



SIGHT AND SOUND UPDATE

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ANOTHER DONATION

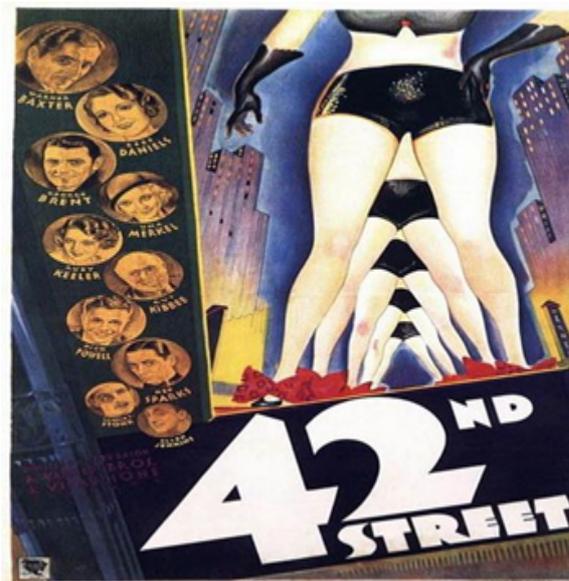
Yet another cinema has donated their projection equipment and other memorabilia to the AMMPT Museum. A full truck load of equipment from the Cygnet Theatre made its way to the Sunset Hospital facility on March 13th. Barry Goldman and Graham Lacey dis-assembled a 35mm Kalee and Cinemeccanica projectors the day before carriers removed them from the bio box. To say they were heavy is an understatement. Other gems included a 35mm Pink Panther cartoon film in reasonable condition plus amplifiers and other sound equipment. Cygnet Cinema owner Colin Stiles and AMMPT member and Cygnet manager Graham Kahn had liaised on the donation occurring.

PORT CINEMA

Formed in 1963 the Harbour Theatre has operated out of the former Hoyts Port Cinema (Port Cineaste Building) in Fremantle since December 2009. Since that time the theatre company has had the use of large cinema speakers and amplifier rack donated to AMMPT by Hoyts. The Harbour Theatre will cease operating at this venue on April 5th and AMMPT will have 14 days to take possession of its donated equipment.

CLASSICS OF THE SILVER SCREEN – 20th APRIL– 10.15am – CYGNET “42nd STREET”

It seems to be the year of musicals for our “Classics” series and audiences are showing an appreciation for the quality of films shown. Our next film is “42nd Street” starring Warner Baxter and Bebe Daniels. The plot is set during the Depression years at a time when venture capital for Broadway shows was tight. Cast selection and rehearsals begin amidst fierce competition, with a few “casting couch” innuendos flying around. A relationship with the dance director is seen as favoritism for a newcomer Lorraine and a gangster is hired to “fix” problems. Show tunes including ‘Young and Healthy’, “Shuffle off to Buffalo” and “42nd



Street combined with the Busby Berkley dance sequences are a breath-taking treat. If you have friends and acquaintances who might be interested in attending a show, why not send them this broadsheet or direct them to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZby_hrm75Q.

ROYAL WESTERN AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OCCASION

In 2012 AMMPT Inc. Western Region applied and was accepted as an affiliated member of the RWAHS. Recently AMMPT, Western Region’s film librarian assisted Jack Honniball, with a film presentation for their members. Jack, who is also a member of AMMPT, had asked Keith to show some of the WA & Australian history films from the AMMPT Western Region library and from his own collection.

The program was as follows:

- The WA Education and Government Film Unit's historical re-enactment (on 16mm).....The Stirling Story.
- The historic compilation of Western Australia's earliest films (on 16mm).....The Distant Lens.
- A rare copy of the 1936 classic film (on DVD).....Among the Hardwoods.
- Charles Braverman's version of his milestone animated film (on DVDAn American Time Capsule.
- The legendary humorous political and satirical animated work by Bruce Petty (on 16mm).....Australian History.

Apart from a slight sound problem with one of the 16mm films and an overhead projector failure, the evening's program was well received and Keith was given the opportunity to speak briefly on our organisation's aims, goals and activities and on how we might reciprocate and share in the future. Fliers were made available for our two main monthly programs and it was an excellent opportunity to do some networking and marketing.

IN FOCUS PRESENTATION –ARIL 16th – 7.30pm FRED BELL RSL HALL

The next In Focus Presentation will be by member Derrick Wright. – “**The first transcontinental telecast from Carnarvon Australia**”. Derrick Wright worked in the engineering and operations branches of the ABC and was Operations Manager Outside Broadcast Studios in Perth. Derrick has some rare film footage in his possession for projection.

ORGAN SHAKEDOWN

Following some voicing and connection to an existing organ amplification system in the Cygnet Theatre AMMPT'S new theatre organ had a shakedown performance at a Thursday morning seniors event hosted by the City of South Perth. The instrument came through with flying colours and providing a significant improvement in sound quality and registration flexibility. Although our organ is recycled in terms of its console the innards consist of state of the art digital sound samples. The full retail price of a similar capacity brand name organ is around \$130,000.

CONSTITUTION

Under the coordination of Bill Gaynor the AMMPT Western Region constitution is being reviewed for eventual circulation and consideration by members. Matters being assessed include the existing level of autonomy for our organization that is required under WA Incorporation legislation.

BARRY'S GOLD – PART 6

The first 6 parts of Barry Goldman's historic cinema information detailed hard top cinemas that have existed in city and country Western Australia. The series now continues and lists outdoor gardens.

Locality	Theatre	Exhibitor	Seating capacity
Bassendean	Acadia Gardens	Greater X.I. Tone Amusements Ltd.	500
Beaconsfield	Beacon	Swan Suburban Co. Ltd	700
Beverley	Gardens	R.A Yelland	400
Big Bell	Palais	Consolidated Theatres Ltd.	250
Boulder	Palace and Gardens	Goldfields Pictures	1100
Bunbury	Mayfair	Goldfields Pictures	1200
Busselton	Regal Theatre and Gardens	Allan Jones	300
Claremont	Princess and Gardens	Suburban Theatres Pty Ltd.	900
Coolgardie	Town Hall and Gardens	P.Buxallen	350
Cottesloe	Pictures and Gardens	L.M. Hatfield	950
Cue	Town Hall and Gardens	Consolidates Pictures Ltd.	250
Dalwallinu	Hospital Pictures	Dalwallinu Hospital Pictures	200
East Fremantle	Richmond and Gardens	Richmond Theatre and Gardens Co. Ltd.	800
East Perth	Crystal Theatre and Gardens	Bevan and Son	500
East Perth	Premier and Gardens	W.R. Haynes	1800
Esperance	Bijou	L.J. Anderson	250
Guildford	Regent and Gardens	Greater X.L. Tone Amusements Ltd.	450
Gwalia	Hall and Gardens	Gwalia Co-op. Pictures	200
Kalgoorlie	Cremorne and Gardens	Goldfields Pictures Ltd.	1600
Kalgoorlie	Regents and Gardens	Goldfields Pictures Ltd.	900

Kellerberrin	Regent and Gardens	E.Lapham	300
Laverton	Town Hall and Gardens	Consolidated Pictures	250
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