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Title: Anna Karenina
Director: Clarence Brown
Year: 1935
Runtime: 94 min
Country: USA
Cast: Greta Garbo, Fredric March

Screening times and locations:
Wednesday, June 22, 2005 6:30 PM
 All films are screened at Jackman Hall

Film Description:

"This mixture of MGM gloss, the aloof Garbo, and the labyrinthine Tolstoy works like a charm: visually and emotionally the most rarefied of Garbo's '30s films" (Geoff Brown, *Time Out Film Guide*). The epic Russian novel of tragic love is perfect emotional terrain for Garbo's suffering screen persona (her first portrayal of Anna Karenina was the 1927 silent LOVE by Edmund Goulding, screening on June 7). Though married to the sterile, wealthy Basil Rathbone, and completely devoted to her son, Garbo sacrifices both for the love of a dashing young officer played by Fredric March. Clarence Brown's lavish recreations of nineteenth-century St. Petersburg, in particular the dazzling cinematography of William Daniels, often turn the most potentially staid of scenes into eye-catching arenas for Garbo's passions to flourish or wither. "Perhaps the most moving of her later films" (Raymond Durgat).

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