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**Title:** Ginger and Fred

**Director:** Federico Fellini

**Year:** 1985

**Runtime:** 125 min

**Country:** Italy/France/West  
Germany

**Cast:** Marcello Mastroianni, Giulietta  
Masina

## Screening times and locations:

**Thursday, July 21, 2005 8:45 PM**

All films are screened at Jackman Hall

## Film Description:

Mastroianni and Masina were paired for the first time in Fellini's fond satire about television and popular culture. They play Pippo and Amelia, an old dance-hall team who once delighted audiences with their re-creations of the numbers danced by Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire. Now, thirty years later, they are reunited for a nostalgia show on television. Fellini uses the opportunity to skewer Italian television with its parade of pathetic performers and mindless commentators, and, more tellingly, to meditate on the cruelties of time. Mastroianni and Masina turn the pair of aging vaudevillians with ancient grudges and hurts into one of the most memorable couples in all of Fellini's cinema. "GINGER AND FRED ranks with the best work Fellini has ever done. Masina and Mastroianni are both hugely funny and affecting" (Vincent Canby, *The New York Times*).

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