

## A Film Festival Worth Quoting

At any given time, our family will throw out a movie quote either in reference to a conversation or just to quiz each other on where it originated. When our youngest son was born, my husband yelled, “We’re going to need a bigger boat,” while changing a very full diaper. The nurses burst out laughing. Great movie quotes become part of our everyday vernacular. It’s amazing how movies evoke a feeling and characters remain with us well after leaving the theater. According to the American Film Institute, the list just continues to grow, but the oldies seem to win out every time. Pop culture favorites such as the *Gone With the Wind*’s “Frankly, my dear, I don’t give a damn,” *Star Wars*’ “May the force be with you,” and *Forrest Gump*’s “Life is like a box of chocolates” are fan favorites. Instead of *Name That Tune*, it’s *Name That Movie*. Frequently I’ll reference a movie while speaking to someone, and I either get a laugh or a weird stare. No worries: “I’ve always depended on the kindness of strangers.”

You have the opportunity to pocket new quotes as this year’s Florida Film Festival (page 14) is just around the corner. Everything from shorts and documentaries to features will immerse the theater-goer through the filmmaker’s eye. The breadth of this festival continues to grow and has reached Oscar-qualifying status. You may even bump into a celebrity at one of the festival parties. Be inspired. I will probably never be a detective or doctor, live in a foreign country or on a boat, but I can watch a movie and imagine. “Here’s looking at you, kid.”

Happy watching!

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