The Buffalo Film Seminars  1/26/00

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)
Bebe Daniels  Dorothy Brock
George Brent (Pat Denning)
Ruby Keeler (Peggy Sawyer)
Guy Kibbee (Aber Dillon)
Una Merkel (Lorraine Fleming)
Ginger Rogers (Ann Lowell—Anytime Annie)
Ned Sparks (Thomas Barry)
Dick Powell (Billy Lawler)
George E. Stone (Andy Lee)

LLOYD 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 Dymtryk’s Murder My Sweet (1944), adapted from Raymond Chandler’s Farewell, My Lovely. GINGER ROGERS is Ginger Rogers.

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