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Billy Wilder's Iconic Marilyn Monroe Starrers Featured in *Reel 13's* November Lineup on THIRTEEN

*“West Side Story” to air one day after “Great Performances:
Chita Rivera – A Lot of Livin’ to Do”*

After Friday evening's presentation of *Great Performances: Chita Rivera: A Lot of Livin' to Do* on PBS, **Reel 13's** November schedule kicks off the following night with Robert Wise and Jerome Robbins' Academy Award-winning film adaptation of *West Side Story*. Rivera originated the role of Anita in the Broadway production, a part for which Rita Moreno garnered an Oscar for her performance in the film.

The month also features two of legendary Hollywood filmmaker Billy Wilder's classic comedies starring Marilyn Monroe.

On November 14 Tom Ewell reprises his Tony Award-winning Broadway role of a would-be philanderer in *The Seven Year Itch*. The scene in the film, where Monroe is standing on a subway grate as her white dress is blown by a passing train, produced one of the most iconic images of the 20th century.

The following week, Monroe teams with Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon in Wilder's screwball comedy *Some Like it Hot*. Recognized by the American Film Institute as the greatest American comedy film of all time, the black and white film earned six Academy-Award nominations, winning for “Best Costume Design.” The film was also one of the first 25 inducted into the United States National Film Registry.

In keeping with the Thanksgiving holiday, the eccentric Turner family's holiday get-together goes from bad to worse when estranged daughter Nina visits home for the first time in 15 years in the independent *Cold Turkey*.

Every Saturday night beginning at 9 p.m., viewers can catch a Hollywood **Classic** followed by an **Indie**, with film historian **Neal Gabler** or Columbia University professor **Richard Peña** hosting on a film-by-film basis. The evening concludes with a **Short** film selected by viewers who vote for their favorite of three shorts at Reel13.org.

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“West Side Story” (1961) Dir: Robert Wise and Jerome Robbins
Rival New York City gangs thwart young lovers Tony (Richard Beymer) and Maria (Natalie Wood) in Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim's musical update of “Romeo and Juliet.” With Rita Moreno, George Chakiris and Russ Tamblyn.

“Dead Dad” (2012) Dir: Ken J. Adachi
Three out of touch siblings are summoned home when their father dies. With Kyle Arrington, Jenni Melear and Lucas Kwan Peterson.

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“The Seven Year Itch” (1955) Dir: Billy Wilder
With his wife and son away on summer vacation, a bored publishing executive (Tom Ewell) becomes consumed with lusty fantasies when he meets the blonde bombshell (Marilyn Monroe) apartment-sitting upstairs. With Evelyn Keyes, Oskar Homolka, Sonny Tufts and Robert Strauss.

“Putzel” (2012) Dir: Jason Chaet
A shy Upper West Sider falls in love with his uncle's girlfriend. With Jack Carpenter, Melanie Lynskey and John Pankow.

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“Some Like It Hot” (1959) Dir: Billy Wilder
Unwitting witnesses to a gangland murder, two Roaring 20s jazz musicians (Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon) go undercover in skirts and makeup to join an all-girl band with a sizzling lead singer (Marilyn Monroe). With George Raft, Pat O'Brien, and Joe E. Brown.

“Cold Turkey” (2013) Dir: Will Slocombe
Thanksgiving turns into a train wreck at the Turner household when unpredictable daughter Nina turns up. With Alicia Witt, Wilson Bethel, Cheryl Hines and acclaimed film director Peter Bogdanovich.

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