

MANHATTAN MOVIE TOUR

Overview

Film production in New York City began in the 1940s with a film called the "The Naked City".

Films were mostly made in Hollywood and London at the time, and occasionally went on location to places like Las Vegas and Paris, though primarily to take advantage of Las Vegas hotel deals or stay at a nice Paris hotel.

But by the 1950s many more films were being made in New York City. In 1954, a New York production "On the Waterfront" won eight Oscars, including Best Actor for a young Marlon Brando, and Best Picture, at the Academy Awards. In 1955, "Marty" also won Best Picture and three other Oscars.

Since then hundreds of films and television shows have been filmed in the streets of New York City. But in fact, not all of them have been true to their word with clever special effects, library footage and even other cities playing the part of New York have been used to keep film budgets low.



1. GHOST: (1990) – 102 Prince Street

About the movie:

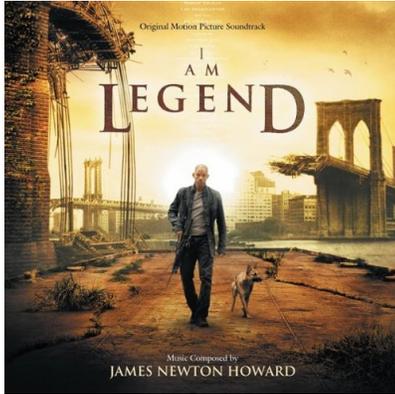
Sam Wheat (Patrick Swayze) and Molly (Demi Moore) are a very happy couple and deeply in love. Walking back to their new apartment after a night out at the theatre, they encounter a thief in a dark alley, and Sam is murdered. He finds himself trapped as a ghost and realizes that his death was no accident. He must warn Molly about the danger that she is in. But as a ghost he cannot be seen or heard by the living, and so he tries to communicate with Molly through Oda Mae Brown (Whoopi Goldberg), a psychic who didn't even realize that her powers were real.

About the neighborhood: Soho

In the early 19th century, SoHo was an area of some farms, rolling hills, streams and even a swamp at its southern end. By mid-19th century these were replaced by more solid structures of masonry and cast iron. It was a lively theatre and shopping district, and many brothels. Eventually, as the center of the growing city continued to move uptown, the quality of the area declined, until it became known as Hell's Hundred Acres, an industrial wasteland, full of sweatshops and small factories in the daytime, but empty at night.

In the mid-20th century, artists began to move in to have large spaces in which they could both live and work, in what were called loft spaces. In 1968 artists and activists were forming an organization to legalize their living in a manufacturing zone. The area, South of Houston, Houston being Houston Street, was shortened to SoHo when the group voted to call itself the SoHo Artists Association, and the name for the neighborhood stuck.

The name SoHo is the model for other new neighborhood acronyms in New York City, such as NoHo, for North of HOUSTON Street, TriBeCa (TRIangle BELOW CANal Street), Nolita (NORth of Little ITaly), and DUMBO (Down Under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass).



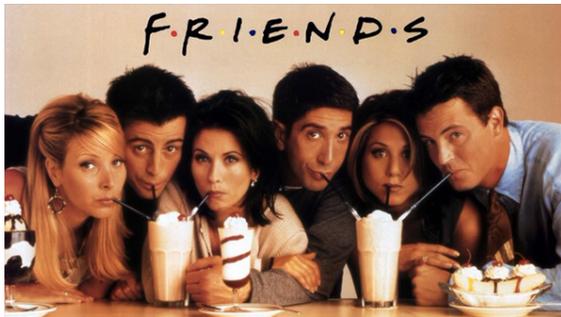
2. I AM LEGEND: (2007) – 11 Washington Square Park North

About the movie:

Robert Neville (Will Smith) is a scientist who was unable to stop the spread of the terrible virus that was incurable and man-made. Immune, Neville is now the last human survivor in what is left of New York City and perhaps the world. For three years, Neville has faithfully sent out daily radio messages, desperate to find any other survivors who might be out there. But he is not alone. Mutant victims of the plague -- The Infected -- lurk in the shadows... watching Neville's every move... waiting for him to make a fatal mistake. Perhaps mankind's last, best hope, Neville is driven by only one remaining mission: to find a way to reverse the effects of the virus using his own immune blood. But he knows he is outnumbered... and quickly running out of time.

About the neighborhood: Washington Square North

Washington Square North, also called "The Row" presents a unified line of Late Classical townhouses along the northern side of Washington Square Park. In the 1840s, New York City's elite established Washington Square, far from the increasingly commercial environment of Lower Manhattan, as the address of choice. Today, most of the buildings belong to New York University's (NYU) campus facilities.



3. Friends (90 Bedford street)

Friends is a US sitcom from the 1990s that is about the lives of 6 young friends living in Manhattan. Although based in New York, the TV series was filmed in Los Angeles.

4. Sex in the City – 66 Perry Street (and Bleecker)

A member of the New York glitterati, Carrie Bradshaw is a club, bar and restaurant staple who is known for her unique fashion sense. Most days she works on her PowerBook in her apartment, writing a newspaper column focusing on the different aspects of her relationships. Away from work, she has a group of friends, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda as well as a man in her life called Mr. Big.

About the neighborhood: The West Village

The West Village is the western portion of Greenwich Village. The area is usually defined as bounded by the Hudson River on the west and either Sixth Avenue or Seventh Avenue on the east, extending from 14th Street down to Houston Street. The neighborhood is primarily residential, with a multitude of small restaurants, shops and services.

5. Sex in the City – The Magnolia Bakery (401 Bleecker St and West 11th)

