'Lebowski,' 'Bueller' added to Film Registry

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You probably already count Willy Wonka, Ferris Beuller and "Dude" as personal cinematic treasures.

But now the films are getting official recognition.

Librarian of Congress James H. Billington has announced the 25 movies that have been added to National Film Registry, thereby ensuring they'll be preserved for all time as "cinematic treasures."

Saving Private Ryan, Rosemary's Baby, Ferris Bueller's Day Off, Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory and The Big Lebowski are among the films making the cut for 2014.

"The National Film Registry showcases the extraordinary diversity of America's film heritage and the disparate strands making it so vibrant," said Billington. "By preserving these films, we protect a crucial element of American creativity, culture and history."



Tom Hanks in a scene from 'Saving Private Ryan.' (Photo: AP)

Films named to the registry range from 1913-2004 and include silent films, shorts, and Hollywood classics, along with student films, independent and experimental motion pictures. This year's selections bring the number of films in the registry to 650.

The list this year also includes 1953's *House of Wax*, the first full-length 3-D color film produced and released by a major American film studio, and Efraín Gutiérrez's 1976 independent movie, *Please Don't Bury Me Alive!*, considered by historians to be the first Chicano feature film.

Each year the Librarian of Congress names 25 films to the National Film Registry that are "culturally, historically or aesthetically" significant. The films must be at least 10 years old.

The complete list:

13 Lakes (2004) Bert Williams Lime Kiln Club Field Day (1913) The Big Lebowski (1998) Down Argentine Way (1940) The Dragon Painter (1919) Felicia (1965) Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) The Gang's All Here (1943)

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House of Wax (1953) Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport (2000) Little Big Man (1970) Luxo Jr. (1986) Moon Breath Beat (1980) Please Don't Bury Me Alive! (1976) The Power and the Glory (1933) Rio Bravo (1959) Rosemary's Baby (1968) Ruggles of Red Gap (1935) Saving Private Ryan (1998) Shoes (1916) State Fair (1933) Unmasked (1917) V-E + 1 (1945) The Way of Peace (1947) Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971)

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