

Reel News

ADSW Film Club

**The Art Deco Society of Washington and the American Film
Institute**

invite you to celebrate World Art Deco Day

The AFI Silver Theatre presents

Million Dollar Legs (1932)

Sunday, April 21, 2024 7:15pm

W.C. Fields stars as the President of bankrupt Klopstokia. To raise money, he enters Klopstokia in the Olympics.
The film is populated with zanies played by Jack Oakie, Hugh Herbert, Ben Turpin and Lyda Roberti.

Joe Mankiewicz's (*All About Eve*) original story was inspired by the fervor surrounding the 1932 LA Olympics.

Illustrated presentation by ADSW President Steve Knight on the film's architectural star, the Los Angeles Coliseum.
The 1923 Streamline Moderne stadium helped put Los Angeles on the map of great American cities.

Introduction to the film and its ties to the 1932 Olympics by ADSW Film Club Co-Chair Karen Burditt

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"The movie is so silly that it seems both artless and weirdly avant-garde...Sequences begin and end abruptly; lovers talk parodistic nonsense to each other; Lyda Roberti, a comic dancer...with a delicious pan-European accent and alarmingly active hips turns up as a femme fatale, a nod to Marlene Dietrich. The film bears some resemblance to the Marx Brothers' manic *Duck Soup*, which came out the following year and is actually more disciplined." (*The New Yorker*; 6/7/2010)

Additional Information and Tickets

When: Sunday, April 21 at 7:15pm (EDT)
Where: AFI Silver Theatre, 8633 Colesville Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20910
Movie: 1932; Comedy; 64 minutes; B&W; Not Rated
Tickets: \$13 General Admission. \$11 Senior. AFI Member Passes Accepted

The ADSW Film Club looks forward to sharing this evening with you!

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