

Best Movies in Every Genre

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Action

25. The Fast and the Furious (2001) - Rob Cohen
24. Drive (2011) - Nichols Winding Refn
23. Predator (1987) - John McTiernan
22. First Blood (1982) - Ted Kotcheff
21. Armageddon (1998) - Michael Bay
20. The Avengers (2012) - Joss Whedon
19. Spider-Man (2002) – Sam Raimi
18. Batman (1989) - Tim Burton
17. Enter the Dragon (1973) - Robert Clouse
16. Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (2000) – Ang Lee
15. Inception (2010) - Christopher Nolan
14. Lethal Weapon (1987) – Richard Donner
13. Yojimbo (1961) - Akira Kurosawa
12. Superman (1978) - Richard Donner
11. Wonder Woman (2017) - Patty Jenkins
10. Black Panther (2018) - Ryan Coogler
9. Mad Max (1979-2014) - George Miller
8. Top Gun (1986) - Tony Scott
7. Mission: Impossible (1996) - Brian DePalma
6. The Bourne Trilogy (2002-2007) - Paul Greengrass
5. Goldfinger (1964) - Guy Hamilton

4. The Terminator (1984-1991) - James Cameron
3. The Dark Knight (2008) - Christopher Nolan
2. The Matrix (1999) - The Wachowskis
1. Die Hard (1988) - John McTiernan

Adventure

25. The Goonies (1985) - Richard Donner
24. Gunga Din (1939) - George Stevens
23. Road to Morocco (1942) - David Butler
22. The Poseidon Adventure (1972) - Ronald Neame
21. Fitzcarraldo (1982) - Werner Herzog
20. Cast Away (2000) - Robert Zemeckis
19. Life of Pi (2012) - Ang Lee
18. The Revenant (2015) - Alejandro G. Inarritu
17. Aguirre, Wrath of God (1972) - Werner Herzog
16. Mutiny on the Bounty (1935) - Frank Lloyd
15. Pirates of the Caribbean (2003) - Gore Verbinski
14. The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938) - Michael Curtiz
13. The African Queen (1951) - John Huston
12. To Have and Have Not (1944) - Howard Hawks
11. L'Atalante (1934) - Jean Vigo
10. The Right Stuff (1983) - Philip Kaufman
9. Apollo 13 (1995) - Ron Howard
8. Gravity (2013) - Alfonso Cuaron
7. The Princess Bride (1987) - Rob Reiner

6. The Wages of Fear (1953) - Henri-Georges Clouzot
5. The Treasure of the Sierra Madre (1948) - John Huston
4. Jurassic Park (1993) - Steven Spielberg
3. King Kong (1933) - Merian Cooper & Ernest Schoedsack
2. North by Northwest (1959) - Alfred Hitchcock
1. Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981) - Steven Spielberg

Animation

25. The Land Before Time (1988) - Don Bluth
24. Moana (2016) - Ron Clements, John Musker
23. My Neighbor Totoro (1988) – Hayao Miyazaki
22. The Incredibles (2004) - Brad Bird
21. The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993) – Tim Burton
20. Inside Out (2015) – Pete Docter, Ronnie Del Carmen
19. Bambi (1942) – Walt Disney
18. Aladdin (1992) – Ron Clements, John Musker
17. Sleeping Beauty (1959) – Walt Disney
16. Frozen (2013) – Chris Buck, Jennifer Lee
15. Fantasia (1940) – Walt Disney
14. Up (2009) – Pete Docter, Bob Peterson
13. The Jungle Book (1967) – Walt Disney
12. Finding Nemo (2003) – Andrew Stanton, Lee Unkrich
11. The Little Mermaid (1989) – Ron Clements, John Musker
10. Cinderella (1950) – Walt Disney
9. Shrek (2001) – Andrew Adamson, Vicky Jenson

8. WALL-E (2008) – Andrew Stanton
7. Pinocchio (1940) – Walt Disney
6. Spirited Away (2001) - Hayao Miyazaki
5. Beauty and the Beast (1991) - Gary Trousdale, Kirk Wise
4. Who Framed Roger Rabbit? (1988) - Robert Zemeckis
3. Toy Story (1995) – John Lasseter
2. Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs (1937) – Walt Disney
1. The Lion King (1994) – Roger Allers, Rob Minkoff

Biopic

25. The King's Speech (2008) - Tom Hooper
24. Darkest Hour (2017) - Joe Wright
23. Downfall (2004) - Oliver Hirschbiegel
22. Hidden Figures (2016) - Theodore Melfi
21. A Beautiful Mind (2001) - Ron Howard
20. The Imitation Game (2014) - Morten Tyldum
19. My Left Foot (1989) - Jim Sheridan
18. The Miracle Worker (1962) - Arthur Penn
17. Capote (2004) - Bennett Miller
16. Yankee Doodle Dandy (1942) - Michael Curtiz
15. Captain Phillips (2013) - Paul Greengrass
14. Coal Miner's Daughter (1980) - Michael Apted
13. Straight Outta Compton (2015) - F. Gary Gray
12. Walk the Line (2005) - James Mangold
11. Ray (2004) - Taylor Hackford

10. Gospel According to St. Matthew (1964) - Pier Pasolini
9. Norma Rae (1979) - Martin Ritt
8. The Elephant Man (1980) - David Lynch
7. Selma (2014) – Ava DuVernay
6. Lincoln (2012) - Steven Spielberg
5. Gandhi (1982) - Richard Attenborough
4. Malcolm X (1992) - Spike Lee
3. The Social Network (2010) - David Fincher
2. Raging Bull (1980) - Martin Scorsese
1. Schindler's List (1993) - Steven Spielberg

Comedy

25. Bridesmaids (2011) – Paul Feig
24. Clerks (1994) – Kevin Smith
23. The Nutty Professor (1963) - Jerry Lewis
22. Beverly Hills Cop (1984) - Martin Brest
21. The Odd Couple (1968) - Gene Saks
20. The Music Box (1932) - James Parrott
19. There's Something About Mary (1998) - Farrelly Brothers
18. This is Spinal Tap! (1984) – Rob Reiner
17. Office Space (1999) - Mike Judge
16. The Naked Gun (1988) – Zucker, Abrahams, Zucker
15. Ghostbusters (1984) - Ivan Reitman
14. The Hangover (2009) - Todd Phillips
13. Young Frankenstein (1974) - Mel Brooks

12. The Big Lebowski (1998) - Coen Brothers
11. The 40-Year-Old Virgin (2005) - Judd Apatow
10. Wedding Crashers (2005) - David Dobkin
9. Animal House (1978) - John Landis
8. Dumb and Dumber (1994) - Farrelly Brothers
7. The Jerk (1979) - Carl Reiner
6. Austin Powers (1997) - Jay Roach
5. Monty Python Holy Grail (1975) - Terry Gilliam, Terry Jones
4. Airplane! (1980) - Zucker, Abrahams, Zucker
3. Duck Soup (1933) - Leo McCarey
2. Caddyshack (1980) - Harold Ramis
1. Blazing Saddles (1974) - Mel Brooks

Coming-of-Age

25. American Pie (1999) - Paul Weitz
24. Whiplash (2014) - Damien Chazelle
23. Dead Poets Society (1989) - Peter Weir
22. Saturday Night Fever (1977) - John Badham
21. Closely Watched Trains (1966) - Jiri Menzel
20. Amarcord (1973) - Federico Fellini
19. Boyz N the Hood (1991) - John Singleton
18. Short Term 12 (2013) - Destin Daniel Cretton
17. Pather Panchali (1955) - Satyajit Ray
16. Stand By Me (1986) - Rob Reiner
15. Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) - John Hughes

14. Dazed and Confused (1993) - Richard Linklater
13. Y Tu Mama También (2001) - Alfonso Cuarón
12. Diner (1982) - Barry Levinson
11. Lady Bird (2017) - Greta Gerwig
10. The Breakfast Club (1985) - John Hughes
9. Moonlight (2016) – Barry Jenkins
8. The Last Picture Show (1971) – Peter Bogdanovich
7. Good Will Hunting (1997) - Gus Van Sant
6. Rebel Without a Cause (1955) – Nicholas Ray
5. Fast Times at Ridgemont High (1982) - Amy Heckerling
4. American Graffiti (1973) - George Lucas
3. The 400 Blows (1959) - François Truffaut
2. Boyhood (2014) - Richard Linklater
1. The Graduate (1967) - Mike Nichols

Courtroom

25. The Accused (1988) - Jonathan Kalpan
24. Primal Fear (1996) - Gregory Hoblit
23. Legally Blonde (2001) - Robert Luketic
22. Disorder in the Court (1936) - Jack White
21. My Cousin Vinny (1992) - Jonathan Lynn
20. Loving (2016) - Jeff Nichols
19. A Time to Kill (1996) - Joel Schumacher
18. Inherit the Wind (1960) - Stanley Kramer
17. And Justice for All (1979) - Norman Jewison

16. Miracle on 34th Street (1947) - George Seaton
15. JFK (1991) - Oliver Stone
14. Erin Brockovich (2000) - Steven Soderbergh
13. Paths of Glory (1957) - Stanley Kubrick
12. Anatomy of a Murder (1959) - Otto Preminger
11. Judgment at Nuremberg (1961) – Stanley Kramer
10. Witness for the Prosecution (1957) – Billy Wilder
9. A Cry in the Dark (1988) - Fred Schepisi
8. Adam's Rib (1949) - George Cukor
7. Kramer vs. Kramer (1979) - Robert Benton
6. Rashomon (1950) - Akira Kurosawa
5. A Few Good Men (1992) - Rob Reiner
4. 12 Angry Men (1957) - Sidney Lumet
3. Philadelphia (1993) – Jonathan Demme
2. The Verdict (1982) - Sidney Lumet
1. To Kill a Mockingbird (1962) - Robert Mulligan

Crime

25. Hell or High Water (2016) - David McKenzie
24. In Cold Blood (1967) - Richard Brooks
23. Pink Flamingos (1972) - John Waters
22. A Fish Called Wanda (1988) - Charles Crichton
21. Training Day (2001) - Antoine Fuqua
20. Serpico (1973) – Sidney Lumet
19. Shaft (1973) – Gordon Parks Jr.

18. Heat (1995) - Michael Mann
17. Wall Street (1987) - Oliver Stone
16. La Haine (1995) - Mathieu Kassovitz
15. Ocean's Eleven (2001) - Steven Soderbergh
14. Run Lola Run (1998) - Tom Tykwer
13. The Fugitive (1993) - Andrew Davis
12. Bullitt (1968) - Peter Yates
11. Dirty Harry (1971) - Don Siegel
10. American Hustle (2011) - David O. Russell
9. The Sting (1973) - George Roy Hill
8. Fight Club (1999) - David Fincher
7. City of God (2002) - Fernando Meirelles & Katia Lund
6. The French Connection (1971) - William Friedkin
5. Dog Day Afternoon (1975) - Sidney Lumet
4. No Country for Old Men (2007) - Coen Brothers
3. Breathless (1960) - Jean-Luc Godard
2. Fargo (1996) - Coen Brothers
1. Taxi Driver (1976) - Martin Scorsese

Documentary

25. Sherman's March (1985) – Ross McElwee
24. I Am Not Your Negro (2016) – Raoul Peck
23. Harlan County, USA (1976) – Barbara Kopple
22. Food Inc. (2008) - Robert Kenner
21. Don't Look Back (1967) - D.A. Pennebaker

20. Taxi to the Dark Side (2001) – Alex Gibney
19. Citizenfour (2014) – Laura Poitras
18. The Silent World (1956) - Jacques Cousteau, Louis Malle
17. Blackfish (2013) - Gabriela Cowperthwaite
16. Grizzly Man (2005) - Werner Herzog
15. Grey Gardens (1975) - Albert & David Maysles
14. An Inconvenient Truth (2006) - Davis Guggenheim
13. Triumph of the Will (1935) - Leni Riefenstahl
12. Shoah (1985) - Claude Lanzmann
11. The Act of Killing (2012) - Joshua Oppenheimer
10. Bowling for Columbine (2002) - Michael Moore
9. Nanook of the North (1922) – Robert J. Flaherty
8. Man on Wire (2008) – James Marsh
7. Gates of Heaven (1978) - Errol Morris
6. Salesman (1968) – Albert & David Maysles
5. Titicut Follies (1967) - Frederick Wiseman
4. Hoop Dreams (1994) - Steve James
3. Up (1984-2012) - Paul Almond & Michael APTED
2. The Thin Blue Line (1988) - Errol Morris
1. Night and Fog (1955) - Alain Resnais

Drama

25. Stranger Than Paradise (1984) - Jim Jarmusch
24. Paris, Texas (1984) - Wim Wenders
23. Black Narcissus (1947) - Powell & Pressburger

22. Crash (2005) - Paul Haggis
21. Cleo from 5 to 7 (1957) - Agnes Varda
20. Central Station (1998) - Walter Salles
19. The Help (2011) – Tate Taylor
18. Raise the Red Lantern (1991) - Yimou Zhang
17. The Elements Trilogy (1996-2005) - Deepa Metah
16. Magnolia (1999) – Paul Thomas Anderson
15. The Earrings of Madame De... (1953) - Max Ophuls
14. Au Hasard Balthazar (1966) - Robert Bresson
13. Three Colors Trilogy (1993-1994) - Krzysztof Kieslowski
12. The Lost Weekend (1945) - Billy Wilder
11. Trainspotting (1996) - Danny Boyle
10. Requiem for a Dream (2000) - Darren Aronofsky
9. Easy Rider (1969) - Dennis Hopper
8. Wild Strawberries (1957) - Ingmar Bergman
7. Nashville (1975) - Robert Altman
6. Bicycle Thieves (1948) - Vittorio de Sica
5. On the Waterfront (1954) - Elia Kazan
4. La Dolce Vita (1960) - Federico Fellini
3. The Rules of the Game (1939) - Jean Renoir
2. Do the Right Thing (1989) – Spike Lee
1. Midnight Cowboy (1969) - John Schlesinger

Epic

25. The Passion of the Christ (2004) – Mel Gibson

24. Cleopatra (1963) - Joseph Mankiewicz
23. The English Patient (1996) - Anthony Minghella
22. Out of Africa (1985) - Sydney Pollack
21. Farewell My Concubine (1993) - Kaige Chen
20. The Ten Commandments (1956) - Cecil B. DeMille
19. The Leopard (1963) – Luchino Visconti
18. Reds (1981) - Warren Beatty
17. The Last Emperor (1987) - Bernardo Bertolucci
16. Hamlet (1948) - Laurence Olivier
15. Ran (1985) - Akira Kurosawa
14. Amadeus (1984) - Milos Forman
13. Twelve Years a Slave (2011) – Steve McQueen
12. The Last of the Mohicans (1992) - Michael Mann
11. Spartacus (1960) - Stanley Kubrick
10. Gladiator (2000) - Ridley Scott
9. Ben-Hur (1959) - William Wyler
8. Braveheart (1995) - Mel Gibson
7. Dances with Wolves (1990) - Kevin Costner
6. Doctor Zhivago (1965) - David Lean
5. Titanic (1997) – James Cameron
4. Gone with the Wind (1939) - Victor Fleming
3. Giant (1956) - George Stevens
2. The Seven Samurai (1954) - Akira Kurosawa
1. Lawrence of Arabia (1962) - David Lean

Family Comedy

25. The Kids Are All Right (2010) – Lisa Cholodenko
24. Terms of Endearment (1983) - James L. Brooks
23. Driving Miss Daisy (1989) - Bruce Beresford
22. The Squid & The Whale (2005) – Noah Baumbach
21. The Birdcage (1996) – Mike Nichols
20. Silver Linings Playbook (2012) - David O. Russell
19. Captain Fantastic (2016) - Matt Ross
18. My Big Fat Greek Wedding (2002) - Joel Zwick
17. Moonstruck (1987) - Norman Jewison
16. Father of the Bride (1950) - Vincente Minnelli
15. Home Alone (1990) - Chris Columbus
14. Planes, Trains & Automobiles (1987) - John Hughes
13. The Way Way Back (2013) – Nat Faxon, Jim Rash
12. Crimes & Misdemeanors (1989) - Woody Allen
11. The Descendants (2011) - Alexander Payne
10. The Royal Tenenbaums (2001) - Wes Anderson
9. Juno (2007) - Jason Reitman
8. Hannah and Her Sisters (1986) - Woody Allen
7. Mrs. Doubtfire (1993) - Chris Columbus
6. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? (1967) - Stanley Kramer
5. Meet the Parents (2000) - Jay Roach
4. Rain Man (1988) - Barry Levinson
3. Little Miss Sunshine (2006) - Jon Dayton, Valerie Faris
2. Vacation (1983) - Harold Ramis

1. A Christmas Story (1983) - Bob Clark

Family Drama

25. Manchester by the Sea (2016) - Kenneth Lonergan

24. On Golden Pond (1981) – Mark Rydell

23. Amour (2011) - Michael Haneke

22. The Color Purple (1985) - Steven Spielberg

21. Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (1958) - Richard Brooks

20. Belle de Jour (1967) - Luis Bunuel

19. The Spirit of the Beehive (1973) - Victor Eurice

18. The Magnificent Ambersons (1942) - Orson Welles

17. Days of Heaven (1978) - Terrence Malick

16. Mudbound (2017) – Dee Rees

15. The Grapes of Wrath (1940) - John Ford

14. Secrets & Lies (1996) - Mike Leigh

13. Sex, Lies & Videotape (1989) - Steven Soderbergh

12. Scenes from a Marriage (1974) - Ingmar Bergman

11. A Woman Under the Influence (1974) - John Cassavetes

10. The Tree of Life (2011) - Terrence Malick

9. A Separation (2011) - Asghar Farhadi

8. Ordet (1955) - Carl Theodore Dreyer

7. Breaking the Waves (1996) - Lars Von Trier

6. Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? (1966) - Mike Nichols

5. A Streetcar Named Desire (1951) - Elia Kazan

4. Written on the Wind (1956) - Douglas Sirk

3. Ordinary People (1980) - Robert Redford
2. American Beauty (1999) - Sam Mendes
1. Tokyo Story (1953) - Yasujirô Ozu

Fantasy

25. Harry Potter (2001) - Chris Columbus
24. Curious Case of Benjamin Button (2008) - David Fincher
23. Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie (1972) - Luis Bunuel
22. Being John Malkovich (1999) - Spike Jonze
21. The Red Balloon (1956) - Albert Lamorisse
20. Avatar (2009) - James Cameron
19. Harvey (1950) - Henry Koster
18. Ghost (1990) - Jerry Zucker
17. Wings of Desire (1987) - Wim Wenders
16. Big (1988) - Penny Marshall
15. Celine & Julie Go Boating (1974) - Jacques Rivette
14. Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory (1971) - Mel Stuart
13. Ugetsu (1953) - Kenji Mizoguchi
12. The Purple Rose of Cairo (1985) - Woody Allen
11. Edward Scissorhands (1990) - Tim Burton
10. The Red Shoes (1948) - Powell & Pressburger
9. Beauty and the Beast (1946) - Jean Cocteau
8. Amelie (2001) - Jean-Pierre Jeunet
7. The Seventh Seal (1954) - Ingmar Bergman
6. Pan's Labyrinth (2006) - Guillermo del Toro

5. Lord of the Rings (2001-2003) - Peter Jackson
4. Field of Dreams (1989) - Phil Alden Robinson
3. Groundhog Day (1993) - Harold Ramis
2. Forrest Gump (1994) - Robert Zemeckis
1. It's a Wonderful Life (1946) - Frank Capra

Film Noir

25. The Postman Always Rings Twice (1946) - Tay Garnett
24. Murder, My Sweet (1944) - Edward Dmytryk
23. Point Blank (1967) - John Boorman
22. The Killers (1946) - Robert Siodmark
21. In a Lonely Place (1950) - Nicholas Ray
20. The Lady from Shanghai (1947) - Orson Welles
19. The Long Goodbye (1973) - Robert Altman
18. Gun Crazy (1950) - Joseph H. Lewis
17. They Live By Night (1948) - Nicholas Ray
16. The Big Heat (1953) - Fritz Lang
15. The Killing (1956) - Stanley Kubrick
14. Pickup on South Street (1953) - Sam Fuller
13. The Night of the Hunter (1955) - Charles Laughton
12. The Big Sleep (1946) - Howard Hawks
11. Body Heat (1981) - Lawrence Kasdan
10. L.A. Confidential (1997) - Curtis Hanson
9. Mildred Pierce (1945) - Michael Curtiz
8. Sweet Smell of Success (1957) - Alexander Mackendrick

7. Out of the Past (1947) - Jacques Tourneur
6. Laura (1944) - Otto Preminger
5. Touch of Evil (1958) - Orson Welles
4. The Maltese Falcon (1941) - John Huston
3. The Third Man (1949) - Carol Reed
2. Double Indemnity (1944) - Billy Wilder
1. Chinatown (1974) - Roman Polanski

Gangster

25. Black Mass (2015) – Scott Cooper
24. Casino (1995) – Martin Scorsese
23. Road to Perdition (2002) - Sam Mendes
22. Miller's Crossing (1990) – Coen Brothers
21. Carlito's Way (1993) – Brian De Palma
20. Once Upon a Time in America (1984) – Sergio Leone
19. Badlands (1973) - Terrence Malick
18. Atlantic City (1980) - Louis Malle
17. Le Samourai (1967) – Jean-Pierre Melville
16. Leon: The Professional (1994) – Luc Besson
15. Mean Streets (1973) - Martin Scorsese
14. Reservoir Dogs (1992) - Quentin Tarantino
13. The Departed (2005) – Martin Scorsese
12. American Gangster (2007) - Ridley Scott
11. The Untouchables (1987) - Brian De Palma
10. The Public Enemy (1931) - William Wellman

9. Little Caesar (1930) - Mervyn LeRoy
8. Scarface: The Shame of a Nation (1932) - Howard Hawks
7. Thelma & Louise (1991) - Ridley Scott
6. Bonnie & Clyde (1967) - Arthur Penn
5. Scarface (1983) - Brian De Palma
4. White Heat (1949) - Raoul Walsh
3. Pulp Fiction (1994) - Quentin Tarantino
2. GoodFellas (1990) - Martin Scorsese
1. The Godfather I & II (1972-1974) - Francis Ford Coppola

Horror

25. The Evil Dead (1981-1987) - Sam Raimi
24. An American Werewolf in London (1981) - John Landis
23. Eyes Without a Face (1960) – Georges Franju
22. The Thing (1982) - John Carpenter
21. The Fly (1986) - David Cronenberg
20. Friday the 13th (1980) - Sean Cunningham
19. A Nightmare on Elm Street (1984) - Wes Craven
18. Repulsion (1965) - Roman Polanski
17. Suspiria (1977) - Dario Argento
16. The Haunting (1963) – Robert Wise
15. Poltergeist (1982) - Tobe Hooper
14. Let the Right One In (2008) - Tomas Alfredson
13. Dracula (1931) - Tod Browning
12. Frankenstein (1931-1935) - James Whale

11. The Texas Chainsaw Massacre (1974) - Tobe Hooper
10. Night of the Living Dead (1968) – George Romero
9. Scream (1996) - Wes Craven
8. Halloween (1978) - John Carpenter
7. Carrie (1976) - Brian De Palma
6. The Omen (1976) - Richard Donner
5. Jaws (1975) - Steven Spielberg
4. The Shining (1980) - Stanley Kubrick
3. Rosemary's Baby (1968) - Roman Polanski
2. Psycho (1960) - Alfred Hitchcock
1. The Exorcist (1973) - William Friedkin

Musical

25. Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (1954) – Stanley Donen
24. The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) - Jim Sharman
23. Guys and Dolls (1955) - Joseph Mankiewicz
22. White Christmas (1954) - Michael Curtiz
21. The Band Wagon (1953) – Vincente Minnelli
20. Chicago (2002) - Rob Marshall
19. Oliver! (1968) - Carol Reed
18. The Gold Diggers Trilogy (1933) - Busby Berkeley
17. Funny Girl (1968) - William Wyler
16. Top Hat (1935) - Mark Sandrich
15. Swing Time (1936) - George Stevens
14. Moulin Rouge! (2001) - Baz Luhrmann

13. An American in Paris (1951) - Vincente Minnelli
12. My Fair Lady (1964) - George Cukor
11. The King and I (1956) - Walter Lang
10. Meet Me in St. Louis (1944) - Vincente Minnelli
9. Cabaret (1972) - Bob Fosse
8. Grease (1978) - Randal Kleiser
7. The Umbrellas of Cherbourg (1964) - Jacques Demy
6. La La Land (2016) - Damien Chazelle
5. Mary Poppins (1964) - Walt Disney
4. The Sound of Music (1965) - Robert Wise
3. West Side Story (1961) - Robert Wise
2. Singin' in the Rain (1952) - Stanley Donen & Gene Kelly
1. The Wizard of Oz (1939) - Victor Fleming

Mystery

25. Murder on the Orient Express (1974) - Sidney Lumet
24. The Lady Vanishes (1938) - Alfred Hitchcock
23. A Shot in the Dark (1964) - Blake Edwards
22. The Thin Man (1934) - W.S. Van Dyke
21. Mystic River (2002) - Clint Eastwood
20. Zodiac (2007) – David Fincher
19. Prisoners (2013) - Denis Villeneuve
18. Rebecca (1940) - Alfred Hitchcock
17. Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (2009) - Niels Arden Oplev
16. Gone Girl (2014) - David Fincher

15. The Vanishing (1988) - George Sluizer
14. The Crying Game (1992) – Neil Jordan
13. L'Avventura (1960) - Michelangelo Antonioni
12. Mulholland Drive (2001) - David Lynch
11. The Usual Suspects (1995) - Bryan Singer
10. In the Heat of the Night (1967) - Norman Jewison
9. Talk to Her (2002) - Pedro Almodovar
8. The Conversation (1974) - Francis Ford Coppola
7. Caché (2005) - Michael Haneke
6. Blow-Up (1966) - Michelangelo Antonioni
5. Memento (2000) - Christopher Nolan
4. Blue Velvet (1986) - David Lynch
3. Rear Window (1954) - Alfred Hitchcock
2. Se7en (1996) - David Fincher
1. Vertigo (1958) - Alfred Hitchcock

Politics & Media

25. The American President (1995) - Rob Reiner
24. The Candidate (1972) - Michael Ritchie
23. The Parallax View (1974) - Alan J. Pakula
22. The China Syndrome (1979) - James Bridges
21. Three Days of the Condor (1975) - Sydney Pollack
20. Good Night and Good Luck (2005) - George Clooney
19. All the King's Men (1949) - Robert Rossen
18. The Great Dictator (1940) - Charlie Chaplin

17. Nightcrawler (2014) - Dan Gilroy
16. Broadcast News (1987) - James L. Brooks
15. The Post (2017) - Steven Spielberg
14. Seven Days in May (1964) - John Frankenheimer
13. Being There (1979) - Hal Ashby
12. Good Bye Lenin! (2003) - Wolfgang Becker
11. Ace in the Hole (1951) - Billy Wilder
10. Dr. Strangelove (1964) - Stanley Kubrick
9. Z (1969) - Costa-Gavras
8. The Conformist (1970) - Bernardo Bertolucci
7. A Face in the Crowd (1957) - Elia Kazan
6. The Manchurian Candidate (1962) - John Frankenheimer
5. Spotlight (2015) - Tom McCarthy
4. Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939) - Frank Capra
3. Network (1976) - Sidney Lumet
2. All the President's Men (1976) - Alan J. Pakula
1. Citizen Kane (1941) - Orson Welles

Prison

25. Kiss of the Spider Woman (1985) - Hector Babenco
24. In the Name of the Father (1993) - Jim Sheridan
23. Dead Man Walking (1995) - Tim Robbins
22. The Longest Yard (1974) - Robert Aldrich
21. I'm a Fugitive from a Chain Gang (1932) - Mervyn LeRoy
20. American History X (1998) - Tony Kaye

19. The Defiant Ones (1958) - Stanley Kramer
18. Papillon (1973) - Franklin J. Schaffner
17. Stalag 17 (1953) - Billy Wilder
16. Down By Law (1986) - Jim Jarmusch
15. Son of Saul (2015) - Laszlo Nemes
14. A Prophet (2009) - Jacques Audiard
13. The Hurricane (1999) - Norman Jewison
12. Birdman of Alcatraz (1962) - John Frankenheimer
11. Escape from Alcatraz (1979) - Don Siegel
10. The Green Mile (1999) - Frank Darabont
9. Life is Beautiful (1997) - Roberto Benigni
8. Sophie's Choice (1982) - Alan J. Pakula
7. La Grand Illusion (1937) - Jean Renoir
6. A Man Escaped (1956) - Robert Bresson
5. The Bridge on the River Kwai (1957) - David Lean
4. The Great Escape (1963) - John Sturges
3. Cool Hand Luke (1967) - Stuart Rosenberg
2. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975) - Milos Forman
1. The Shawshank Redemption (1994) - Frank Darabont

Romance

25. The Notebook (2004) - Nick Cassavetes
24. Dirty Dancing (1987) – Emile Ardolino
23. The Quiet Man (1952) - John Ford
22. Once (2007) - John Carney

21. Carol (2015) – Todd Haynes
20. Letter from an Unknown Woman (1948) - Max Ophuls
19. Remains of the Day (1992) - James Ivory
18. Shakespeare in Love (1998) – John Madden
17. Wuthering Heights (1939) - William Wyler
16. The Piano (1993) - Jane Campion
15. Witness (1985) - Peter Weir
14. Before Trilogy (1995-2013) - Richard Linklater
13. Jules and Jim (1962) - Francois Truffaut
12. The Bridges of Madison County (1995) - Clint Eastwood
11. Harold & Maude (1971) - Hal Ashby
10. In the Mood for Love (2000) - Wong Kar-Wai
9. Love Story (1970) - Arthur Hiller
8. The Way We Were (1973) - Sydney Pollack
7. An Affair to Remember (1957) - Leo McCarey
6. Brokeback Mountain (2005) - Ang Lee
5. Brief Encounter (1945) - David Lean
4. A Place in the Sun (1951) - George Stevens
3. Eternal Sunshine of Spotless Mind (2004) - Michel Gondry
2. Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961) - Blake Edwards
1. Casablanca (1942) - Michael Curtiz

Romantic Comedy

25. The Big Sick (2017) – Michael Showalter
24. Pillow Talk (1959) – Michael Gordon

23. Love Actually (2003) - Richard Curtis
22. Manhattan (1979) – Woody Allen
21. The Awful Truth (1937) - Leo McCarey
20. As Good as It Gets (1997) - James L. Brooks
19. Ninotchka (1939) - Ernst Lubitsch
18. Pretty Woman (1990) - Garry Marshall
17. The Lady Eve (1941) - Preston Sturges
16. Trouble in Paradise (1932) - Ernst Lubitsch
15. Say Anything (1989) - Cameron Crowe
14. The Palm Beach Story (1942) - Preston Sturges
13. Roman Holiday (1953) - William Wyler
12. Bringing Up Baby (1938) - Howard Hawks
11. Sleepless in Seattle (1993) - Nora Ephron
10. The Shop Around the Corner (1940) - Ernst Lubitsch
9. Jerry Maguire (1996) - Cameron Crowe
8. The Apartment (1960) - Billy Wilder
7. Tootsie (1982) - Sydney Pollack
6. Some Like It Hot (1959) - Billy Wilder
5. The Philadelphia Story (1940) - George Cukor
4. His Girl Friday (1940) - Howard Hawks
3. It Happened One Night (1934) - Frank Capra
2. Annie Hall (1977) - Woody Allen
1. When Harry Met Sally (1989) - Rob Reiner

Science Fiction

25. Children of Men (2006) - Alfonso Cuaron
24. Soylent Green (1973) - Richard Fleischer
23. District 9 (2009) - Neill Blomkamp
22. Star Trek II: Wrath of Khan (1982) - Nicholas Meyer
21. Snowpiercer (2011) - Joon-ho Bong
20. Independence Day (1996) - Roland Emmerich
19. Arrival (2016) - Denis Villeneuve
18. Godzilla (1954) - Ishiro Hondo
17. Total Recall (1990) - Paul Verhoeven
16. Minority Report (2000) - Steven Spielberg
15. La Jetee (1962) - Chris Marker
14. Her (2013) - Spike Jonze
13. Ex Machina (2014) - Alex Garland
12. Solaris (1972) - Andrei Tarkovsky
11. The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951) - Robert Wise
10. Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1956) - Don Siegel
9. A Clockwork Orange (1971) - Stanley Kubrick
8. Blade Runner (1982) - Ridley Scott
7. Close Encounters of the 3rd Kind (1977) - Steven Spielberg
6. Planet of the Apes (1968) - Franklin J. Schaffner
5. E.T. The Extra Terrestrial (1982) - Steven Spielberg
4. Alien (1979-1986) - Ridley Scott / James Cameron
3. Back to the Future (1985) - Robert Zemeckis
2. Star Wars (1977-1980) - George Lucas
1. 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) - Stanley Kubrick

Showbiz

25. Lost in Translation (2004) – Sofia Coppola
24. A Night at the Opera (1935) – Sam Wood
23. To Be or Not to Be (1942) - Ernst Lubitsch
22. Synecdoche, New York (2008) - Charlie Kaufman
21. A Star is Born (1954) - George Cukor
20. Whatever Happened to Baby Jane (1962) - Robert Aldrich
19. Slumdog Millionaire (2008) – Danny Boyle
18. The Producers (1968) - Mel Brooks
17. Boogie Nights (1997) - Paul Thomas Anderson
16. Argo (2012) - Ben Affleck
15. Ed Wood (1994) - Tim Burton
14. The Truman Show (1998) – Peter Weir
13. The Player (1992) - Robert Altman
12. The Bad and the Beautiful (1952) - Vincente Minnelli
11. Day for Night (1973) - Francois Truffaut
10. Cinema Paradiso (1988) - Giuseppe Tornatore
9. Contempt (1963) - Jean-Luc Godard
8. Quiz Show (1994) – Robert Redford
7. Sullivan’s Travels (1941) - Preston Sturges
6. Persona (1966) - Ingmar Bergman
5. Birdman (2014) - Alejandro G. Inarritu
4. All That Jazz (1979) - Bob Fosse
3. 8 1/2 (1963) - Federico Fellini

2. All About Eve (1950) - Joseph Mankiewicz
1. Sunset Boulevard (1950) - Billy Wilder

Silent

25. A Trip to the Moon (1902) – Georges Melies
24. The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari (1920) - Robert Wiene
23. The Thief of Baghdad (1924) – Raoul Walsh
22. The Big Parade (1925) – King Vidor
21. The Last Laugh (1924) - F.W. Murnau
20. The Artist (2011) – Michel Hazanavicius
19. Un Chien Andalou (1929) – Luis Bunuel, Salvador Dali
18. The Crowd (1928) - King Vidor
17. Wings (1927) - William Wellman
16. Greed (1924) - Erich von Stroheim
15. The Gold Rush (1925) - Charlie Chaplin
14. Playtime (1967) - Jacques Tati
13. Safety Last! (1923) - Fred Newmeyer
12. Sherlock Jr. (1924) – Buster Keaton
11. The Birth of a Nation (1915) - D.W. Griffith
10. Intolerance (1916) - D.W. Griffith
9. Passion of Joan of Arc (1928) - Carl Theodore Dreyer
8. City Lights (1931) - Charlie Chaplin
7. Metropolis (1927) - Fritz Lang
6. Nosferatu (1922) - F.W. Murnau
5. Battleship Potemkin (1925) - Sergei Eisenstein

4. Sunrise (1927) - F.W. Murnau
3. Man with a Movie Camera (1929) - Dziga Vertov
2. The General (1926) - Buster Keaton & Clyde Bruckman
1. Modern Times (1936) - Charlie Chaplin

Sports

25. Friday Night Lights (2004) - Peter Berg
24. Happy Gilmore (1996) - Dennis Dugan
23. The Karate Kid (1984) - John G. Avildsen
22. The Blind Side (2009) - John Lee Hancock
21. Moneyball (2011) - Bennett Miller
20. Chariots of Fire (1981) - Hugh Hudson
19. The Mighty Ducks (1992) - Stephen Herek
18. The Bad News Bears (1976) - Michael Ritchie
17. North Dallas Forty (1979) - Ted Kotcheff
16. The Pride of the Yankees (1942) - Sam Wood
15. Miracle (2004) - Gavin O'Connor
14. The Natural (1984) - Barry Levinson
13. Slap Shot (1979) - George Roy Hill
12. Million Dollar Baby (2004) - Clint Eastwood
11. Breaking Away (1979) - Peter Yates
10. The Sandlot (1993) - David Mickey Evans
9. Major League (1989) - David S. Ward
8. The Wrestler (2008) - Darren Aronofsky
7. The Hustler (1961) - Robert Rossen

6. Rudy (1993) - David Anspaugh
5. A League of Their Own (1992) - Penny Marshall
4. Hoosiers (1986) - David Anspaugh
3. Bull Durham (1988) - Ron Shelton
2. Remember the Titans (2000) - Boaz Yakin
1. Rocky (1976) - John G. Avildsen

Thriller

25. Strangers on a Train (1951) - Alfred Hitchcock
24. Wait Until Dark (1967) - Terrence Young
23. Dressed to Kill (1980) – Brian De Palma
22. The 39 Steps (1935) - Alfred Hitchcock
21. Basic Instinct (1992) - Paul Verhoeven
20. Room (2013) - Lenny Abrahamson
19. Jacob's Ladder (1990) - Adrian Lyne
18. Dead Ringers (1988) - David Cronenberg
17. Dial M for Murder (1954) - Alfred Hitchcock
16. Marathon Man (1976) - John Schlesinger
15. Misery (1990) - Rob Reiner
14. Rope (1948) - Alfred Hitchcock
13. Oldboy (2003) - Chan-wook Park
12. Cape Fear (1962) - J. Lee Thompson
11. The Birds (1963) - Alfred Hitchcock
10. M (1931) - Fritz Lang
9. Don't Look Now (1973) - Nicolas Roeg

8. Black Swan (2010) – Darren Aronofsky
7. Fatal Attraction (1987) - Adrian Lyne
6. Deliverance (1972) - John Boorman
5. Get Out (2017) - Jordan Peele
4. Les Diabolique (1955) - Henri-Georges Clouzot
3. The Sixth Sense (1999) - M. Night Shyamalan
2. Notorious (1946) - Alfred Hitchcock
1. The Silence of the Lambs (1991) - Jonathan Demme

War

25. The Dirty Dozen (1967) - Robert Aldrich
24. Inglourious Basterds (2009) - Quentin Tarantino
23. An Officer and a Gentleman (1982) – Taylor Hackford
22. From Here to Eternity (1953) - Fred Zinnemann
21. Good Morning, Vietnam (1987) - Barry Levinson
20. Dunkirk (2017) - Christopher Nolan
19. Born on the Fourth of July (1989) - Oliver Stone
18. Coming Home (1978) - Hal Ashby
17. Hiroshima Mon Amour (1959) - Alain Resnais
16. Ashes & Diamonds (1958) - Andrzej Wajda
15. Rome Open City (1945) - Roberto Rossellini
14. The Hurt Locker (2009) - Kathryn Bigelow
13. Das Boot (1981) - Wolfgang Petersen
12. All Quiet on the Western Front (1930) - Lewis Milestone
11. M*A*S*H (1970) - Robert Altman

10. Patton (1970) - Franklin J. Schaffner
9. Glory (1989) – Edward Zwick
8. Zero Dark Thirty (2012) - Kathryn Bigelow
7. The Battle of Algiers (1966) - Gillo Pontecorvo
6. Platoon (1986) - Oliver Stone
5. Full Metal Jacket (1987) - Stanley Kubrick
4. The Deer Hunter (1978) - Michael Cimino
3. The Best Years of Our Lives (1946) - William Wyler
2. Saving Private Ryan (1998) - Steven Spielberg
1. Apocalypse Now (1979) - Francis Ford Coppola

Western

25. The Magnificent Seven (1960) - John Sturges
24. Django Unchained (2012) - Quentin Tarantino
23. 3:10 to Yuma (1957) – Delmer Daves
22. True Grit (1969) - Henry Hathaway
21. Winchester '73 (1950) - Anthony Mann
20. Tombstone (1993) – George Cosmatos
19. My Darling Clementine (1946) - John Ford
18. The Ox-Bow Incident (1943) - William Wellman
17. Cat Ballou (1965) - Elliot Silverstein
16. Johnny Guitar (1956) - Nicholas Ray
15. Red River (1948) - Howard Hawks
14. The Outlaw Josey Wales (1976) - Clint Eastwood
13. Stagecoach (1939) - John Ford

12. There Will Be Blood (2007) - Paul Thomas Anderson
11. McCabe and Mrs. Miller (1971) - Robert Altman
10. The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance (1962) - John Ford
9. Rio Bravo (1959) - Howard Hawks
8. Unforgiven (1992) - Clint Eastwood
7. Shane (1953) - George Stevens
6. Once Upon a Time in the West (1968) - Sergio Leone
5. High Noon (1952) - Fred Zinnemann
4. The Wild Bunch (1969) - Sam Peckinpah
3. Butch Cassidy & Sundance Kid (1969) - George Roy Hill
2. The Good, The Bad & The Ugly (1966) - Sergio Leone
1. The Searchers (1956) - John Ford