Celebrating Silent Film Star Buster Keaton’s Zany Fun

By Derek Zemrak

Buster Keaton will be included into the Classic Film Hall of Fame this week. We all know the name Buster Keaton, but do we really know the man behind the zany, often stoic and always vulnerable character of Keaton? Keaton will be included into the Classic Film Hall of Fame this week, along with other talented and prolific performers and directors of the early silent film era. The evening will include screening of three of Keaton’s short films accompanied by a live baby grand piano score by Derek Zemrak, Founder of the Classic Film Hall of Fame, and Keaton and the silent films era during his career.

Here’s a brief history on Keaton: He was born in 1895 in LA. His given name was Joseph Frank Keaton IV. How he got his name is a bit of a mystery, but it is thought that his parents named him for a popular baseball player who was known as “Keaton.”

In 1914, Keaton started his career as an extra in a film, and by 1916, he was starring in his own films. He was a physical comedian, known for his ability to perform dangerous stunts and his ability to react comically to the unexpected. Keaton’s films are known for their complex gags and his ability to make the audience laugh at the most unexpected moments.

During his career, Keaton worked with some of the most talented directors of the time, including Charlie Chaplin, Harold Lloyd, and Erich von Stroheim. He was known for his ability to create a sense of drama and emotion in his films, even without dialogue. Keaton’s films are often considered masterpieces of filmmaking, and his influence can be seen in the work of many filmmakers who came after him.

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Please join us at the Rheem Theatre, 350 Park St. in Moraga. The evening will include screening of three of Keaton’s short films accompanied by a live baby grand piano score by Derek Zemrak, Founder of the Classic Film Hall of Fame, and Keaton and the silent films era during his career.

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Walter Eukel, President of the Classic Film Hall of Fame, invites you to the induction ceremony of Buster Keaton into the Classic Film Hall of Fame at the Rheem Theatre, 350 Park St. in Moraga. The evening will include screening of three of Keaton’s short films accompanied by a live baby grand piano score by Derek Zemrak, Founder of the Classic Film Hall of Fame, and Keaton and the silent films era during his career.

To register, go to www.moraga-caledonia.org. For further information, call Larry at (925) 631-4473.

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