

The Buffalo Film Seminars

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Angelika 8 Theater

42ND STREET 1933, Warner Brothers, 89 minutes

DIRECTOR Lloyd Bacon

CHOREOGRAPHY Busby Berkeley

SCREENPLAY Whitney Bolton (uncredited), Rian James & James Seymour
based on a novel by Bradford Ropes

CINEMATOGRAPHY Sol Polito

COSTUME DESIGN Orry-Kelly

ORIGINAL MUSIC Harry Warren

LYRICS Al Dubin

MUSICAL DIRECTION Leo F. Forbstein

PRODUCERS Hal B. Wallis & Daryl F. Zanuck

EDITORS Thomas Pratt and Frank Ware

Warner Baxter (Julian Marsh)

Bébe Daniels (Dorothy Brock)

George Brent (Pat Denning)

Ruby Keeler (Peggy Sawyer)

Guy Kibbee (Almer Dillon)

Una Merkel (Lorraine Fleming)

Ginger Rogers (Ann Lowell – Anytime Annie)

Ned Sparks (Thomas Barry)

Dick Powell (Billy Lawler)

George e. Stone (Andy Lee)

LOYD BACON directed 103 films, beginning with *The Wild Goose Chaser* in 1925 and ending with *The French Line* in 1954. Along the way he directed *Moby Dick* (1930), *Knute Rockne*, *All American* (1940), *The Fighting Sullivans* (1944), *Give My Regards to Broadway* (1948), and *Call Me Mister* (1951).

BUSBY BERKELEY (born William Berkeley Enos) choreographed forty films, among them all the *Gold Diggers* films, *Girl Crazy* (1932), *Wizard of Oz* (1939), *Zigfield Girl* (1941), *Girl Crazy* (1943), *Call Me Mister* (1951), and *Million Dollar Mermaid* (1952) in which everyone got wet.

BEBE DANIELS played Ruth Wonderly in the 1931 *Maltese Falcon*. **WARNER BAXTER** acted in 111 films, but was probably best known for playing Dr. Samuel Alexander Mudd in *Prisoner of Shark Island* and Dr. Robert Ordway in the *Crime Doctor* series. After her divorce from Al Jolson in 1940, Ruby Keeler was out of show business until 1971, when she did appear in Busby Berkeley's Broadway play, *No, No Nanette!* (She did more than 800 performances). **DICK POWELL** played nice roles until he appeared as Philip Marlowe in Edward Dmytryk's *Murder My Sweet* (1944), adapted from Raymond Chandler's *Farewell, My Lovely*. **GINGER ROGERS** is Ginger Rogers.

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