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Dear Media Provider,

Thank you in advance for running this article about the silent movie sponsored by the Grand Rapids Arts Council during the Christmas Open House in the village. We appreciate your support!

Safety Last!

A silent movie will be shown in the historic Grand Rapids Town Hall during the village's Christmas Open House on Saturday, November 18, at 7:00 pm. Harold Lloyd stars in ***Safety Last!*** His comic genius is eternal. Chaplin is the sweet innocent, Keaton the stoic outsider, but Lloyd – the modern guy striving for success – is us. This film is the perfect introduction to Lloyd with its torrent of perfectly-executed gags and astonishing stunts. Harold plays a small-town bumpkin trying to make it in the big city, where he finds employment as a lowly department store clerk. He comes up with a wild publicity stunt to draw attention to the store, resulting in an incredible feat on his part that gets him started on the climb to success.

Accompaniment for the movie will be provided by Lynne Long. She is a cum laude graduate in piano performance from BGSU. Lynne regularly performs musical programs ranging from sacred to ragtime and maintains a music studio of 28 students. For today's movie, she chose 62 songs with which she forms a continuous medley to provide an uninterrupted accompaniment to this film.

Admission to the movie is by donation with all proceeds going to the Grand Rapids Arts Council.