

# GLADYS SWARTHOUT SAVES OPERETTA 'GIVE US THIS NIGHT'

## Lovely Lady Thrills Her Music Fans

Otherwise Drab Film Lifted by Tunes; Hit From 'Romeo, Juliet.'

BY JOHN W. THOMPSON

Gladys Swarthout in more ways than one is the heroine of "Give Us This Night," showing at the Circle.

This lovely lady with the glorious voice saves the second of her movie ventures from becoming completely drab. Lovers of good music may be comforted by the fact that the film is filled to overflowing with operatic and semi-classical tunes, the best of which is from "Romeo and Juliet."

In the story, said to be the first operetta ever written for the screen, Antonio, a fish peddler (Jan Kiepura) and his friend, Tommaso (Benny Baker) break up a performance of "Rigoletto" in Sorrento. They dislike the slaughtered ending of the score by one Forcellini (Alan Mowbray).

### Then They Meet

At mass the next day, Antonio meets the opera's prima donna, Maria (Miss Swarthout), and she asks him to sing with her. They walk out of the church into the hands of police sent to arrest Antonio for smashing the performance the night before.

In jail, Antonio is given a try-out by Bonetti, Maria's tutor and director of the opera company. They all like his voice, and against his mother's advice, the boy goes with them to Naples. There are weeks of rehearsals. He, meanwhile, falls in love with Maria, and she with him. They plight their troth beneath a full moon.

But Bonetti, also in love with the girl, shows Antonio a song-poem he has written as a proposal to Maria, and nobly Antonio flees, leaving the way open for his friend. Bonetti realizes he can't have Maria, so together they go to Sorrento to find the tenor. They confide in his mother, who, seeing that Maria really loves her son, promises to help.

### Antonio Saves Opera

The opera opens the following night and Forcellini, drugged with drink, misses cues and sings flat. With his mother's persuasion, Antonio arrives on the scene just in time, climbs up the balcony in "Romeo and Juliet," takes Maria in his arms.

Mr. Kiepura contributes little to the picture. His over-acting drags down many sequences which Miss Swarthout does her best to build up. Mr. Kiepura has a splendid voice, but he seems to run away with himself.

Miss Swarthout is even more at ease than she was in "Rose of the Rancho," and still shows promise of becoming one of the screen's best singing ladies if given a chance.

### Best Musical Pieces

"I Mean to Say I Love You," "My Love and I," "Music in the Night" and "Was There Ever a Voice" are the best of the musical numbers.

"Preview: Murder Mystery," the second of the Circle's pictures, stars Reginald Denny, Frances Drake and Gail Patrick in a story about murder in movie world.

As the last shots of the re-make of "Song of the Toreador" are completed at the World Productions Studio, another anonymous threatening note arrives for Ned De Beck, star of the film. He is warned he will not live to the film preview.

At a dinner preceding the preview he drinks a glass of baccarbonate, then slumps dead in his seat at the showing of the picture.

### Death Is Stalking

Back at the studio, the director, E. Gordon Smith, gets the same kind of note. His wife, star of the picture, escaped death when real bullets are substituted for blanks in a shooting scene of a picture. Smith is found hanging in the studio yard, dead. A night watchman is done away with in strange fashion.

After much detecting and searching, the culprit gets his due from a machine gun.

The producers have relied on old-fashioned hoodwinking to get the audience to suspect every one in the film. It's amusing in spots.

### Students of Piano Will Give Recital

The public is invited to attend a piano recital by 19 students of the Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music in Odeon Hall tomorrow at 3. Pupils of Marie Zorn, Imogene Pierson, Fairy Hendricks, Helen Louise Quig, Paul Lindstaedt, Jeanette Gardner and Florence K. Lewis are to take part.

Those on the program are La Verne Hanger, Barbara Swits, Miriam Muhlenbruch, Thomas Allebrandi, Edith Charness, Hazel Smith, Elizabeth Murr, Betty Settle, Lilly Steinke, Rosemary Robertson, June Kelley, Jack Armbuckle, Marjory Hatt, Charlene Sunthimer, Elizabeth Ann Schmidt, Louis Belden, Harry Smith, Billie Clare Thomas and Helen Longricher.

### Actress Is Florist

Henri Broderick, featured in "Murder on a Bride Path," is one of Hollywood's prime gardeners and knows more about flowers than most florists.

**ALL SEATS \$15 OHIO \$15**

TODAY—TOMORROW  
Fredri March—Merle Oberon  
"DARK ANGEL"  
Plus Zane Grey's "NEVADA"

**ALAMO** Show  
3 UNIT  
Jack Holt  
"FLASH GORDON"  
"DANGEROUS WATERS"  
Sally Eilers  
"PURSUIT"

## Players of Stage and Screen Appearing on New Bills at Indianapolis Theaters



1—The young lady registering animation is Carole Lombard, star of "Love Before Breakfast," starting today, together with "First a Girl," with Jessie Matthews.

2—That cut-up, Jack Oakie, is one of the reasons why the Apollo is holding "Colleen," musical film starring Dick Powell and Ruby Keeler, a second week.

3—One of Hollywood's most beautiful girls this season is Gladys Swarthout, who also can sing. She sings and looks lovely in "Give Us This Night" with Jan Kiepura at the Circle. The Circle's second feature is "Preview: Murder Mystery."

4—In the atmosphere of his first talking picture, Warner Baxter strums his guitar in a scene from "Robin Hood of El Dorado," chief feature at Loew's starting today. The second picture is "You May Be Next," with Ann Sothern and Lloyd Nolan.

5—Star of the skit, "Dancing on Top of the World," is Elmore Etheridge, one of the principals in the Lyric's new stage show, "Going Hollywood." The picture is "Snowed Under," with George Brent and Genevieve Tobin.

## Fred MacMurray Gets the Best—but Decides to Sit in Comfort

Dressing Room Row' Quarters, Pride of Negri, Bow and Sidney, Just Wasted Luxury to Him.

Times Special

HOLLYWOOD, March 27.—Fred MacMurray doesn't want it, even if it's Hollywood's No. 1 dressing room, the most famous in the entire movie colony.

After seeing previews of his recent picture, film executives decided to move the player out of a tiny cubbyhole to "Dressing Room Row" where his neighbors would be Mac West, Bing Crosby, Gary Cooper, Marlene Dietrich, W. C. Fields, Claudette Colbert, Carole Lombard, Jack Oakie, George Raft and other bright stars of the screen.

MacMurray's casting director escorted Mr. MacMurray to his new studio home. The tall actor took one look at the suite which had been laid out for Pola Negri, used by Clara Bow and had just been vacated by Sylvia Sidney, who moved to another studio.

Looks Over Left-Behinds

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No amount of argument could persuade the 5-year-old actor to wear the garment, and bribes of candy also failed to change his mind. Then he scratched his ear.

"Ah, it's too big," he said. "I'd rather sit around in here."

"You mean you don't want it?" the amazed casting director asked, mindful of the many times he had been urged, cajoled and all but bribed by stars who wanted the room.

"I'm afraid not," said the actor. "Then what are you going to do?"

"I'm going to stay where I am." When other stars climbed to his lofty cubicle a little later they found him sitting with his feet on the dressing table, a magazine open in front of him, his hips going.

## A Night in Harlem Is Feature at Club

The Hoosier Athletic Club has announced "A Night in Harlem" as the feature of a floor show to be presented in the club's main ballroom tomorrow night.

Alan Carey is to be master of ceremonies, with music by Frank Reynolds and his band. Thomas W. Kercheval is entertainment committee chairman.

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TONIGHT AT 8:15 Federal Players "MRS. TEMPLE'S TELEGRAM" NIGHTS—18c, 25c, 40c SAT. MAT.—10c, 25c, 30c NEXT WEEK—"THE BRAT"

DANCE TONIGHT Ladies 15c Incl. Checking Gentlemen Before 9 "Doe Glee" Dance Instructions 7:45-8:15 Frederick and Vella

DANCE INDOOR

## Band of Guitars to Play Here Tonight

A recital by pupils of Octavia Green Landers, featuring a Hawaiian guitar band, is scheduled for 7:30 tonight in Cropsay Auditorium.

This is one of a regular series of programs held the last Friday each month. The public is invited.

Jean Parker Has Guardian

Jean Parker, although a famous film star and featured with Fred Stone in "Farmer in the Dell," has a legal guardian since she is only 19 years old.

## Player, 5, Objects to Wearing Smock

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It was at this point that Director John Ford stepped into the matter, took Bobby over to the dressing room of Donald Crisp, whom Bobby likes, and showed him the actor dressed in a kilt.

"Sootsmen wore skirts in those days," the youngster was told.

"All right," said Bobby; "I'll wear 'em if he does."

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WARNER BAXTER

"ROBIN HOOD OF EL DORADO"

MARGO-ANN LORING and BRUCE CABOT

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