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Overture's Duck Soup Cinema 2024/25 season closes with "The Dragon Painter"

Madison, Wis. (April 16, 2025) — Once thought lost, "The Dragon Painter" is a treasure of Asian American film you won't want to miss. Get swept away by the haunting beauty of ["The Dragon Painter"](#) on **Saturday, May 3 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Capitol Theater**. Tickets (\$12 for adults and \$4 for ages 12 and under) are available at overture.org.

Starring the incredible Sessue Hayakawa, this film tells the tale of Tatsu, a passionate artist who loses himself in his art—literally! Believing his beloved princess has been captured by a dragon, Tatsu's obsession blurs the lines between reality and fantasy. This is more than just a love story; it's a piece of cinematic history. Come see for yourself why Sessue Hayakawa was a true star of the silent era!

Organist: Jelani Eddington

Emcee: Joe Thompson

Vaudeville: Beni Daiko Taiko Drumming

Lobby Acts: Doc the Rube and Wayne the Wizard

Both performances will be ASL interpreted.

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About Duck Soup Cinema

Several times a year, we reclaim the silent film heritage of the Capitol Theater with our Duck Soup Cinema Series. Local vaudeville-style acts open for a silent film screening that has the crowd enthralled by the end of the night. Each show features a skilled organist who mirrors the actors' emotions, just as it was done in 1928.

NOTE: As these films were released nearly a century ago, some films may depict theatric and social conventions of the time related to race, gender, socio-economic status and identity which are unacceptable. In response, we will be exploring and unpacking some of this material throughout the season and providing pre- and post-show resources.

Celebrating 20 years in Madison, Wis., OVERTURE CENTER FOR THE ARTS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization that features seven state-of-the-art performance spaces and four galleries where national and international touring artists, nine resident companies and hundreds of local artists engage people in nearly 500,000 educational and artistic experiences each year. Overture's mission is to support and elevate our community's creative culture, economy and quality of life through the arts. overture.org

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