

# Picture OF THE MONTH

As a movie-lover speaking to movie-lovers, what is your list of the Ten Best Musicals Of All Time? Our own list of Hollywood favorites reaches back to "Broadway Melody" and includes such memorables as "Meet Me In St. Louis", "Anchors Aweigh", "Three Little Words", "Show Boat" and "An American In Paris". And now in a burst of unrestrained enthusiasm, we are adding another which seems to us the best of them all—M-G-M's new Technicolor extravaganza—"Singin' In The Rain"!



Gay as a rainbow with its hit songs and spectacular dances, inspired by the golden glamor of Hollywood's own fabulous past, "Singin' In The Rain" tells the story of the hectic, halcyon days when movie musicals were born. And for that reason, it is conceived in song-and-dance terms more completely than any other musical we have seen or that comes to mind.

Light-hearted, wing-footed Gene Kelly is seen as a star at the crossroads of his career. Donald O'Connor has hilarious fun with the role of a Hollywood-and-Vine opportunist. Charming "aba daba" girl Debbie Reynolds is loaded with appeal as the screen-struck unknown who sings and dances to fame and romance. Jean Hagen adds joy to the proceedings as a glamor girl of the era.

Weaving throughout are the memory-belting songs of Nacio Herb Brown and the picture's producer Arthur Freed. "Fit As A Fiddle" sparks a rollicking vaudeville routine. "All I Do Is Dream Of You" is staged at a studio party. "Good Morning" greets the dawn over Hollywood Boulevard. And these delights are climaxed by "Broadway Melody Ballet", a spectacular sequence.

The actual finale evokes all the dazzle and magic of movietown in an extravagant and glittering production of "You Are My Lucky Star". Of other songs too numerous to mention, the three strongest contenders for current popularity in our view are "You Were Meant For Me", "Would You?" and the title number, "Singin' In The Rain".

Wearing its heart on its sleeve for Hollywood, "Singin' In The Rain" packs more of everything that makes musicals better than ever. This one is more than merely silver-lined. This one is pure sunshine!

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"SINGIN' IN THE RAIN" starring GENE KELLY, DONALD O'CONNOR, DEBBIE REYNOLDS with Jean Hagen, Millard Mitchell and Cyd Charisse. An M-G-M picture in color by Technicolor. Story and Screen Play by Adolph Green and Betty Comden. Lyrics by Arthur Freed. Music by Nacio Herb Brown. Directed by Gene Kelly and Stanley Donen. Produced by Arthur Freed.

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