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Is "Airplane" A Classic Film?

Every year, the National Film Registry adds to the list of American works of art in movies/cartoons/documentary footage etc. singled out as the best and most significant. The list is 425 titles strong and includes everything from "Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein" (certainly THEIR greatest work outside of "Who's On First") to the Zapruder film. The complete list is here. But did you know you can vote? The public doesn't have a direct say, but our voice does hold sway: the more people campaing for a particular title, the more the actual voters might put it in. Here's a very short list of some movies that have been nominated but still aren't on the registry. Send an email with your votes to sleg@loc.gov. Here's a link to the nomination page. You can include up to 50 titles, but the fewer the better, I'm sure. And I'm sure prvi8pete will join me in urging everyone to vote for "Airplane." It's a very funny movie, of course, but it's also very influential. Sure, "Kentucky Fried Movie" and others were precursors to it, but "Airplane" helped popularize a very distinctive form of comedy that inspired sequels, knock-offs, TV shows and more. It's rare that any movie can epitomize an entire genre of films and that's exactly what "Airplane" does. Is it a classic film? I say yes. Surely, you agree.

POSTED BY MICHAEL IN NEW YORK AT 2:12 PM

6 COMMENTS:

priv8pete said...

I agree. And I can't believe how short that list is. It'll take some time to pick out which ones I want to email for recommendation. It looks like I picked the wrong week to stop sniffing glue...

And don't call me Shirley! 4:39 PM 🗇

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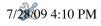
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