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The Norton Simon Museum Presents the Film Series 'An Invitation to Dance'

*Four films featuring dance legends Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly
to screen every Friday in February*

Pasadena, CA—In celebration of the many dancers on view in the exhibition "Taking Shape: Degas as Sculptor," the Norton Simon Museum presents a film series starring dance legends Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly. *Films screen every Friday in February at 5:30 p.m. and are free with general admission. All films are in English.*

***Top Hat* (1935)**

Directed by Mark Sandrich

Friday, February 2, 5:30–7:10 p.m.

An American dancer (Fred Astaire) comes to Britain and falls for a model (Ginger Rogers), but tension, confusion and passion arises when she mistakes him for a married producer.



***Swing Time* (1936)**

Directed by George Stevens

Friday, February 9, 5:30–7:15 p.m.

A performer and gambler (Astaire) travels to New York City to raise the \$25,000 he needs to marry his fiancée, only to become entangled with a beautiful aspiring dancer (Rogers).



An American in Paris (1951)

Directed by Vincente Minnelli

Friday, February 16, 5:30–7:25 p.m.

A former GI who remained in France to study painting (Gene Kelly) is discovered by a wealthy benefactor. He betrays her by romancing a woman (Leslie Caron) who turns out to already be in a relationship with his best friend.



Singin' in the Rain (1952)

Directed by Stanley Donen and Gene Kelly

Friday, February 23, 5:30–7:15 p.m.

A 1920s silent-film star (Kelly) falls for a spunky chorus girl (Debbie Reynolds), much to the dismay of his diva-ish leading lady, in this lighthearted musical spoof of the early days of Hollywood.



ADMISSION: All screenings are free with Museum admission. Admission is \$15.00 for adults; \$12.00 for seniors; and free for Museum members, students with I.D., and everyone age 18 and under. For more information, call (626) 449-6840 or visit www.nortonsimon.org.

WHERE: Norton Simon Museum | 411 West Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena; located on the corner of Colorado and Orange Grove Boulevards at the intersection of the Foothill (210) and Ventura (134) freeways | Parking at the Norton Simon Museum is free.