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Film Society Offers Rare Look at Hitchcock

(Cape May, NJ) You've seen Hitchcock movies, but the Cape May Film Society is screening some rare gems seldom seen that offer rare insight into the director and his work. Joe Stinson, Advisor to the Film Society and host of the event, says some of the work he plans to show are so rare, in fact, that the distributor reported never receiving a request to show certain pieces. "You rarely get to see these on the big screen, and almost never get the background on how influential this work is to Hitchcock's career," he says.

"Hitchcock: Origins of Suspense" will begin Monday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Beach Theatre and continues on Mondays October 6 and 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Beach Theatre as well.

The first film in the series is called, "The Lodger" and is considered Hitchcock's first thriller, made in 1926. In this film, a landlady suspects that her new lodger is really the madman behind a murdering spree in London. "This was the first look at the 'Master of Suspense' at work," says Stinson. "You'll see some of his techniques displayed for the first time, and it's really a terrific film. It had gone on to be remade several times, and is currently in production in its most recent iteration right now--but we're showing the original that started it all."

In addition, the Society will screen one of Hitchcock's most acclaimed films, "Rope" starring James Stewart. The series will also include two television episodes of "Alfred Hitchcock Presents" both directed by Hitchcock and truly showed the master at work. "So many of Hitchcock's films have become staples for film lovers everywhere," says Stinson. "This is a rare chance to see the beginnings of some of the trademark techniques and gain some insights into his filmmaking genius."

The Cape May Film Society hosts the Cape May Film Festival, which is New Jersey's premiere film festival dedicated to the support and presentation of creative, challenging, groundbreaking, film/video works by New Jersey filmmakers. The Society is also the region's leading educational and cultural resource for youth and adult learners interested in all facets of the cinematic experience.

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