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### **Alabama Theatre Photographs, Scrapbooks and Publications, 1929-1970 and undated**

#### **Background:**

The Alabama Theatre opened in 1927 and was originally operated by the Paramount-Publix Corporation. The theater was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

#### **Scope and Content:**

This collection contains two exterior photographs of the Alabama Theatre and 85 promotional photographs for movies shown at the theater; five scrapbooks containing photographs and brief stories about movie stars clipped from magazines; and two bound copies of the movie industry newspaper *Publix Opinion*.

A large number of photographs showing the Alabama Theatre are found in the related collections listed below and other collections.

#### **Related Collections:**

*Birmingham News* Photographs  
A. C. Keily Photographs  
Photographs General Collection  
Charlie Preston Photographs

#### **Subject Areas:**

Motion picture theaters.  
Motion pictures.

**Size:** 3 linear feet (4 boxes)

**Source:** Alabama Theatre

**Restrictions:** Standard preservation and copyright restrictions.

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**Description:**

**Photographs of the Alabama Theatre**

- 387.1.1 Front exterior view of Alabama Theatre taken from across the street, circa 1960s.
- 387.1.2 View of marquee from street advertising *The Pit and the Pendulum*, circa 1961.

**Promotional Photographs**

- 387.1.3 Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in *Africa Screams*, 1949.
- 387.1.4 Fred Astaire in *Irving Berlin's Blue Skies*, 1946.
- 387.1.5 Gene Autrey in *Manhattan Merry-Go-Round*, undated.
- 387.1.6 Lucille Ball in *Easy Living*, 1949.
- 387.1.7 Dolores Costello Barrymore, in *Little Lord Fauntleroy*, 1936.
- 387.1.8 Ethel Barrymore, in *The Red Danube*, 1949.
- 387.1.9 Lionel Barrymore, in *Duel in the Sun*, 1946.
- 387.1.10 Count Basie and Band, in *Jamboree*, undated.
- 387.1.11 John Barrymore, in *Arsene Lupin*, undated.
- 387.1.12 Jack Benny, undated.
- 387.1.13 Ingrid Bergman, in *Arch of Triumph*, 1947.
- 387.1.14 Milton Berle, in *Always Leave Them Laughing*, 1949.
- 387.1.15 Ann Blyth, in *The Helen Morgan Story*, undated.
- 387.1.16 Humphrey Bogart, in *The Enforcer*, undated.
- 387.1.17 Charles Boyer, in *Arch of Triumph*, 1947.
- 387.1.18 Marlon Brando, in *The Young Lions*, undated.
- 387.1.19 Walter Brennen, in *Red River*, 1948.

- 387.1.20 May Britt, in *The Young Lions*, undated.
- 387.1.21 George Burns and Gracie Allen, in *Damsel in Distress*, 1937.
- 387.1.22 James Cagney, in *Come Fill the Cup*, undated
- 387.1.23 Lon Chaney, 1943.
- 387.1.24 Cheetah the Chimp, in *Tarzan and the Mermaids*, 1948.
- 387.1.25 Maurice Chevalier, undated.
- 387.1.26 Montgomery Clift, in *The Young Lions*, undated.
- 387.1.27 John Collins, undated.
- 387.1.28 Ronald Coleman, in *Clive of India*, 1934.
- 387.1.29 Gary Cooper, in *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, 1943.
- 387.1.30 Joseph Cotton, in *Duel in the Sun*, 1946.
- 387.1.31 Joan Crawford, undated.
- 387.1.32 Bing Crosby, 1941.
- 387.1.33 Bette Davis, in *All About Eve*, 1950.
- 387.1.34 Olivia DeHavilland, 1938.
- 387.1.35 Marlene Dietrich, in *Blond Venus*, 1932.
- 387.1.36 Irene Dunne, in *Life With Father*, 1947.
- 387.1.37 Douglas Fairbanks, in *The Exile*, 1947.
- 387.1.38 Errol Flynn and Basil Rathbone, in *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, 1948.
- 387.1.39 Clark Gable, undated.
- 387.1.40 Greta Garbo, undated.
- 387.1.41 Judy Garland, undated.

- 387.1.42 Betty Grable, in *The Lady in Ermine*, undated.
- 387.1.43 Cary Grant, in *Bringing Up Baby*, 1938.
- 387.1.44 George "Gabby" Hayes, undated.
- 387.1.45 Susan Hayward, undated.
- 387.1.46 Rita Hayward, undated.
- 387.1.47 Bob Hope, Arlene Dahl and Rosemary Clooney, in *Here Comes the Girls*, 1953.
- 387.1.48 Al Jolson, in *The Singing Fool*, undated.
- 387.1.49 Boris Karloff, in *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*, 1947.
- 387.1.50 Claire Kelly, undated.
- 387.1.51 Alan Ladd, in *Saigon*, 1948.
- 387.1.52 Veronica Lake, in *Sullivan's Travels*, 1941.
- 387.1.53 Burt Lancaster, in *Rope of Sand*, 1949.
- 387.1.54 Carole Lombard, 1936.
- 387.1.55 Bela Lugosi, in *The Invisible Ghost*, undated.
- 387.1.56 Marie McDonald, in *The Geisha Boy*, 1958.
- 387.1.57 Dean Martin, in *The Young Lions*, undated.
- 387.1.58 Marilyn Maxwell, in *Rock-A-Bye Baby*, 1958.
- 387.1.59 Robert Mitchum, in *The Big Steel*, 1949.
- 387.1.60 Marilyn Monroe, undated.
- 387.1.61 Paul Newman, in *The Helen Morgan Story*, undated.
- 387.1.62 Maureen O'Hara, in *How Green Was My Valley*, undated.

- 387.1.63 Tyrone Power, in *Captain From Castile*, undated.
- 387.1.64 Vincent Price, in *The Invisible Man Returns*, 1939.
- 387.1.65 Charlotte Rampling, in *Vanishing Point*, 1970.
- 387.1.66 Ronald Reagan, undated.
- 387.1.67 Ginger Rogers, 1946.
- 387.1.68 Roy Rogers and Trigger, in *Melody Time*, undated.
- 387.1.69 Will Rogers, in *State Fair*, undated.
- 387.1.70 Mickey Rooney, in *The Hardys Ride High*, undated.
- 387.2.1 Rosalind Russell, in *Auntie Mama*, 1958.
- 387.2.2 Sylvia Sidney, in *Blood in the Sun*, 1945.
- 387.2.3 Red Skelton, in *The Southern Yankee*, 1948.
- 387.2.4 Barbara Stanwyck, 1946.
- 387.2.5 James Stewart, undated.
- 387.2.6 Gloria Swanson, in *Perfect Understanding*, undated.
- 387.2.7 Elizabeth Taylor, undated.
- 387.2.8 The Three Stooges, undated.
- 387.2.9 Gene Tierney, undated.
- 387.2.10 Lana Turner, undated.
- 387.2.11 Rudolph Valentino, undated.
- 387.2.12 Mamie Van Doren, in *Teacher's Pet*, 1957.
- 387.2.13 Jean Wallace, in *The Devil's Hairpin*, 1957.
- 387.2.14 Johnny Weismuller, in *Tarzan's Secret Treasure*, undated.
- 387.2.15 Orson Wells, in *Citizen Kane*, 1941.

387.2.16 Mae West, in *It Ain't No Sign*, 1934.

387.2.17 Fay Wray in, *Doctor X*, undated.

### **Scrapbooks**

387.3.1 Scrapbook, 1936.

This scrapbook and the four that follow contain photographs and brief stories about movie stars clipped from magazines.

387.3.2 Scrapbook, undated.

387.3.3 Scrapbook, undated.

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387.3.5 Scrapbook, undated.

387.5.1 Scrapbook: "Pictorial Record, 17 Regional Meetings, Motion Picture Industry's Fighting 5<sup>th</sup> War Loan," 1944.

### **Publications**

387.4.1 *Publix Opinion*, April 24, 1927 to November 1, 1929.

This bound volume contains copies of a newspaper published by the Public Theatres Corporation of New York. The paper contains national stories about motion pictures, movie theaters and entertainment.

387.4.2 *Publix Opinion*, June 20 to December 26, 1930.