RENNOWN PICTURES CORPORATION LTD.

presents

ERNEST SEFTON • GERALDINE FARRAR
FRANK KING & HIS ORCHESTRA

in

AMATEUR NIGHT

with

Halstan CRIMMINS - Lorna MARTIN - The BORSTAL BOYS

An EMPIRE Film Production

THE PLAYERS

Ernest Sefton
Geraldine Farrar
Frank King's Orchestra
The Borstal Boys
Halstan Crimmins
Primrose Milligan
Carl Carlisle
Freddie Mayhew
Pat Keogh
Lorna Martin
Duncan Whyte
Brenda Barry
Renee Stewart

THE CREDITS

Produced by Moss Goodman
and Victor Cockraine Hervey

Written and Directed by Frank A. Richardson

Lighting camera-man - Horace Weddon
Camera operator - Ernest Malcolm
Sound recordist - Tommy Meyers
Continuity - Pat Cantwell
Musical director - Frank King
Production manager - George Shurley
Make-up - Claire Thomson

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THE SYNOPSIS

The theatre is packed—the curtain is due to go up within a few minutes—and the worried stage-manager (Ernest Sefton) finds that none of the artistes booked to appear have turned up, a thick fog having delayed them. The audience is getting restless, and desperately, against his better judgment, he sends out his stage-hands to round up all the street buskers that they can find, so that some form of show may be put on. Within a few minutes the buskers start to arrive, and the stage-manager groans as he witnesses their rough-and-ready style and apparent lack of polish. However, a show must be put on, so on stage go the amateur entertainers!

Starting the programme off with a laugh, the Borstal Boys perform a hilarious knockabout turn. From then on, the show goes with a bang—Lorna Martin, a champion accordion player, contributes a rhythmic version of that popular hit "Tico Tico," Carl Carlisle again proves what a fine impersonator he is, Geraldine Farrar sings "Same Old Love"... and although still worried, the stage-manager finds that the show is going over far better than he had dared to hope! The audience likes the amateurs! The show comes to a riotous and successful conclusion—and the professional entertainers arrive on the scene just as the curtain is going down!

Not just another musical, "Amateur Night" is different and fresh—and above all, full of top-notch entertainment from the first scene to the last. Frank King's Orchestra supplies lilting music throughout, and the distinguished cast includes many top-line variety stars. The performance of Halstan Crimmins, as an old-time vaudeville star with a passion for keeping fleas and tearing paper, is especially notable. Making the character lovable and human, his fine acting is one of the highspots of the film.

From sweet music to the blues—from rollicking comedy to clever dancing, this film has everything—songs, laughs, wit and glamour!

PUBLICITY

We regret: no stills, blocks or stereos available for this subject.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Length: 3185 feet.
Certificate: "U"

CATCHLINES

Glamour... wit... gaiety—tuneful and hilarious musical entertainment!

"Tico Tico" and other great hit-tunes in a brand new British musical de-luxe!

From South American swing to the blues—it's a jive jamboree!

Calling all swing fans! Here's the film you've waited for... Britain's top swing band and a score of great variety stars in a non-stop musical cavalcade.

A jam session of hilarious comedy, brilliant dancing and the hottest swing on film!

The new faces of 1946 bring you red-hot rhythm and laughs you'll never forget!

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