

**Great comedies brought you by HOOPLA.** Nothing like a good comedy to lift your spirits! HOOPLA carries over 2,000 titles – here are some highlights:

***Bridget Jones's Diary*** (2001): Renée Zellweger stars as Bridget Jones, the hopeless romantic. Set in London, it tells the story (through her personal diary) of Bridget who's determined to improve herself and find Mr. Right.

***Chocolat*** (2000): Juliette Binoche stars as a single mother, Vianne Rocher, who moves to rural France with her six-year-old daughter, Anouk. The two shake up the sleepy village by opening up a chocolate shop, with Sunday hours, across the street from the local church. Quelle scandale!! Eventually they coax their skeptics into enjoying their delicious products and are eventually welcomed into the community.

***La Cage aux Folles*** (1978): Hilarious French comedy about two gay men living in St. Tropez. Their seemingly perfect lives turn upside down when the son of one of the men announces he is getting married. They try to conceal their lifestyle and their ownership of the drag club downstairs when the fiancée and her parents come for dinner. The American version, *The Birdcage* (1996), starring Robin Williams and Nathan Lane, is also available.

***Pillow Talk*** (1959): Doris Day, Rock Hudson, Tony Randall – you can't go wrong with this classic. An uptight interior decorator is forced to share a party line with an amorous playboy. Charming, a bit dated, but still a fun watch!

***The Return of the Pink Panther*** (1975): Peter Sellers as the bumbling Inspector Clouseau never disappoints! Sellers was a true comic genius. Other Sellers/Clouseau films available include *A Shot in the Dark* (1964), *The Pink Panther Strikes Again* (1976), *Revenge of the Pink Panther* (1978) and *Trail of the Pink Panther* (1982).

***Strictly Ballroom*** (1992): This Australian romantic comedy put director, Baz Luhrmann, on the map. A top ballroom dancer pairs with a plain, left-footed local girl when his maverick style earns him the disdain of his more conventionally-minded colleagues. Together, the team gives it their all and makes dreams of the National Championship title come true.

***Swingers*** (1996): The quintessential “guy film” set in Los Angeles - Wannabe actors become regulars in the stylish neo-lounge scene.

***The Wedding Banquet*** (1993): Taiwanese Director Ang Lee, was a relative unknown until this film was released in the U.S. Simon and Wei-Tung are a gay couple living together in Manhattan. To defer the suspicions of Wei-Tung's parents, Simon suggests a marriage of convenience between Wei-Tung and Wei-Wei, an immigrant in need of a green card. When Wei-Tung's parents come to America for the wedding, they insist upon an elaborate banquet, resulting in several complications.

***Yours, Mine and Ours*** (1968) Henry Fonda and Lucille Ball bring added dimension to this hilarious true story of a widow and widower whose marriage creates a full house of twenty! The 2000 remake of the same name, starring Dennis Quaid and Rene Russo, is also available.