

Forget baseball on Mother's Day Weekend!
Instead, take her to a
Buster Keaton Double Header
with live musical accompaniment



Steamboat Bill, Jr.
Saturday, May 12th
7:30 p.m. \$5

Piano Accompanist: Bay Area Favorite Judith Rosenberg

Captain Canfield has an old steamship and competes for passengers with powerful banker's brand new vessel. The captain is informed that his heretofore unknown son (Buster Keaton) will visit him. When he arrives, he is trained to work on the ship. However, the son meets a friend, the daughter of his fathers competitor, and they date, against the will of their fathers. This movie has a silly but funny beginning, and an amazing hurricane sequence, with very bold scenes. The timing and the physical capability of Buster Keaton are very impressive, and in the present days it is impossible to imagine shooting the scenes in the storm without the use of computer, so convincing they still are. (www.imdb.com)



The General
Sunday, May 13th
3:00 p.m. \$7

Special Guest Performer: Cellist Gideon Freudmann
www.cellobop.com

From the brilliant gag construction to the sheer excellence of the filmmaking technique, THE GENERAL is a hilarious and amazing journey into comedy. The film begins when Keaton is told he is of no use to the South as a soldier, but as a train engineer. However, his girlfriend refuses to talk to him until he is in uniform. After the war has started, the girl is kidnapped by some Union raiders on Keaton's train, and so begins the greatest (and funniest) chase ever filmed. His gags, routines and amazing slapstick serve to make this the greatest screen comedy ever filmed. (www.imdb.com)

Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum & Edison Theater
37417 Niles Blvd., Fremont 94536

Sunday's afternoon matinee is a special event to raise funds for the 10th Annual Broncho Billy Film Festival to be held every weekend in June and the big three day Essanay Spectacular on June 29 – July 1st. The Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum is a volunteer-run, 501 c 3 non-profit organization. Tickets are available for purchase in advance during our regular museum tour hours Saturdays 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Sundays 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

www.nilesfilmmuseum.org

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