

# THE JUDY ROOM

## 2005 YEAR IN REVIEW



### ! ANOTHER BANNER YEAR !

2005 was another banner year for the enduring legacy of Judy Garland. More than 35 years after her untimely death, Judy Garland's legend continues to shine and even grow. In 2005 we saw the release of more DVDs & CDs - plus tributes, honors, and accolades - to name just a few.

This second edition of The Judy Room "Year In Review" focuses on the major news events and releases of 2005. When it's all put together, it's quite impressive - and quite a testament to the genius of Judy Garland.

I would like to take a second and thank everyone for your continued support. The Judy Room has always been for THE FANS, and it will continue to be so.

Thank you!

Scott Brogan  
The Judy Room



### IN MEMORY OF SID LUFT

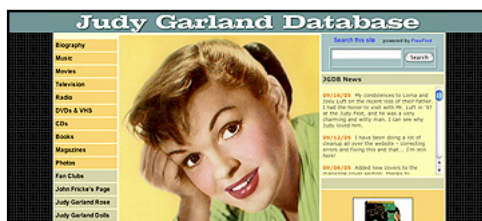
Michael Sidney Luft

November 2, 1915 - September 15, 2005

Regardless of what some may say about Sid Luft as a person, there can be no denying the impact Sid had on Judy's life and career. Judy was married to Sid longer than any of her other husbands, from 1952 through 1964 (divorce finalized in 1966). Without Sid there may not have been *A Star Is Born*, and there certainly wouldn't have been a *Palace New York 1951 Comeback*.

Sid was the greatest single influence on Judy and her career during the "Concert Years". They loved each other very much. Through the end of his life, Sid would always speak of Judy with complete love and respect. They had two children, Lorna in 1952 and Joey in 1955.

Photo: Judy and Sid on the set of *A Star Is Born*, 1953



### IN THE NEWS 2005

#### JANUARY 19, 2005:

The RIAA (Recording Industry Association of America) inducts Judy's 1944 Decca "Cast Album" of "Meet Me In St. Louis" into the **Grammy Hall Of Fame**. Previously, Judy's Decca version of "Over The Rainbow" was inducted in 1981, and her album "Judy At Carnegie Hall" in 1998.

Also on January 19, 2005, The **Las Vegas Walk Of Stars** announced it's list of 100 future honorees of "Legendary Vegas Performers" and Judy is one of them. No word yet on when the star will be in place.

#### E.Y. "YIP" HARBURG STAMP:

On August 28, 2005, the lyricist for *The Wizard Of Oz* and so many other wonderful scores, was honored with a United States stamp. Although the stamp doesn't feature Judy, it does feature the rainbow and a lyric from "Over The Rainbow." (see image above)

#### JUNE 11 & 12, 2005:

The Judy Garland Club in London celebrated **Judy's 83rd birthday** with a huge event that included a screening of the newly restored *The Wizard Of Oz*, showings of rare Garland performances, and much more. Detailed info can be found at: [www.thejudyroom.com/newsletter/may2005a.html](http://www.thejudyroom.com/newsletter/may2005a.html)

#### (the night of) AUGUST 26-27, 2005:

Michael Shaw's pair of Judy Garland's Ruby Slippers were stolen from the Judy Garland Museum in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. No leads yet. Probably some crazy shoe collector!.

#### OCTOBER 16, 2005:

"Variety" names Judy Garland one of the 100 icons of the 20th century.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

TWO milestone anniversaries in 2005!

First up - The 10th anniversary for Scott Schechter's wonderful **GARLANDS FOR JUDY** magazine. Among other amazing accomplishments, Scott was the driving force behind the restoration and multi-DVD release of Judy's TV series, as well as the producer of the definitive Judy Garland Show CD Compilation: "The Show That Got Away" and the definitive Garland compilation CD set "Judy". **GARLANDS FOR JUDY** is a must-have for every Garland fan, as Scott and his associate Randy Henderson provide insightful reviews of Garland products, news about events and upcoming releases, and even a section on "Garland's Girl" Liza Minnelli!

To subscribe, go to this web page:

[www.hometown.aol.com/garlands63](http://www.hometown.aol.com/garlands63)

The one and only **JUDY GARLAND DATABASE** ([www.jgdb.com](http://www.jgdb.com)) also celebrates it's 10th year! The Database is still the "go-to" site on the Internet for all things Judy. Webmaster Jim Johnson does an incredible job. And I thank him for all of his encouragement and support of The Judy Room. Without Jim, The Judy Room would not be what it is today. Thank you Jim!

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**WARNER HOME VIDEO  
PULLS BACK  
THE CURTAIN  
TO GIVE US  
TWO NEW  
INCREIBLE  
OZ DVDS**



Release Date:  
October 25, 2005



**THE DEFINITIVE OZ  
DVD COLLECTION!!!**

**2-DISC  
SPECIAL  
EDITION  
#67536**



**3-DISC  
COLLECTOR'S  
EDITION  
#67705**

Here is the OZ DVD we've all been waiting for! Warner Bros. Home Video has exceeded all expectations! To start, the film itself has been amazingly restored using Warner's proprietary "Ultra Resolution Process". The film never looked, or sounded, better. The picture clarity and color composition are so real and true that it looks more like it was filmed recently with a Technicolor® camera rather than over 65 years ago.

Simultaneously released in both a 2 disc "Special Edition" and a 3 disc "Collector's Edition" (see details below), the two sets were immensely popular. The 3-disc "Collector's Edition" peaked at number 6 on the DVD sales charts. "Entertainment Weekly" magazine featured the "Collector's Edition" as the top DVD of 2005. This is an incredible feat for an "old" film. A true testament to its timeless appeal and the contributions of the incredibly talented cast and production team.

Kudos to the DVD Production Team led by producer George Feltenstein, the magicians who restored the film, and OZ/Garland expert John Fricke for lending his voice to the new commentary and parts of his collection for the print reproductions included in the 3-disc "Collector's Edition".



**FOR THE RECORD - Discs 1 & 2 (on both sets) contain:**

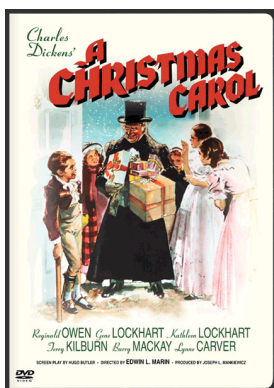
**Disc 1:** New 2005 "Ultra Resolution" digital master from restored film elements | New commentary by historian John Fricke with selected archival audio comments by Barbara Freed-Saltzman (daughter of Arthur Freed), Margaret Hamilton, Ray Bolger, Jack Haley, Ken Darby (orchestral and vocal arranger), John Lahr (son of Bert Lahr), Jane Lahr (daughter of Bert Lahr), Hamilton Meserve (son of Margaret Hamilton), William Tuttle (make-up artist), Buddy Ebsen, Mervyn LeRoy, John Lee Mahin and Jerry Maren | *Prettier Than Ever: The Restoration of Oz* | *We Haven't Really Met Properly...* supporting cast profile gallery, narrated by Angela Lansbury | *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* storybook, read by Angela Lansbury | 5.1 Dolby Digital soundtrack | Original mono and music-and-effects-only audio tracks | Languages: English (Both Dolby 5.1 & original mono) & French | Subtitles: English, French and Spanish (feature film only)

**Disc 2:** Documentaries: *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz: The Making of a Movie Classic* hosted by Angela Lansbury and *Memories of Oz* | All-New: *The Art of Imagination: A Tribute to Oz, Because of the Wonderful Things it Does: The Legacy of Oz* | Harold Arlen's on set home videos | Outtakes and deleted scenes ("If I Only Had A Brain"; "If I Only Had A Heart"; "Triumphant Return To Emerald City"; "Over The Rainbow" reprise; "The Jitterbug"; *It's a Twister!* *It's a Twister!* The tornado special effects tests | From The Vault: "Another romance Of Celluloid: Electrical Power"; "Cavalcade of Academy Awards"; "Texas Contest Winners" | Stills gallery | Audio Only: 4 1/2 hours of unedited pre-recording sessions; "Leo Is On The Air" radio promo; "Good News of 1939" radio show; "Lux Radio Theater" version of *The Wizard Of Oz* from 12/25/1950. | Theatrical Trailer Gallery | Excerpts from the 1967 ABC-TV Series "Off To See The Wizard"

**Disc 3 (Collector's Edition only):** New documentary *L. Frank Baum: The Man Behind the Curtain* | Pre-1939 film versions of *Oz*: *The Wizard of Oz* (1910), *The Magic Cloak of Oz* (1914), *His Majesty, The Scarecrow of Oz* (1914), *The Wizard of Oz* (1925) restored silent version featuring Oliver Hardy and Larry Semon, with a new, fully orchestrated score by Robert Israel, *The Wizard of Oz* (1933 Cartoon) | Print Reproductions Include: *The Wizard of Oz Comes to Life*, Eight-page Grauman's Chinese Theatre Souvenir Premiere Program from August 15, 1939, Studio's Invitation to The Grauman's Premiere and the envelope that included tickets to the original - Opening Night -- with a newly designed commemorative ticket, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studio News - Sixteen-page edition of the studio's internal "house organ" newspaper celebrating the release of *The Wizard of Oz* for the week of August 14, 1939, Photoplay Studies - Rare secondary-education study guide to the film -- Volume V, Number 12 (circa August 1939 - completely devoted to *The Wizard of Oz*, with articles revealing surprising insights from its producer, director, cameraman and scenarists. | Deluxe Collectors' Portfolio Reproductions of original 1939 Kodachrome publicity stills, including nine portraits and on set photographs.

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL

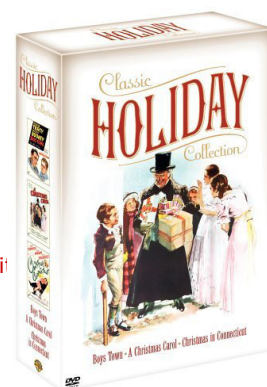
Includes Judy's 1937 M-G-M short *Silent Night*



Judy did not appear in the 1938 M-G-M version of the classic Dickens tale. What is of interest to Garland fans is the DVD premier of the 1937 M-G-M Short "Silent Night" which features Judy's rendition of the title song. Even though the short is only the length of one verse, it's the highlight of the disc extras - and gives us a glimpse of the pre-Oz Judy at her best.

Watch the film. It's an excellent adaptation, and features June Lockhart's screen debut. June would go on to play Lucille Ballard in Judy's 1944 mega-hit *Meet Me In St. Louis*.

The disc is also included in a boxed set (at right) with *Boys Town* and *Christmas In Connecticut*. All three are quite enjoyable!



## TWO NEW CD's - From Savoy Jazz

More great CDs featuring tracks, many previously unreleased, from Judy's TV series. Although the sound quality on these two releases is not as good as that on the 2002 release "The Judy Garland Show: The Show That Got Away", they're still infinitely better than the old LaserLight CDs and other previous CDs that had tracks from Judy's series in poor sound quality - some even at the wrong speed!

"Duets" is a tie-in to the June 6th PBS airing of "Judy Garland - Duets" which featured duets from Judy's series and was released on DVD on November 22, 2005.

"Classic Ballads" CD# 17519 Released June 14, 2005

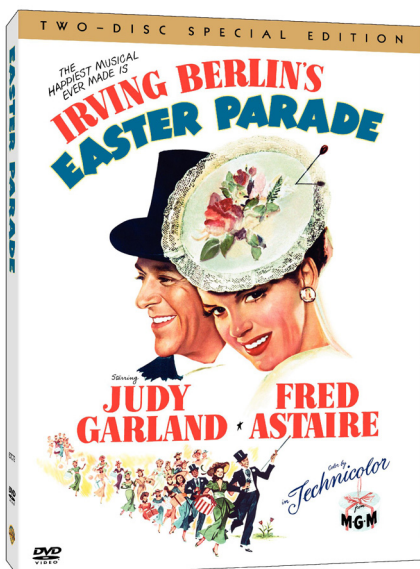
"Duets" CD # 17575 Released August 9, 2005

"Judy Duets" Kultur DVD #D2445 Released November 22, 2005



## EASTER PARADE - 2 DISC SPECIAL EDITION DVD

Warner Home Video  
Released March 15, 2005

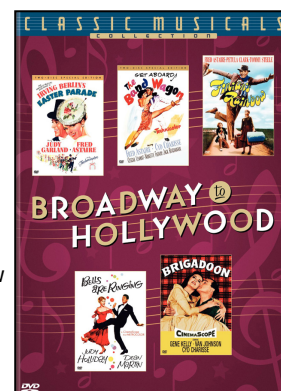


Warner Home Video gave us another amazing Garland film restoration on DVD in 2005: the two-disc special edition of 1948's *Easter Parade*. One of Judy's biggest hits for MGM, *Easter Parade* is a perennial favorite with fans and the general public alike, and is Judy's only appearance on film with Fred Astaire. The witty script also features showcase parts for Peter Lawford and Ann Miller. Add into the mix over 16 Irving Berlin songs (including several written by Berlin specifically for the film) and you have an irresistible musical treat. The "Ultra Resolution" restoration gives us the clearest and most color-corrected print possible. Beautiful! On the same par as last year's restoration of *Meet Me In St. Louis*.

This two-disc set includes tons of great bonus features: A new 34 minute documentary about the making of the film: *Easter Parade: On the Avenue*, audio commentary by John Fricke with Astaire's daughter, Ava Astaire McKenzie, and the highlight of the set - Judy's deleted number "Mr. Monotony". But it's not over there! Sure, we get the deleted number, but we also get all existing dailies from which the number was edited. These takes are an incredible peek into the making of the classic MGM Musicals. They also show Judy's amazing professionalism and her genius for making each take as fresh and brilliant as the first.

The DVD is sold separately as well as packaged in a boxed set called "Broadway To Hollywood" with *The Band Wagon*, *Finian's Rainbow*, *Bells Are Ringing*, and *Brigadoon*. All are fun musicals!

Also on the bonus disc is the refreshing American Masters documentary *Judy Garland: By Myself*, which first aired on PBS on February 25, 2004. The Emmy winning doc presents Judy's life as told in the words of Judy herself (expertly read by Isobel Keating), and the words of those who knew and/or worked with her - along with film clips, TV clips, audio clips, and rare stills that effectively illustrate Judy's life and career. Just when we thought we had seen about all the Garland documentaries imaginable, along comes this doc to blow us all away.



## JUDY ROOM NEWS

The Judy Room is proud to announce the premier of **THE JUDY GARLAND ONLINE DISCOGRAPHY!** It went live on October 3, 2005, and has been growing steadily every since. The Discography will eventually feature all of Judy's major record releases, notable CD compilations, oddities, rarities, and more! This is a labor of love, and something I've always wanted to do, especially after the judylist.com's discography went dead several years ago. Our new discography is more detailed than anything that has ever been on the web! [www.judy-garland.org/discography](http://www.judy-garland.org/discography)

The Discography could not have been possible without the help of the wonderful Eric Hemphill. He has graciously shared so many of his rare records. Thank you Eric!!!



April 26, 2005: Thanks to "tinman" in Germany for the design, building, and maintenance of the new "**Judy Garland Message Board**". It's free! Join up, choose your favorite display theme, and chat about all things Judy and anything else you want to talk about. The great thing about this board is it's independent, so it's void of those annoying ads and pop-up windows on most of the other "free" boards. ([www.thejudyroom.com](http://www.thejudyroom.com))

## NOTABLE GARLAND TRIBUTES



April 16 - 18, 2005 - The wonderful up and coming cabaret star, 15 year old Judy Butterfield (photo at left), premiered her tribute to the young Judy Garland "**Judy Sings Judy**" at The Empire Plush Room in San Francisco. Through story and song Judy enchanted the audience with her gorgeous voice and classy performing style, while telling the story of Judy Garland's life from Baby Gumm to *Meet Me In St. Louis*. Judy made a return engagement September 2nd through 4th and proved that she is someone to watch. This girl is going far! Check out The Judy Room Newsletter Section for detailed information about Judy's shows. Copy this link to purchase the CD: <http://www.fynsworthalley.com/judybutterfield.php>



From Angel Records on October 4, 2005: "**By Myself: The Songs Of Judy Garland**". The lovely Linda Eder lends her unique voice to Garland's standards. The CD proved to be a hit with Garland's fans and lovers of the "American Popular Songbook" everywhere.

Both Judy B. and Linda succeed where others don't because they don't try to imitate Judy Garland, but rather they pay tribute to her in their own distinctive styles.

## ON THE WEB

Podcasts and Blogs are all the rage on the Internet. While there are too many personal blogs relating to Judy Garland to list here, there are two new podcasts that warrant special mention:

"**The Entertainment Beat with Frances Gumm**" (<http://francesgummcast.blogspot.com/>) that in the words of the owner "humbly explores the woman behind the Judy Garland myth in this episodic character study... come join Judy as she scrutinizes popular culture - both past and present - sharing interviews, stories and songs in this weekly podcast tribute to the greatest entertainer of the 20th Century."

Don't miss out on "**ReelCast**" ([www.reeljewels.com/reelcast/](http://www.reeljewels.com/reelcast/)) that in the words of the owner "will update listeners on classic film news and will include interviews with fans, possibly film stars, and trivia." Judy is heavily featured.

Both of these are worth signing up for. They're free, and easy to subscribe to via iTunes or any other media player you have on your computer. Go to the links listed above for more info and to subscribe!



## A LOT COMING IN 2006!



### "CLASSIC MUSICALS FROM THE DREAM FACTORY" - DVD Boxed Set

On April 25, 2005, Warner Home Video will release 3 Garland films on DVD: *Ziegfeld Follies*, *Till The Clouds Roll By*, & *Summer Stock*. They join *Three Little Words* and *It's Always Fair Weather* to make up this special boxed set. Also sold separately, look for lots of great extras including Judy's deleted *Clouds* number "D'Ye Love Me?".

### GARLAND STAMP

The United States Postal Service has announced that in 2006 Judy Garland will become the 12th inductee in their "Legends of Hollywood" series. This is Judy's second appearance on a USPS stamp. She appeared as Dorothy on the 1989 50th anniversary *Wizard Of Oz* stamp.



### THE JUDY GARLAND SHOW - New DVDs

January 10th, from Geneon & Classic World Productions, Inc., two new Judy Show DVDs: "Tony Bennett/Steve Lawrence" (Episodes #5 & #6) and "Peggy Lee/Ethel Merman" (Episodes #13 & #16). On March 14th: "Mel Tormé - Diahann Carroll/Jack Jones" and "Ray Bolger - Jane Powell/Vic Damone - Zina Bethune". May 19th (last in this series): "Vic Damone - Chita Rivera/Martha Raye - Peter Lawford". All of the DVDs were previously only available in the Pioneer boxed sets. All are digitally remastered and like their counterparts in the boxed sets, they include outtakes, commentaries, and more.

### THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT! - New CD set

Rhino Records will re-release the 6-CD soundtrack set "That's Entertainment!". This new edition will include 8 new tracks plus over 20 tracks "sonically upgraded" from the 1995 set. Highlights: Fanny Brice's complete "My Man" from *The Great Ziegfeld* and Judy's complete outtake "Buds Won't Bud" from *Andy Hardy Meets Debutante*. ([www.rhino.com](http://www.rhino.com))

