

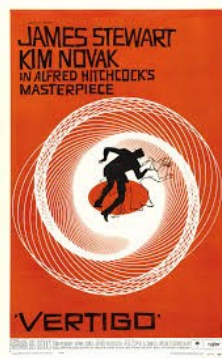
March Meeting:

Waverley Film Society will meet at Wadham House, 52 Wadham Parade, Mount Waverley (MEL 61 E2), on **Wednesday, 11th of March**. Apologies can be left with Brett on 9807 3426.

Please be seated by 7.30 for our 2024 Annual General Meeting which will be conducted just prior to the screening.

The film to be screened is *The Party* (1968).

A clerical mistake results in a bumbling Indian film star being invited to an exclusive Hollywood party.



Last Meeting

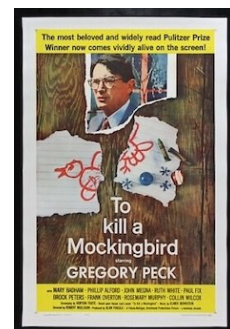
- Twenty members attended the screening.
- Attendees awarded *Vertigo* 3.7 stars.
- The President welcomed all to the 2026 season.
- The Notice of Meeting for the Annual General Meeting, together with nomination forms for committee positions, was issued.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8th.

The film to be screened is *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1952).

A widowed lawyer in Alabama defends a black man on a false rape charge, while teaching his children about prejudice.



Posters are available for posting in community spaces to advertise the society and the next screening.

The society's website is www.waverleyfilm.org

Our email address is contact@waverleyfilm.org

THE PARTY (1968) *(Reference: www.imdb.com)*

Director: Blake Edwards

Writers: Blake Edwards, Tom Waldham,
Frank Waldham

Cinematography: Lucien Ballard

Music: Henry Mancini

Editing: Ralph E Winters

Trivia

Cast includes:

Hrundi V. Bakshi

Michele Monet

Ballerina

Levinson

Harry

Denny Miller

Peter Sellers

Claudine Longet

Natalia Borisova

Steve Franken

James Lanrhier

"Wyoming Bill" Kelso

- Legendary Peter Sellers improvised his role using only Director Blake Edwards' 50 page film outline with no set scripted dialogue. Sellers is left to devise and improvise each scene.
- The film's scenes were largely shot in sequence to preserve the comic flow, allowing Sellers to figure out what astoundingly destructive comic mess his character would innocently create next.
- The interior of the mansion was a massive indoor set built at "The Lot" Studio, located in West Hollywood.
- This film was hugely popular in India. The late Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was a fan and was very fond of repeating Bakshi's line "In India we don't think who we are, we know who we are!"
- When Kelso gets shot in the forehead with the toy gun by Bakshi, the scene with him getting shot is shown in reverse, as the fire flames can be seen flowing downward.
- During the dinner scene, when Hrundi is about to cut into the chicken on his plate, the chicken starts flying off his plate before he moves the knife down to cut into it.

Review: Birdy Nom Nom... *(paul m ... 2021)*

The 1968 comedy "The Party" is indeed a timeless Blake Edwards comedy. And it is a very wonderful and hilarious movie that I always will associate with the great Peter Sellers.

The storyline in "The Party" is pretty straight forward and rather simplistic if you look at it objectively. And that is definitely not a hindrance to the movie. In fact, its simplicity is something that works well in favour of the movie. Especially so, since the movie is so amazingly brought to life by the wonderful character gallery and some very memorable acting performances.

"The Party" is a comedy that works so phenomenally well because of the characters in the story. And it is a situational comedy that brings lots of laughs as the movie unfolds on the screen.

The dialogue in "The Party" is funny and well-written, and there are lots of very memorable and quotable lines being tossed around here, especially by Peter Sellers

It should be noted that the movie really clicks because of the phenomenal cast, which includes the likes of Peter Sellers, Steve Franken, Denny Miller and James Lanphier.

A movie like "The Party" would not have passed today, with all the political correctness, anti-stereotyping and other such mindless things that permeates Hollywood. Why? Well, you have Peter Sellers, a Caucasian, playing a Hindi named Hrundi V. Bakshi in the movie. A character that he portrays very well mind you.

"The Party" is a comedy that most certainly has withstood the test of time It is a movie that you can watch again and again over the years, and it never wears old. If you haven't already seen "The Party", and you enjoy comedies and find yourself with the opportunity to watch it, you have to treat yourself to the experience. Because this is exactly what the title says, a party.