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Time Travel at the Movies

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Vladimir Mayakovsky as the "Hooligan" in his only film performance. **YouTube**

On Saturday⊠night the Illuzion Movie Theater is showing two silent movies written by poet⊠and propagandist Vladimir Mayakovsky, complete with musical accompaniment.

The first⊠film, called "The Lady and the Hooligan," from 1918 stars Mayakovsky himself in his⊠only film role as the hooligan transformed by love for a young school teacher. The⊠second feature, also written by Mayakovsky, is "Oktyabryukhov and Dekabyukhov" (October Belly and December Belly), an "eccentric comedy" from 1928 about a man⊠about to get married when the 1917 October Revolution breaks out. He leaves his⊠bride at the altar and flees the country. His brother – Mr. October Belly —⊠marries his brother's bride, gets a job, and embarks on a happy life in the⊠Land of Soviets... when Mr. December Belly comes back home. Both films include rarely-seen⊠documentary footage. A night to be remembered for film, history and poetry⊠buffs. Sat. Feb. 11 at 8 p.m.

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