



JOHNNY GUITAR

NICHOLAS RAY

It's a classic Western tale of the railroad coming to town, a stagecoach robbery frame-up, a saloon-owning heroine at odds with the righteous community, and a notorious gunslinger who has hung up his pistols — but in director Nicholas Ray's hands, things get a little kinky, a little subversive. Joan Crawford is never more capable than in her role as Vienna, the saloon owner who winds up in a prolonged knock-down, drag-out gun battle with Mercedes McCambridge to determine which woman is going to figuratively wear the pants in town. "Nicholas Ray's JOHNNY GUITAR is surely one of the most blatant psychosexual melodramas ever to disguise itself in that most commodious of genres, the Western. It's one of the boldest and most stylized films of its time, quirky, political, twisted." — Roger Ebert (1954 | 110 minutes)

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CITY GIRL

F. W. MURNAU

Revered silent film director F.W. Murnau (NOSFERATU, SUNRISE) designed his last Hollywood film as a sweeping pastoral symphony — the story of wheat, from field to table. Filmed in nearby Athena, Oregon, the plot follows a farmer's son, Charles, traveling to the city where he falls in love with a waitress named Duncan. She longs to leave the city life behind and accompanies Charles home where she meets his disapproving father who predicts her infidelity. Based on Elliot Lester's play, "The MudTurtle," the film was originally intended to be silent. Against Murnau's wishes, sound sequences were added by the studio, but we show a partially restored, entirely silent version today. (1930 | 77 minutes)

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