

Tales from the Golden Age – Romanian film choice

Reviewed by Ireland

- Gives a really good insight in to Romanian life in the 70's and 80's
- A collection of six short black comedies
- My favourite was The Legend of the Official Visit which shows how villagers make an attempt to satisfy all the demands requested to impress a passing motorcade no matter how strange these demands are – at the last minute the visit is cancelled. It shows how people work together and actually care about each other.
- Use of satire is interesting
- Shows how bureaucracy makes strange demands on people. These demands are never questioned openly.
- Very different approach but interesting
- Funny
- Humour often plays a very important role in peoples' lives especially when times are tough. We have experienced that in our history also.
- An alternative approach to viewing history
- These short stories certainly lead me to ask questions
- I have hope for the future as it is easy to see that people do care about each other despite their difficulties
- The Legend of the Chicken Driver was my favourite – this is a light-hearted view of a serious subject
- I enjoyed this collection of short films and it has taught me a lot about Romanian history in a very different way