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## Fred Astaire And Eleanor Powell Dancing Together

World's Greatest Dancers Teamed At Last In 'Broadway Melody Of 1940'

When the two greatest dancers of the contemporary stage and screen get together in a single production, it's news. Such news is verified in "Broadway Melody of 1940," coming to the Paramount theater Sunday for an engagement of four days, and starring Fred Astaire and Eleanor Powell.

Spectacular in all of its departments, these two stars are given a suitable send-off for their first co-starring feature. Nine dances, ranging in type from tap to ballet, six Cole Porter songs, his gigantic sets, a notable cast, Norman Taurog as director, all add up to the prediction that "Broadway Melody of 1940" is due to take its place as the year's most entertaining and eye-filling film.

The story strikes a novel note from the very beginning. Astaire and George Murphy, a dance team temporarily unemployed, are working as professional hosts in a ballroom. Through a novel set of circumstances, Murphy is mistaken for Astaire and given a try-out as leading man for the dance darling of Broadway, portrayed by Eleanor Powell. When he wins the assignment things begin to happen, notably among them a badly swelled head which eventually leads to Murphy's downfall and Astaire's triumph.

The cast, in addition to the three dance stars, Astaire, Powell and George Murphy, features Frank Morgan, Ian Hunter, Florence Rice and Lynne Carver. Morgan finds new vent for his comedy as the show's author who battles two shortcomings, a bad memory and blondes.

Rich in production value, with sets topping in size and spectacular qualities those of any previous production, "Broadway Melody of 1940" brings every conceivable type of adorning to the screen. The most pretentious number, which forms the finale, is Cole Porter's "Begin the Beguine." The set, while covered as a stage set, introduces something new in the form of a sixty-foot mirror which swings to constantly change the background behind the dancers.

In addition to "Begin the Beguine," five new Cole Porter tunes are introduced, including "Please Don't Monkey With Broadway," "Between You and Me," "I've Got My Eyes on You," "I Happen to Be in Love" and "I Concentrate on You."

## Ameche Enacts Stephen Foster

Beloved Songs In "Swanee River"

The best-loved songs of Stephen O. Foster, the great American troubadour, are heard in "Swanee River," the 20th Century-Fox technicolor production, featuring Don Ameche, Andrea Leeds and Al Jolson at the Majestic theater Sunday through Tuesday.



Don Ameche and Andrea Leeds, Ameche, who plays the composer, and Jolson, who plays E. P. Christy, minister-knight of that colorful day, several of the songs, and other melodies are rendered by the famous Hall Johnson choir.

Among the numbers sung are "The Old Folks at Home" (Swanee River), "Old Black Joe," "My Old Kentucky Home," "Oh! Susanna," "De Campdown Races," "Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair" and "Ring, Ring de Banjo." Also heard in the film are Foster's "Beautiful Dreamer" and "Solitaire Polka."

So versatile was Foster that Ameche, already a splendid singer and accomplished pianist, had to learn to play the violin, to whistle with trills and to do a soft shoe-dance—and he also had to learn how to box!

## DARB—Manteno

Sunday and Monday "Grapes of Wrath" starring Henry Fonda; "Ugly Duckling" Walt Disney prize cartoon; latest news events.

Tuesday—Fun Night 145 surprises. "Oh, Johnny How You Can Love" with Tom Brown and Peggy Moran; cartoon; travel-talk; announced at 8:40 p. m.

Wednesday only: "Raffles" starring David Niven, also bread and butter dish free with 20c ticket. Thursday through Saturday "Pinocchio," Walt Disney feature length cartoon. Matinee starts at 2 p. m.

Starts Sunday, May 5—Road to Singapore starring Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour.



## At Luna Midnight Preview

A game of hearts with diamonds trump. George Brent and Isa Miranda in "Adventure in Diamonds" with John Loder and Elizabeth Patterson, whom will entertain you until the most dazzling comedy to reach the screen this season. Co-featured with this attraction is "King Of The Lumberjacks," with John Payne and Gloria Dickson, at the Luna Midnight show and also Sunday and Monday.



## Sunday-Monday at Darb

"Grapes of Wrath" starring Henry Fonda and Jane Darwell playing at the Darb Tomorrow and Monday—added attraction Walt Disney's "Ugly Duckling." Continuous Sunday from 1:15 p. m.; Bargain Hour Sunday from 1 to 2 p. m. Admission 10c and 20c

## MAJESTIC

Sunday Through Tuesday "Swanee River" with Don Ameche and Andrea Leeds, co-featured with "Congo Maisie" starring Ann Sothern; "The Pointer," a Mickey Mouse cartoon.

Wednesday and Thursday "Night of Nights" with Pat O'Brien and Olympe Branda, co-featured with "Mexican Spitfire" starring Lupe Velez; "Unusual Occupations." A barrel of fun every Wednesday night about 9 p. m.

Friday and Saturday "Amazing Mr. Williams" starring Melvyn Douglas and Joan Blondell, co-featured with "Man from Tumbleweeds" with Bill Elliot; chapter 4 "Drums of Fu Manchu," Unusual Occupations.

## DARB MANTENO

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## MOMENCE THEATRE

TODAY Double Feature Program "THE CISCO KID AND THE LADY" Caesar Romero and Marjorie Weaver

"LITTLE ACCIDENT" With Baby-Sandy, Hugh Herbert, Florence Rice and Edgar Kennedy Also NEWS and CARTOON Matinee 2:30

SUNDAY AND MONDAY "THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME" —ALSO— "THE RIVETEER" Disney Color Cartoon and Special Subject on Finland

Doors Open Sunday at 1:30 p. m. Continuous

## International Set, Gem Thieves Meet In Film Adventure

At The Luna Midnight Preview

International jewel brigands, fascinating adventures, a romantic-minded army officer and the leaders of sophisticated South African society meet on the road to high intrigue in the new Paramount comedy drama, "Adventure in Diamonds," the attraction opening tonight at the Luna theater midnight preview.

With George Brent and Isa Miranda starred in one of the year's most novel stories, "Adventure in Diamonds" deals with the amazing attempt of an international crime ring to loot the fabulous diamond mines of Kimberley and the unexpected romance of the gang's chief charmer with a handsome young officer of the Royal Air Force.

Fresh from his outstanding success as Bette Davis' leading man in "The Old Maid," Brent plays the officer in "Adventure in Diamonds," a suave, excitement-craving airman, who lives on a grand fling with a lovely lady jewel thief, Miss Miranda, Paramount's glamorous importation from abroad, teams with the popular Brent for the first time, as the adventures whose career is crossed by the first real love affair of her life.

### Stormy Romance

"Adventure in Diamonds" follows the stormy romance from the dramatic moment when the two first meet aboard a luxury liner bound for South Africa. One tense episode follows on the heels of another, as Miss Miranda tries to crack the world's most closely-guarded treasure hoard, as Brent suddenly joins up with the aroused secret service to break up the crime ring, and finally as the two sweethearts become partners and fight for their lives against the girl's one-time confederates. The comedy of the story reaches its climax when the two move through Cape Town society, masquerading as a honeymooning couple, in order to aid the police.

## PARAMOUNT

Sunday Through Wednesday

"Broadway Melody of 1940" starring Fred Astaire and Eleanor Powell; "Tugboat Mickey," a cartoon; Paramount news.

Thursday Through Saturday

"Man from Dakota" starring Wallace Beery and Delores Del Rio; "Birth of a Champion," Dempsey-Willard fight; "Have You Met Yvette," a headliner; "Me Feelin' Is Hurt," a Popeye cartoon, and Paramount news. Big event night Saturday night about 9:15 p. m.

## MOMENCE

Sunday and Monday

"Real Glory" Gary Cooper, Andrea Leeds, David Niven and Reginald Owen, also "The Riveteer" Disney color cartoon; Paramount news and special Finland subject. Doors open Sunday at 1:30 p. m.

Tuesday and Wednesday

"Invisible Stripes," a cartoon; "Jane Bryan, William Holden and Humphrey Bogart and travel reel (Columbia) Pete Smith specialty, and news.

Thursday

"Chan in Panama" Sidney Toler,

Lionel Atwill, Jean Rogers, Ben Yung in another Chan mystery crime series. Theater gift prize at about 9 p. m.

Friday and Saturday "Pinocchio" Walt Disney's feature length color cartoon, better than Snow White

## LUNA

Midnight Preview Tonight

Sunday and Monday "Adventure in Diamonds" with George Brent and Isa Miranda, co-featured with "King of the Lumberjacks" starring John Payne and Gloria Dickson; "What's All the

Shooting For," a Terrytoon, and news of the day.

Tuesday Through Thursday "Jones Family on Their Own" with Spring Byington and Ken Bozell, co-featured with "Sky Devils," a thrilling air drama; "Pennsylvania Chasers," a sportlight.

Friday and Saturday

"Tomboy" with Jackie Moran, co-featured with "Ghost Valley Riders" starring Donald Barry and Lou Andre; "New Pupils," Our Gang comedy; chapter 2 "The Snobs," news of the day.

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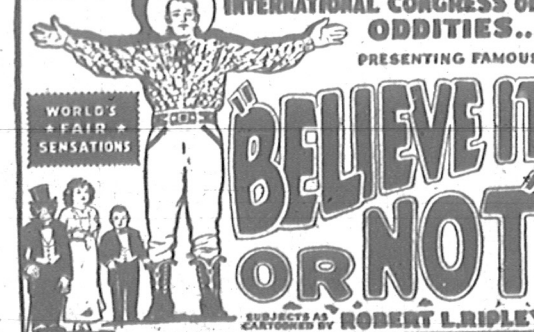
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