



FIVE DECADES OF FILMS TO FIND WHILE SELF-ISOLATING

Where to stream some of the classics

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What a great time to discover and rediscover classic films. Here are a few films from the 1920s through 1960s that show the medium's evolution and subject matter over 50 years. These films are all available to rent for a small fee through various platforms.

1920s

"The Kid" (1921) — This is Charlie Chaplin's first full-length film and debuts the Tramp character he became famous for. The Tramp finds an orphan and takes him in, sharing what little he has, until the orphanage takes the child back. Stream it on Kanopy, the Criterion Channel or Amazon Prime.

"The Jazz Singer" (1927) — This is not the first "talkie" but it did break the mold and usher the new technology to the mainstream. It's a standard story of a young artist who wants to be a musician, but his controlling father won't hear of it. So Jakie (Al Jolson) plays anyway and is discovered, changes his name and finds love — though he still wants to win his father over. Rent it from Amazon Prime, YouTube, Google Play, iTunes and Vudu.

"The Phantom of the Opera" (1925)

— This is a classic story that has been retold time and again. Silent with expert use of highlights and shadows, it'll make you feel more for the lovelorn Phantom than other versions have. Stream it on TubiTV, Kanopy, Hoopla, YouTube or Amazon Prime.

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