

The Balloonatic

The Balloonatic is a 1923 American short comedy film co-directed by and starring Buster Keaton.^[1] It was one of Keaton's final short films.^[2]

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Plot

A young man (Keaton) has a series of encounters in an amusement area, much like Coney Island, until happening upon a group of men preparing a hot air balloon for launch. The young man assists the group by climbing atop the balloon to affix a pennant, when the balloon mistakenly takes flight with no one aboard but the young man. The young man finally downs the balloon in a wilderness area, where he encounters a young outdoorswoman and proceeds to have a series of misadventures.

Cast

- Buster Keaton as The Young Man
- Phyllis Haver as The Young Woman
- Babe London as Fat Girl at The House of Trouble (uncredited)

See also

- Buster Keaton filmography

References

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 <div>Still with Buster Keaton and Phyllis Haver</div>	
Directed by	Buster Keaton <div>Edward F. Cline</div>
Produced by	Joseph M. Schenck
Written by	Buster Keaton <div>Edward F. Cline</div>
Starring	Buster Keaton
Cinematography	Elgin Lessley
Release date	January 22, 1923
Running time	22 minutes
Country	United States
Language	Silent <div>English intertitles</div>

External links

- *The Balloonatic* (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0013858/>) on IMDb
 - The short film *The Balloonatic* (<https://archive.org/details/TheBalloonatic>) is available for free download at the Internet Archive
 - *The Balloonatic* (<http://www.busterkeaton.org/balloonatic>) at the [International Buster Keaton Society](#)
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