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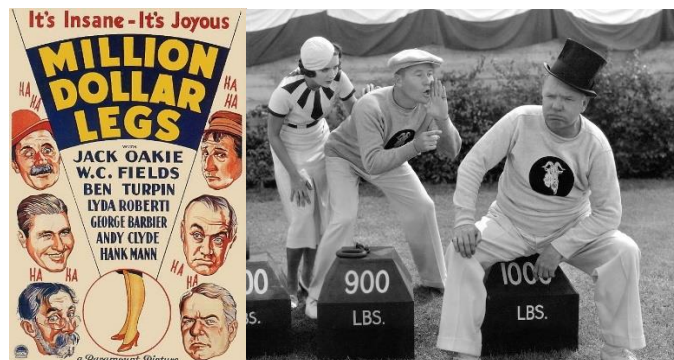
ADSW Film Club

**The Art Deco Society of Washington and the American Film Institute  
invite you to celebrate World Art Deco Day**

### ***Million Dollar Legs (1932)***

**April 21, 2024 7:15pm**

In an early role, W.C. Fields stars as the President of bankrupt Klopstokia. To raise money, he enters Klopstokia in the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics. The film is populated with zanies played by Jack Oakie, Hugh Herbert, Ben Turpin and Lyda Roberti. Joe Mankiewicz (*All About Eve*, *A Letter to Three Wives*) came up with the original story inspired by the fervor surrounding the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics.



Illustrated presentation by ADSW President Steve Knight on the film's architectural star, the 1923 Streamline Moderne Los Angeles Coliseum. Introduction to the film and its ties to the 1932 Olympics by ADSW Film Club Co-Chair Karen Burditt.

"The movie is so silly that it seems both artless and weirdly avant-garde; lovers talk parodistic nonsense to each other; Lyda Roberti...with a delicious pan-European accent and alarmingly active hips turns up as a femme fatale, a nod to Marlene Dietrich. (*New Yorker*; 6/7/10)

### **Additional Information and Tickets**

**Where:** AFI Silver Theatre, 8633 Colesville Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20910

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