

# An Architecture in Film List

(Comprised by John DeFazio) For AIA CRAN

This of course is just a partial list. It has to be. Every movie has art direction and uses space and movement (two of the key ingredients of both architecture and film-making) as the nature of their media. I would have to list every movie ever made! This list is one that I would give to my students for their research projects due to particular aspects of how architecture (and some time architects) are depicted or used in an explicit (or implicit) way. Many of them can be found on Netflix; some appear on Turner Movie Classics (TMC) on cable from time to time; others you will need to hunt down in libraries or flat out purchase.

All films listed in IMDb's list of Top 100 Greatest Movies of All Time could be just as well on this list here. (You can find them here: [www.imdb.com/list/ls055592025/](http://www.imdb.com/list/ls055592025/) ) If they appear on both lists you can bet they are definitely 'must sees' for architecture in film.

I also forgot to mention that I had set up a Facebook web page On Architecture & Film. You can join up there at: [www.facebook.com/groups/211202132234514/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/211202132234514/)

I also mentioned my son Aaron David DeFazio is a recent Columbia Graduate and film-maker. His short film, TOP FLOOR, which was selected by and debuted at the *013 South by Southwest Film Festival*. You can find that here: <https://vimeo.com/52660967>

Thank you all for your warm reception to our screening of Jacque Tati's MON ONCLE. I had a wonderful time meeting you all and look forward to seeing you all at next year's CRAN conference. Until then," I'll see you at the movies." Enjoy!

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## 1920's

CABINET OF DR CALIGARI (1920) Robert Wiene

ONE WEEK (1920) Edward F. Cline, Buster Keaton

THE GOLEM (1921) Paul Wegener

NOSTERATU (1922) F.W. Murnau

L'INHUMAN (1924) Marcel L'Herbier

BATTLE SHIP POTEMKIN (1925) Sergei Eisenstein

METROPOLIS (1926) Fritz Lang

BERLIN: SYMPHONY OF GREAT CITY (1927) Walter Ruttmann

STEAMBOAT BILL, JR. (1928) Charles Reisner, Buster Keaton

MAN WITH A MOVIE CAMERA (1929) Dziga Vertov

AELITA, QUEEN OF MARS (1924) Yakov Protazanov

BEN HUR- A TALE OF THE CHIRST (1925) Fred Nibo

SUNRISE: A STORY OF TWO HUMANS (1927) F.W. Murnau

## 1930 's

JUST IMAGINE (1930) David Butler

"M" (1931) Fritz Lang

CITY LIGHTS (1931) Charles Chaplin

SHANGHAI EXPRESS (1931) Josef Von Sternberg

GRAND HOTEL (1932) Edmund Colliding

KING KONG (1933) Merian Cooper

THE TRIUMPH OF THE WILL (1934) Leni Riefenstahl TOP HAT (1935) Mark Sandrich

THE 39 STEPS (1935) Alfred Hitchcock

THINGS TO COME (1936) William Cameron

MODERN TIMES (1936) Charles Chaplin

LOST HORIZON (1937) Frank Capra

TOPPER (1937) Authur Rouce

MR. SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON (1939) Frank Capra

## 1940's

JUST IMAGINE (1930) David Butler

CITIZEN KANE (1941) Orson Wells

SABOTEUR (1942) Alfred Hitchcock

HOW GREEN WAS MY VALLEY (1941) John Ford

SPELLBOUND (1945) Alfred Hitchcock

MISTER BLANDINGS BUILDS HIS DREAM HOUSE (1948), H.C. Potter

THE ENCHANTED COTTAGE (1944) Albert D'Agostinpo

IVAN THE TERRIBLE (1944) Sergei Eisenstein

THE NAKED CITY (1948) Jules Dassin

ROPE (1948) Alfred Hitchcock

THE FOUNTAINHEAD (1949) King Vidor

THE THIRD MAN (1949) Carol Reed

## 1950's

RASHOMON (1950) Akria Kurosawa

CONTEMPT (1953) Jean Luc Goddard

M. HOULOUT'S HOLIDAY (1953) Jaques Tati

REAR WINDOW (1954) Alfred Hitchcock

ROMAN HOLIDAY, (1953) Hal Pereria

1984 (1954) Rudolph Cartier

THRONE OF BLOOD (1957) Akira Kurosawa

VERTIGO (1958) Alfred Hitchcock

MON ONCLE (1958) Jacques Tati

NORTH BY NORTHWEST (1959) Alfred Hitchcock

HIDDEN FORTRESS (1959) Akria Kurosawa

BREATHLESS (1959) Jean-Luc Godard

HIROSHIMA MON AMOUR (1959) Alain Renalis

BEN HUR (1959) William Wyler

ANTONIO GAUDI (1959) Hiroshi Teshigahara

HIROSHIAM, MON AMOUR (1959) Alain Resnais

## 1960's

STRANGERS WHEN WE MEET, (1960), Larry Cole

IL POSTO (1961) Ermanno Olmi

LAST YEAR AT MARIENBAD (1961) Alain Resnais

DOCTOR STRANGE LOVE ( OR HOW I TO STOP WORRYING AND LEARNED TO LOVE THE BOMB) (1961), Stanley Kubrick

DR. NO (1962) Terence Young

BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S (1961) Blake Edwards  
DR. NO. (1962), Terence Young

L'ECLISSE (1961) Michelangelo Antonioni

EMPIRE (1964) Andy Warhol

RED DESERT (1964) Michelangelo Antonioni

MONUMENT TO THE DREAM (1967) Charles Guggenheim, L.T. Iglehart

YOU ONLY LIVE TWICE (1968) Lewis Gibert

2001 (1968) Stanley Kubrick

PLAYTIME (1968) Jacques Tati

THE PARTY (1968) Blake Edwards

## 1970's

CLOCKWORK ORANGE (1971) Stanley Kubrick

FELLINI'S ROMA (1972) Federico Fellini

SOLARIS (1972) Andrei Tarkofsky

THE FILMS OF CHARLES & RAY EAMES (1949-73)

DEATH WISH (1974) Michael Winner

THE TOWERING INFERNO (1974) Ward Presto

THE DAY OF THE LOCUST (1975) John Schlesinger

THE PASSENGER (1975) Michelangelo Antonioni

TAXI DRIVER (1976) Martin Scorsese CHINATOWN (1974) Roland Polanski

KING KONG (1976) John Gillermin

STAR WARS: EPISODE IV - A NEW HOPE (1977) George Lucas

INTERIORS (1978) Woody Allen

BYE BYE MONKEY (1978) Marco Ferreri

STALKER (1979) Andrei Tarkofsky

## 1980's

MANHATTAN (1980) Woody Allen

THE SHINING (1980) Stanley Kubrick

STAR WARS EPISODE V THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK (1980) Irvin Kershner

THE SHINING (1980) Stanley Krubrick

BLOWOUT (1981) Brian De Palma

BLADERUNNER (1982) Ridley Scott

TRON (1982) Steven Lisberger

THE DRAFTSMAN'S CONTRACT (1982) Peter Greenaway

SPACES: ARCHITECTURE OF PAUL RUDOLPH (1983) Bob Eisenhardt

STAR WARS EPISODE VI THE RETURN OF THE JEDI (1983) Richard Marquand

KOYAANISQATSI: LIFE OUT OF BALANCE (1983) Godfrey Reggio

NOSTALGIA (1983) Andrei Tarkovsky

BODY DOUBLE (1984) Brian DePalma

GHOSTBUSTERS (1984) Ivan Reitman

1984 (1984) Michael Radford

BRAZIL (1985) Terry Gilliam

PEE-WEE'S BIG ADVENTURE (1985) Tim Burton

LABYRINTH (1986) Brian Hanson & Frank Oz

TRUE STORIES (1986) David Byrne

ALIENS (1986) James Cameron

THE NAME OF THE ROSE (1986) Jean-Jacques Annaud

LABYRINTH (1986) Jim Henson

THE BELLY OF AN ARCHITECT (1987) Peter Greenway

WINGS OF DESIRE (1987) Wim Wenders

BILL AND TEDS EXCELLENT ADVENTURE (1988) Stephen Herek

AKIRA (1988) Katsuhiro Otomo

BATMAN (1989) Tim Burton

## 1990's

DREAMS (1990) Akira Kurosawa

DICK TRACY (1990) Warren Beatty

THE FISHER KING (1991) Terry Gilliam

JUNGLE FEVER (1991) Spike Lee

PROSPERO'S BOOKS (1991) Peter Greenaway

INDECENT PROPOSAL (1993) Adrain Lyne

PULP FICTION (1994) Quentin Tarantino

CITY OF LOST CHILDREN (1995) Marc Caro, Jean-Pierre Jeunet

MAYA LIN: A STRONG CLEAR VISION (1994) Freida Lee Mock

12 MONKEYS, (1995) Terry Gilliam

PHILIP JOHNSON: DIARY OF AN ECCENTRIC ARCHITECT (1996) Barbara Wolf

THE ICE STORM (1997)

THE FIFTH ELEMENT (1997) Luc Besson

LA CONFIDENTIAL (1997) Curtis Hanson

GATTACA (1997) Andrew Niccol

INDEPENDENCE DAY (1996) Roland Emmerich, Karl Walter Lindenlaub

MEN IN BLACK (1997) Barry Sonnenfeld

THE BIG LEBOWSKI, (1998) Joel Coen, Ethan Coen

THE TRUMAN SHOW (1998) Peter Weir

THE MATRIX (1999) Wachowski & Wachowski

FIGHT CLUB (1999) David Fincher

ARCHITECTURE OF DOOM (1999) Peter Cohen

EYES WIDE SHUT (1999) Stanley Kubrick

STAR WARS EPISODE I THE PHANTOM MENACE (1999) George Lucas

## 2000's

THE CELL (2000) Tarsem Singh

CROUCHING TIGER HIDDEN DRAGON (2000) Ang Lee

WAKING LIFE (2001) Richard Linklater

METROPOLIS - (Animated) (2001) Osama Tezuka

LIFE AS A HOUSE (2001) Winkler

MOULIN ROUGE (2001) Baz Luhrman

AI (2001) Steven Spielberg

THE GLASS HOUSE (2001) Daniel Sackheim

FRIDA (2002) Julie Taymor

LORD OF THE RINGS (2001) Peter Jackson

STAR WARS EPISODE II THE ATTACK OF THE CLONES (2002) GEORGE LUKAS

MINORITY REPORT (2002) Steven Spielberg

HERO (2002) Zhang Yimou

SPIDER MAN (2002) Sam Raimi

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN (2002) Steven Spielberg

KOCHUU (2003) Jesper Wachtmeister

MY ARCHITECT: A SON'S JOURNEY (2003) Nathaniel Kahn

THE RUSSIAN ARK (2003) Alexander V. Kirilov

LOST IN TRANSLATION (2003) Sophia Coppola

BIG FISH (2003) Tim Burton

ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND (2004) Michael Gondry

THE INCREDIBLES (2004) Bard Bird

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT: A FILM BY KEN BURNS & LYNN NOVICK (2004)

SKY CAPTAIN AND THE WORLD OF TOMORROW (2004) Kerry Conran

THE AVIATOR (2004) Martin Scorsese

LIFE AQUATIC WITH STEVE ZISSOU (2004) Wes Anderson

THE INCREDIBLES (2004) Brad Bird

STAR WARS EPISODE III REVENGE OF THE SITH III (2005) George Lukas

REGULAR OR SUPER-MIES VAN DER ROHE (2005) Joseph Hillel & Patrick Demers

SKETCHES OF FRANK GEHRY (2005) Sydney Pollack

THE SCIENCE OF SLEEP (2006) Michel Gondry

KOOLHAAS LAGOS WIDE & CLOSE INTERACTIVE JOURNEY INTO AN EXPLODING CITY (2006)  
Bregtje V D Haak

CHILDREN OF MEN (2006) Alfonso Cuaron

THE LAKE HOUSE (2006) Alejandro Agresti

PAN'S LABYRINTH (2006) Guillermo dei Toro

THE FALL (2006) Tarsem Singh

PRIVATE FEARS IN PUBLIC SPACES (2006) Alain Resnais

HELVETICA (2007) Gary Hustwit

GREAT EXPECTATIONS (2007) Jasper Wachtmeister

THE GOLDEN COMPASS (2007) Chris Wertz

THE GARBAGE WARRIOR (2007) Oliver Hodge

24 CITY (2008) Zhangke Jia

WALL-E (2008) Andrew Stanton

MAN ON WIRE (2008) James Marsh

KOOLHAAS: A KIND OF ARCHITECT (2008)

SOMERS TOWN (2008) Shane Meadows

INFINITE SPACE: THE ARCHITECTURE OF JOHN LAUTNER (2008) Murray Grigor

2012 (2009) Roland Emmerich

OBJECTIFIED (2009)

THE INTERNATIONAL (2009) Tom Tykwer

WATTS TOWERS OF SIMON RODIA (1957) (2009)

**2010's**

CITIZEN ARCHITECT: SAMUEL MOCKBEE AND THE SPIRIT OF THE RURAL STUDIO (2010) Sam Wainwright Douglas

VISUAL ACOUSTICS: THE MODERNISM OF JULIUS SHULMAN (2010) Eric Bricker

INCEPTION (2010) Christopher Nolan

SHUTTER ISLAND (2010) Martin Scorsese

OSCAR NIEMEYER- A VIDA É M SOPRO (2010) Fabiano Maciel

HOW MUCH DOES YOUR BUILDING WEIGH, MR. FOSTER? (2010) Carlos Carca, Norberto López Amado

THE ADJUSTMENT BUREAU (2011) George Nolfi

URBANIZED (2011) Gary Hustwit

UNFINISHED SPACES (2011) Benjamin Murray, Alys Nahmias

THE PRUITT-IGOE MYTH (2011) Chad Friedrichs

HUGO (2011) Martin Scorsese

EAMES: THE ARCHITECT & THE PAINTER (2011) Jason Cohn, Bill Jersey

THE IDEAL CITY (2012) Luigi Lo Cascio

ARCHITECTURE 101 (2012)

THE COMPETITION (2013) Angelo Borrego Cubero

THE GREAT GATSBY (2013) Baz Luhrmann

THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL (2014) Wes Anderson

TALE OF THE PRINCESS KAGUYA (2013) Isao Takahata

BIRDMAN (2014) Alejandro González Iñárritu

LEGO (2014) Philip Lord, Christopher Miller