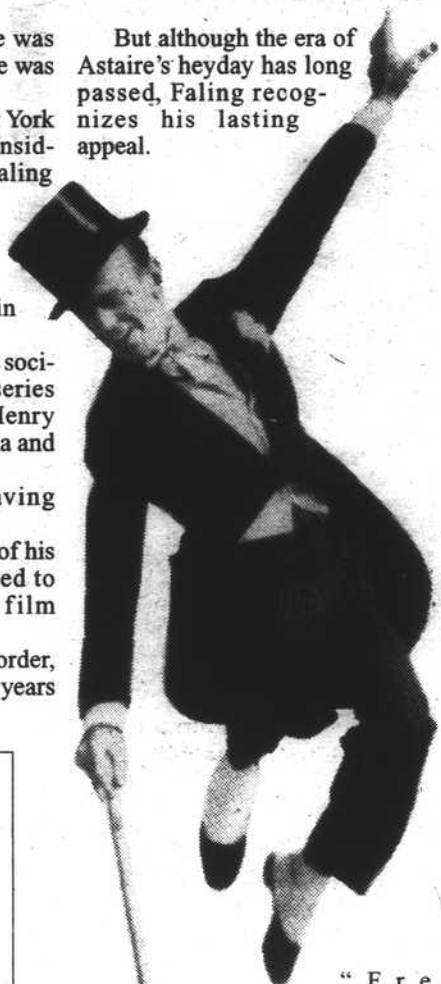
Other Nebraska figures the society has chosen for past film series include Marlon Brando and Henry Fonda, who were born in Omaha and Grand Island, respectively.

But the society was saving Astaire for this year.

"1999 marks the centenary of his birth in Omaha, and we wanted to commemorate that with a film series," Faling said.

Arranged in chronological order, the films in the series span the years 1934 to 1957.

But although the era of Astaire's heyday has long passed, Faling recognizes his lasting appeal.



"Fred Astaire is still incredibly popular," she said. "This is a good opportunity to trace his film career."

Although Astaire frequently co-starred with Rogers throughout his career, she does not appear in every film in the series.

"We didn't want to concentrate on just Ginger Rogers," she said. "We wanted to get a mixture of Fred Astaire musicals."

Other co-stars in the series include Cyd Charisse, Rita Hayworth, Judy Garland and Leslie Caron.

The series title was taken from a line in a "Swing Time" song, Faling said, and also reflects Astaire's relationship with the movies - "A Fine Romance."

# Stewart nets top spot on cable's 'Daily Show'

NEW YORK (AP) - It was a sight no man or woman alive had ever seen. It was instant history, and as we watched it unfolding on TV we knew this was something we would never forget.

Yes, this was unimpeachably Jon Stewart, in charge for the first time ever Monday as the host of Comedy Central's "Daily Show."

Happily, it was no trial to watch. In Stewart's hands, "The Daily Show" was about as funny and fast-paced as before. But his swearing-in, if you choose to call it that, was a signal event for the 2 1/2-year-old parody newscast that bills itself as "the most important television program ... ever."

"I know change can be painful," Stewart told us with mock sincerity. "But from change comes growth."

Stewart will steward that growth from the anchor chair recently vacated by tall Craig Kilborn, who soon takes his high-altitude attitude to CBS' "Late Late Show," replacing Tom Snyder.

And "The Daily Show" brings Stewart back to TV on a regular, ongoing basis: Sunday through Thursday at 11 p.m. EST - and repeats Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 7 p.m. and 1:30 a.m., and Saturdays at noon and 12:30 p.m.

It's a welcome return. In recent years, Stewart (no attitude; not tall) has been on TV with tantalizing infrequency. He filled in for Snyder and played a recurring role on HBO's talk-show parody "The Larry Sanders Show."

He also appeared in films (such as his current "The Faculty" and upcoming "Playing By Heart") and wrote a book of loopy essays, "Naked Pictures of Famous People."

He has done all that since 1995, when his late-night, syndicated "Jon Stewart Show" was canceled after a single season.

Stewart gently reminds a reporter that during all that time he himself never suffered from his absence.

"I felt like I was oddly NOT gone," said Stewart, wearing a mischievous smile. "Being a TV host is very much the same as not being on TV, except there's no camera and I didn't get to

talk to the guys from 'Wings.' Besides, I was working straight through, so I didn't even do the David Hartman thing and go out to Montana for fly-fishing."

As Stewart spoke in his small, sparse office, he was still a couple of weeks away from his debut. A few days' stubble peppered his face. All in all, he seemed ready to go.

And, even with his chain-smoking, he seemed carefree. "Oh, I have psychoses," he argued, "but they're about other things. Like, I want to buy a biosuit so the Super Bug can't get me. It's that sort of thing that keeps me awake."

"I'm looking forward to doing the show, to that feeling of daily reinforcement. You get up and you know that whatever stupid idea you have that morning, you're going to get to put out that night."

Even with a tailor-made series in his past, Stewart doesn't believe that accepting the hand-me-down "Daily Show" amounts to professional back-sliding.

"I like what they're doing with the show. I like the idea of it."

"As a kid, I never thought, 'I want to be a talk-show host,'" said the 36-year-old New Jersey native. "Some people growing up gazed into the sky and every cloud looked like Johnny Carson. I just wanted to be a good comic: 'Well, what do I do now? I like to sleep late and I don't like working.'"

Chances are, Stewart won't get to sleep late and will have to work hard. Stuff has to be current, and each night's half-hour is taped at 6 p.m. Not much time each day to process the world, then play it for laughs.

"I like to watch the early local news," Stewart said, "but not at 11, because I don't like to go to bed with that sort of chaos and pain in my head: 'This building collapsed today, and here is the little boy who lost his mother.' It's a lot to sit through just to get to the (gosh-darn) Giants."

"I like keeping up with the news, even though I think it's gotten so out of control. But that's what I like about 'The Daily Show': It's like checks and balances. This show seems to be a nice sort of pin in the balloon."

## "A Fine Romance"

The Fred Astaire film festival.

All films will be shown, free of charge, at the Museum of Nebraska History, 15th & P Streets, at 2:00 p.m. Limited seating is available.

January 17 "Gay Divorcee" (1934)	January 24 "Top Hat" (1935)
January 31 "Swing Time" (1936)	February 7 "You Were Never Lovelier" (1936)
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February 28 "Band Wagon" (1953)	March 7 "Daddy Long Legs" (1955)
March 14 "Silk Stockings" (1957)	

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