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1 Latchis Arts wraps up classic film series with ‘Sunset  
2 Boulevard’

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5 Latchis Arts’ Classics at the Latchis series continues with  
6 *Sunset Boulevard* Sunday, June 14, at 7 p.m., including an  
7 introduction, afterthoughts, and a book signing with David M.  
8 Lubin, author of *Ready for My Close-Up: The Making of Sunset*  
9 *Boulevard and the Dark Side of the Hollywood Dream*.

10 Consistently cited by cinephiles and scholars alike as  
11 “one of the greatest American films of all time,” *Sunset Boulevard*

12 (1950) stars Gloria Swanson as Nora Desmond, an aging silent  
13 film queen who refuses to accept that her time in the limelight  
14 has ended. She hires a young, down-on-his-luck screenwriter  
15 (William Holden) to help with her movie comeback. As things  
16 unfold, the situation devolves into violence, madness, and death.

17 Directed by Billy Wilder, the film was nominated for 11  
18 Academy Awards and won three, including Best Story and  
19 Screenplay, Best Art Direction, and Best Score. A hit in its day,  
20 although it lost to *All About Eve* for Best Picture, *Sunset*  
21 *Boulevard* is a classic noir drama that “remains compelling to this  
22 day,” wrote organizers, “75 years after its release.” It is No. 16 on  
23 the American Film Institute’s Top 100 American films of all-time.

24 Praised as “a deft account of a Hollywood classic” and a  
25 “razor-sharp analysis (that) deepens the history and power of the  
26 cinematic masterpiece,” David M. Lubin’s *Ready for My Close-*  
27 *Up* is a cultural history and making-of book that explores the  
28 creation of this very meta and uniquely fascinating film.

29 Lubin is a professor, curator, scholar, and writer; an  
30 author of eight books on American art, film, and popular culture;  
31 and a frequent contributor to many major publications, especially  
32 as a reviewer for *Rolling Stone*.

33 Tickets are \$15 in advance, available at [bit.ly/869-lubin](http://bit.ly/869-lubin).  
34 Tickets will be \$16 at the door. For more information, visit  
35 [latchis.com](http://latchis.com).

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