

The Automat

April 22, 2026

6 pm Doors | 6:30 pm Film

Burlington Contois Aud, 149 Church St.
Brattleboro 118 Elliot St.
Same day screen from home: adfilmseries.org



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Originating in Philadelphia, Horn & Hardart's Automat was America's original and most beloved restaurant chain where generations of Americans ate and drank coffee at elegant communal marble tables, free from social barriers. Pie? Coffee? Put your nickel in, then open the little glass door to a freshly made delight. This ritual made Horn & Hardart the place to meet, where people connected over good food and coffee. The Automat illustrates how the company served the public great food and at the same time treated its employees with fairness and integrity. The legacy of the Automat spans a century, chronicling it's rise as an iconic restaurant chain that inspired Starbucks, and it's eventual decline, sealed by the rise of fast food that forever transformed the American dining landscape.

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Directed by Lisa Hurwitz, 2021, USA, 79 Minutes

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