

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

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The silver screen was never the same after movie stars began to talk. Stars who had enchanted millions without saying a word, were now forced to find a voice, and if they could talk, why not have them sing & dance? Singin' in the Rain is the story of the making of the first Hollywood musical.

Set in 1927, it humorously satirizes and parodies the panic surrounding the transitional period from silent films to talking pictures. It has a succession of unforgettable songs, including 'Good Morning', 'Make 'em Laugh', 'Moses Supposes', 'You are my lucky Star' and, of course, 'Singin' in the Rain'

The story is about a dashing, smug but romantic, silent film star and swashbuckling matinee idol (Don Lockwood) and his glamorous blond screen partner (Lina Lamont) who are expected to pretend to be romantically involved with each other. Following the successful first full-length talkie, *The Jazz Singer*, they are also pressured by the studio boss (R.F Simpson) to change their silent romantic drama - *The Duelling Cavalier* into a talking picture. There's one serious problem however, the temperamental Lina has a shrill, screechy New York accent. *The Duelling Cavalier* is a hilarious disaster but then Don's ex song-and-dance partner (Cosmo Brown) proposes to turn the doomed film into a musical - *The Dancing Cavalier*, and suggests that aspiring actress and dancer (Kathy Seldon) dub in her singing voice behind the scenes for lip-synching Lina. The results of their scheming to expose the jealous Lina and put Kathy in the limelight (and Don's arms) provide the expected happy ending.

Don Lockwood

James Fitzgerald

Kathy Seldon

Liz
Balmford

Cosmo Brown

James Gwynne

Lina Lamont

Pam
Pitts

R.F Simpson

Barrie Scott

Dexter

Roger Redfern

Phillips

David Parsonson

Rod

Basil Evans

Young Don

Toby Marlow

Young Cosmo

Harry Stott

Dora Bailey

Annette Bowden

Dinsmore

Leah Corlett

Show'Tenor'

George Riddle

Clowns

Shandra Foster

Sue
Greenwood

Vocal Coach
Jan
Beyts

Zelda

Sandie Kent

Sound
Engineer

Geoff Clarkson

Stripper

Sandie Kent

Wardrobe
Assistant

Peggie Wilcocks

1st Assistant

Shandra Foster

2nd Assistant

Mary Dickinson

3rd Assistant
Sue
Greenwood

DANCERS

Lin Cole

Angharad Jones

Ann Burley

Katie Langford

Rebecca Fleming

Wendy Bowsher

Amanda Greenwood

DANCERS/CHORUS

Lynn Clarkson

Shandra Foster

Sue Greenwood

Hannah Snellgrove

CHORUS (Ladies)

Maureen Smith

Mary Dickinson

Jeni Wood

Cherry Tyer

Anne James

Victoria Cooper

Kirsten Wilson

Bridget Allerton

Christine Price

CHORUS (Men)

John Reeves

Andrew Finlay

George Riddell

Peter Dayton

Richard Evans

David Parsonson

Geoff Clarkson