

# The American City

## From the Colonial Origins to Present-Day Culture

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*Annie Hall*. Produced by Charles J. Hoffer; directed by Woody Allen; screenplay by Woody Allen and Marshall Brickman. Cast: Woody Allen (*Alvy Singer*), Diane Keaton (*Annie Hall*), Tony Roberts (*Rob*), Carol Kane (*Allison Portchnik*). United Artists, 1977.

*Batman*. Produced by Peter Guber and Jon Peters; directed by Tim Burton; screenplay by Sam Hamm and Warren Skaaren, based on a story by Sam Hamm. Cast: Michael Keaton (*Batman/Bruce Wayne*), Jack Nicholson (*Joker/Jack Napier*), Kim Basinger (*Vicki Vale*), Billy Dee Williams (*Harvey Dent*), Jack Palance (*Carl Grissom*). Warner Bros., et al., 1989.

*Blade Runner*. Produced by Michael Deeley; directed by Ridley Scott; screenplay by Hampton Fancher and David Peoples, based on the novel by Philip K. Dick. Cast: Harrison Ford (*Rick Deckard*), Rutger Hauer (*Roy Batty*), Sean Young (*Rachael*), Daryl Hannah (*Pris*), Edward James Olmos (*Gaff*). Warner Bros., et al., 1982.

*Breakfast at Tiffany's*. Produced by Martin Jurow and Richard Shepherd; directed by Blake Edwards; screenplay by George Axelrod, based on the novella by Truman Capote. Cast: Audrey Hepburn (*Holly Golightly*), George Peppard (*Paul Varjak*), Patricia Neil (*Mrs. Failenson*), Buddy Ebsen (*Doc*). Paramount Pictures, 1961.

*Dark City*. Produced by Alex Proyas and Andrew Mason; directed by Alex Proyas; screenplay by Alex Proyas, Lem Dobbs, and David S. Goyer, based on a story by Alex Proyas. Cast: Rufus Sewell (*John Murdoch*), William Hurt (*Inspector Frank Bumstead*), Kiefer Sutherland (*Dr. Daniel P. Schreber*), Jennifer Connelly (*Anna Murdoch/Anna*), Richard O'Brien (*Mr. Hand*). Mystery Clock Cinema, and New Line Cinema, 1998.



*Do the Right Thing*. Produced by Spike Lee; directed by Spike Lee; written by Spike Lee. Cast: Danny Aiello (*Salvator 'Sal' Fragione*), Ossie Davis (*Da Mayor*), Ruby Dee (*Mother Sister*), Richard Edson (*Vito*), Spike Lee (*Mookie*). 40 Acres & A Mule Filmworks, 1989.

*Gangs of New York*. Produced by Alberto Grimaldi, Harvey Weinstein and Bob Weinstein; directed by Martin Scorsese; screenplay by Jay Cocks, Steven Zaillian and Kenneth Lonergan. Cast: Leonardo DiCaprio (*Amsterdam Vallon*), Daniel Day-Lewis (*Bill "The Butcher" Cutting*), Cameron Diaz (*Jenny Everdeane*), Liam Neeson (*"Priest" Vallon*). Miramax Films, 2002.

*I Am Legend*. Produced by Akiva Goldsman, David Heyman, James Lassiter, et al.; directed by Francis Lawrence; screenplay by Mark Protosevich and Akiva Goldsman, based on the novel by Richard Matheson. Cast: Will Smith (*Robert Neville*), Alice Braga (*Anna*), Charlie Tahan (*Ethan*), Salli Richardson (*Zoe Neville*), Willow Smith (*Marley Neville*). Warner Bros., et al., 2007.

*Manhattan*. Produced by Charles H. Joffe; directed by Woody Allen; screenplay by Woody Allen and Marshall Brickman. Cast: Woody Allen (*Isaac Davis*), Diane Keaton (*Mary Wilkie*), Michael Murphy (*Yale Pollack*), Meryl Streep (*Jill Davis*). United Artists, 1979.

*Mean Streets*. Produced by Martin Scorsese and Jonathan Taplin; directed by Martin Scorsese; screenplay by Martin Scorsese and Mardik Martin. Cast: Harvey Keitel (*Charlie*), Robert De Niro (*Johnny Boy*), David Proval (*Tony*), Amy Robinson (*Teresa*). Warner Bros., 1973.

*My Man Godfrey*. Produced by Gregory La Cava; directed by Gregory La Cava; screenplay by Eric Hatch, Morrie Ryskind and Gregory La Cava, based on the short story "1101 Park Avenue" by Eric Hatch. Cast: William Powell (*Godfrey Park*), Carole Lombard (*Irene Bullock*), Alice Brady (*Angelica Bullock*), Gail Patrick (*Cornelia Bullock*). Universal Pictures, 1936.

*Once Upon a Time in America*. Produced by Arnon Milchan; directed by Sergio Leone; screenplay by Franco Arcalli, Leonardo Benvenuti, et al., based on the novel *The Hoods* by Harry Grey. Cast: Robert De Niro (*David "Noodles" Aaronson*), James Woods (*Maximilian "Max" Bercovicz*), Elizabeth McGovern (*Deborah Gelly*), James Hayden (*Patrick "Patsy" Goldberg*). Warner Bros., 1984.

*On the Town*. Produced by Arthur Freed and Roger Edens; directed by Gene Kelly and Stanley Donen; screenplay by Adolph Green and Betty Comden, based on the musical **with music** by Leonard Bernstein. Cast: Gene Kelly (*Gabey*), Frank Sinatra (*Chip*), Ann Miller (*Claire Huddesen*), Betty Garret (*Brunhilde "Hildy" Esterhazy*). Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, 1949.

*Sweet Smell of Success*. Produced by James Hill; directed by Alexander Mackendrick; screenplay by Clifford Odets and Ernest Lehman, based on the novelette by Ernest Lehman. Cast: Burt Lancaster (*J. J. Hunsecker*), Tony Curtis (*Sidney Falco*), Susan Harrison (*Susan Hunsecker*), Martin Milner (*Steve Dallas*). United Artists, 1957.

*The Dark Knight*. Produced by Christopher Nolan, Charles Roven, Emma Thomas, et al.; directed by Christopher Nolan; screenplay by Jonathan Noland and Christopher Nolan, based on a story by Christopher Noland and David S. Goyer. Cast: Christian Bale (*Bruce Wayne/Batman*), Heath Ledger (*Joker*), Aaron Eckhart (*Harvey Dent*), Michael Caine (*Alfred*), Maggie Gyllenhaal (*Rachel*). Warner Bros., et al., 2008.

*The Day after Tomorrow*. Produced by Roland Emmerich and Mark Gordon; directed by Roland Emmerich; screenplay by Roland Emmerich and Jeffrey Nachmanoff. Cast: Dennis Quaid (*Professor Jack Hall*), Jake Gyllenhaal (*Sam Hall*), Emmy Rossum (*Laura Chapman*), Ian Holm (*Professor Terry Rapson*). 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox, 2004.

*The French Connection*. Produced by Philip D'Antoni and executive producer G. David Schine; directed by William Friedkin; screenplay by Ernest Tidyman, based on the book by Robin Moore. Cast: Gene Hackman (*Det. Jimmy "Popeye" Doyle*), Fernando Rey (*Alain Charnier*), Roy Schneider (*Det. Buddy "Cloudy" Russo*), Tony Lo Bianco (*Salvatore "Sal" Boca*). 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox, 1971.

*West Side Story*. Produced by Robert Wise; directed by Robert Wise and Jerome Robbins; screenplay by Ernest Lehman, based on the musical by Jerome Robbins and Arthur Laurents. Cast: Natalie Wood (*Maria Nuñez*), Richard Beymer (*Tony Wyzek*), Tucker Smyth (*Ice/Diesel*), Tony Mordente (*Action*). United Artists, 1961.

*World Trade Center*. Produced by Moritz Borman, Debra Hill, Michael Shamberg, and Stacey Sher; directed by Oliver Stone; written by Andrea Berloff, based on the original story by John McLoughlin, Donna McLoughlin, William Jimeno and Allison Jimeno. Cast: Nicholas Cage (*John McLoughlin*), Maria Bello (*Donna McLoughlin*), Connor Paolo (*Steven McLoughlin*), Michael Peña (*Will Jimeno*), Jay Hernandez (*Dominick Pezzulo*). Paramount Pictures, et al., 2006.

*You've Got Mail*. Produced by Nora Ephron and Lauren Shuler Donner; directed by Nora Ephron; screenplay by Nora Ephron and Delia Ephron, based on the play *Parfumerie* by Niklós László. Cast: Tom Hanks (*Joe "NY152" Fox*), Meg Ryan (*Kathleen "Shopgirl" Kelly*), Greg Kinnear (*Frank Navasky*), Steve Zahn (*George Pappas*). Warner Bros., 1998.

*42<sup>nd</sup> Street*. Produced by Darryl F. Zanuck and Hal B. Wallis; directed by Lloyd Bacon and Busby Berkeley; written by Rian James, James Seymour and Whitney Bolton, based on the novel by Bradford Ropes. Cast: Bebe Daniels (*Dorothy Brock*), George Brent (*Pat Denning*), Ruby Keeler (*Peggy Sawyer*), Guy Kibbee (*Abner Dillon*). Warner Bros., 1933.

**TV:**

*Friends*. Created by David Crane and Marta Kauffman. Cast: Jennifer Aniston (*Rachel Green*), Courtney Cox (*Monica Geller*), Lisa Kudrow (*Phoebe Buffay*), Matt LeBlanc (*Joey Tribbiani*), Matthew Perry (*Chandler Bing*), David Schwimmer (*Ross Geller*). Bright/Kauffman/Crane Productions and Warner Bros. Television, 1994 – 2004.

*How I Met Your Mother*. Created by Carter Bays and Craig Thomas. Cast: Josh Radnor (*Ted Mosby*), Jason Segel (*Marshall Eriksen*), Cobie Smulders (*Robin Scherbatsky*), Neil Patrick Harris (*Barney Stinson*), Alyson Hannigan (*Lily Aldrin*). Bays & Thomas Productions and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox Television, 2005 - .

*King of Queens*. Created by Michael J. Weithorn and David Litt. Cast: Kevin James (*Doug Heffernan*), Leah Remini (*Carrie Heffernan*), Jerry Stiller (*Arthur Spooner*), Victor Williams (*Deacon Palmer*), Patton Oswald (*Spencer "Spence" Olchin*), Nicole Sullivan (*Holly Shumpert*). CBS Productions, CBS Paramount Television, Columbia Pictures Television, Columbia TriStar Television, and Sony Pictures Television, 1998 – 2007.

*Sex and the City*. Created by Darren Star, based on the book by Candance Bushnell. Cast: Sarah Jessica Parker (*Carrie Bradshaw*), Kim Cattrall (*Samantha Jones*), Kristin Davis (*Charlotte York Goldenblatt*), Cynthia Nixon (*Miranda Hobbes*). HBO Original Programming and Warner Bros. Television, 1998 – 2004.

**Plays:**

*A View from the Bridge*. Written by Arthur Miller. Date premiered: September 29, 1955 at Coronet Theatre (now Eugene O'Neill Theatre).

*Street Scene*. Written by Elmer Rice. Date premiered: January 10<sup>th</sup> 1929 at the Playhouse Theatre.