



Film
Program

AMERICAN CENTER

HOLIDAYS

Adam Sandler's *Eight Crazy Nights* (2002)

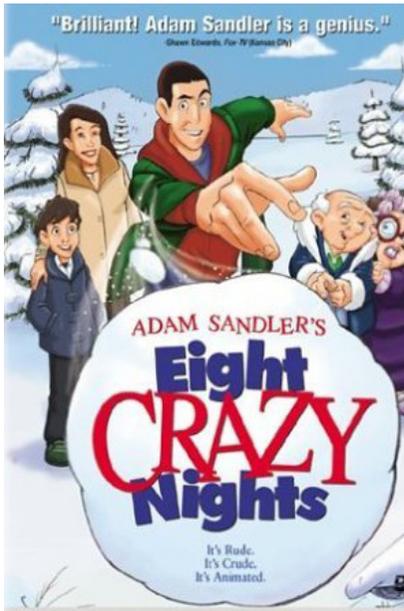
Running Time: 71 min.

December 1 – 4 1:00 p.m.

December 5 9:00 a.m.

Davey Stone is a young man who hates the holidays and is determined that no one else in the town of Dukesberry is going to enjoy them either. On the first night of Hanukah, Davey goes on a rowdy rampage and is arrested. Since this is hardly the first time he has gone on a destructive binge, the town sentences Davey to ten years in prison. It is only through the intercession of a kindly old codger named Whitey that Davey is spared. Whitey, a local basketball ref, agrees to take responsibility for Davey. Though Whitey suffers Davey's foul temper and bad attitude with good humor, others are

less sympathetic, particularly his childhood sweetheart Jennifer, who has returned to Dukesberry with her son Benjamin. When Davey's mobile home burns down, he is forced to move in with Whitey and his sister, Eleanor. The familial atmosphere softens Davey, somewhat, until they tap into his painful past. He turns on Whitey and Eleanor and goes off on a boisterous tear. It is only by confronting the ghosts of holidays past, and an act of selfless kindness, that Davey is able to overcome his demons and enjoy the holidays again.



Genre: Comedy and Animation

Starring: Adam Sandler, Austin Stout,
Norm Crosby, Tyra Banks,
James Barbour (II)

Director: Seth Kearsley

Home for the Holidays (1995)

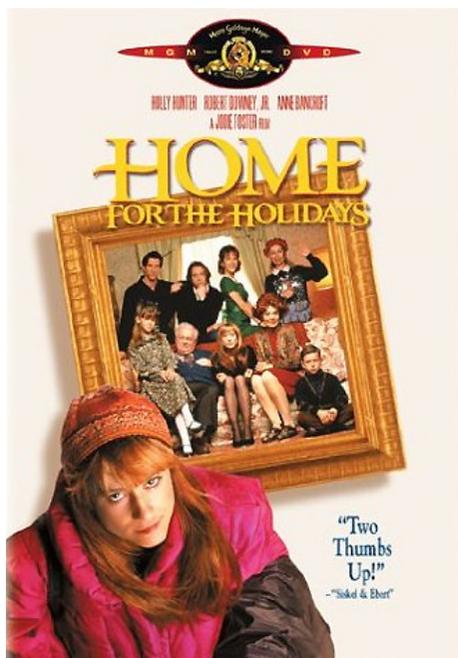
Running Time: 103 min.

December 8 – 11 1:00 p.m.

December 12 9:00 a.m.

Giving thanks looks like a tall order this year, in light of the downward spiral Claudia Larson's life has taken. On the day she's to fly home to Baltimore for her family's annual Thanksgiving gathering, Claudia is fired from a job she loves at a Chicago art museum. Nursing her pride and a bad head cold on the way to the airport, she is informed by her 15-year old daughter, Kitt, that she plans to lose her virginity to her boyfriend while her mother's out of town. Slightly dazed by this new knowledge, coupled with her fear of flying and over all physical and emotional malaise, Claudia places an urgent call to

her brother Tommy in Boston, pleading for his company and support over the holiday weekend. Over the next 36 hours, Claudia investigates her feelings about her simultaneously overwhelming and endearing parents, Adele and Henry; her loony Aunt Gladly who is a completely uninhibited beacon of truth; and her emotionally distant sister Joanne who feels trapped by responsibility.



Genre: Comedy, Drama, Adaptation and Holiday

Starring: Holly Hunter, Robert Downey Jr., Anne Bancroft, Charles Durning, Dylan Mc Dermott

Director: Jodie Foster

Miracle on 34th Street (1947)

Running Time: 96 min.

December 22 – 24 1:00 p.m.

December 26 9:00 a.m.

Kris Kringle--unbeknownst to cynical, market-minded adults, the real Santa Claus--is hired to play himself at Macy's Department Store, New York City. His gentle, joyous spirit and magical powers soon transform those around him, including a little girl and her world-weary mother.

Academy Award Nominations: 4, including Best Picture.

Academy Awards: 3, including Best Original Story, Best Screenplay, Best Supporting Actor--Edmund Gwenn. The 50th Anniversary Edition includes remastered footage and a promotional short.



Genre: Drama

Starring: Maureen O Hara,
Edmund Gwenn, John Payne,
Gene Lockhart, Natalie Wood

Director: George Seaton

Christmas in Connecticut (1945)

Running Time: 101 min.

December 29 – 31 1:00 p.m.

January 2 9:00 a.m.

Journalist Elizabeth Lane is one of the country's most famous food writers. In her columns, she describes herself as a hard working farm woman, taking care of her children and being an excellent cook. But this is all lies. In reality she is an unmarried New Yorker who has no cooking skills, no Connecticut farm, no adoring hubby and no baby-makes-three as suggested in her column. The recipes come from her good friend Felix. The owner

of the magazine she works for has decided that a heroic sailor will spend his Christmas on her farm. Miss Lane knows that her career is over if the truth comes out, but what can she do?

Genre: Comedy and Romance

Starring: Sydney Greenstreet,
Reginald Gardiner,
S. Z. Sakall

Director: Peter Godfrey

