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5 The Latchis Theatre will present a screening of *Now,*  
6 *Voyager* (1942) Friday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Theatre as  
7 part of its ongoing Classics at the Latchis series.

8 The program is presented by Sages and Latchis Arts and  
9 continues the theater's initiative to bring landmark works of  
10 American cinema back to the big screen for local audiences.

11 Directed by Irving Rapper and starring Bette Davis, Paul  
12 Henreid, and Claude Rains, *Now, Voyager* is widely regarded as  
13 one of the defining films of Davis’s career.

14 Based on the novel by Olive Higgins Prouty, the film  
15 follows Charlotte Vale, a woman constrained by family control  
16 who undergoes a profound personal transformation. Noted for its  
17 emotional restraint and psychological depth, the film remains a  
18 significant example of classical Hollywood storytelling centered  
19 on inner change rather than spectacle.

20 The film holds particular regional resonance. Davis was  
21 born in Lowell, Massachusetts, the story begins in Boston, and  
22 Prouty was also a Massachusetts author, organizers said. A key  
23 portion of the narrative takes place in Vermont, where the  
24 protagonist’s transformation unfolds in a setting associated with  
25 recovery, reflection, and renewal. This New England context has  
26 contributed to the film’s continued relevance for audiences in the  
27 region.

28 In addition to its historical importance, *Now, Voyager* has  
29 been the subject of sustained critical interest in feminist and  
30 queer film studies. Charlotte’s arc has been interpreted as a  
31 narrative of self-determination that extends beyond conventional  
32 romantic frameworks.

33 “The film’s emphasis on autonomy, emotional  
34 complexity, and alternative forms of intimacy has allowed it to  
35 remain part of ongoing cultural and academic conversations,”  
36 wrote organizers in a news release.

37 Following the screening, the Latchis will host an informal  
38 discussion, and offer raffles, prizes, and additional audience  
39 engagement activities. The event is intended to function both as a  
40 film presentation and as a community gathering centered on  
41 shared viewing and conversation.

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