

THEATRES

CASABLANCA OPENS FRIDAY AT STRAND
La Medina, the mysterious vice-infested section of Casablanca, will soon be as familiar to American picture audiences as the Casba, the criminal quarter of Algiers, made famous in the picture, "Algiers."

New York Critics Acclaim Casablanca



Peter Lorre, cast as a dealer in the Black Market for exit visas, struggles with Moroccan police as Humphrey Bogart stands by. Scene is from "Casablanca," the Warner Bros. picture opening Friday at the Strand.

La Medina, located in the north-west section of Casablanca, Morocco, is enclosed by a high wall, with its back to the Atlantic. It is the old Moorish part of the city and later became the refuge of underground leaders, political fugitives and escaped French, Czech and Polish army officers.

It is with such refugees that the plot of "Casablanca" concerns itself. The action of the story takes place in Casablanca, with a flashback to Paris just prior to the German occupation, which tells of the love between Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. Paul Henreid is cast as a prominent leader of the underground.

A featured supporting cast is headed by Claude Rains, Conrad Veidt, Sydney Greenstreet and Peter Lorre.

Michael Curtiz has directed the production, from Julius J. and Philip G. Epstein and Howard Koch's story of the Murray Burnett-Joan Alison play.

FEAR MAKES SHADOW IN TENDER ROMANCE
Romance under the shadow of fear is the stirring basis of "Out People," Simone Simon's newest film drama, now at the Liberty Theatre, with Kent Smith, Jane Randolph and Tom Conway in support.

Laid in modern New York City, the plot revolves around an ancient Serbian legend which holds that certain women have the strange power of transforming themselves into huge cats, in which guise they are apt to slay their lovers.

Irena Dubrovna, a fashion sketch artist, believes herself to be one of

these "cat people," and for that reason has consistently avoided romance. But the pleadings of young Oliver Reed, a young ship designer, softens her resistance and she marries him. Immediately after the ceremony her fetters return and she insists on being a wife in name only.

Oliver's efforts to change her mind and even the persuasions of a noted psychiatrist fail to shake her, and finally Oliver prepares to annul the marriage and marry another girl.

Irena's jealous heritage gets out of control, and a series of swift dramatic happenings ensue, leading up to the thrill-packed climax, which is said to be one of the most exciting offerings of the year.

"SERGEANT YORK" CLOSING AT GARDEN
Closing tonight at the Garden Theatre is "Sergeant York," one of the most highly praised pictures ever made. Regular admission prices obtain. Based on fact, the picture depicts Sergeant York's career in World War I, with Gary Cooper in the principal role. Walter Brennan, Joan Leslie, George Tobias and Stanley Ridges are included in the cast.

Also on the Garden's program today is an unusually clear-cut, understandable and forceful government film entitled "The World at War." It gives a clear explanation of just why this country is involved in the present catastrophe.

"JUNIOR ARMY" PLAYER ADMITS TO 'CHEESEING'
Huntz Hall is one actor who likes to cheat!

He admits it. He also admits that he likes to sew, hammer and plane. In other words, he's "nuts about carpentry" and turns out footstools, book shelves, and other furniture of the lighter variety at the drop of a hat.

Born in New York and currently featured with Freddie Bartholomew, Billy Halop and Bobby Jordan in Columbia's "Junior Army," now at the Embassy theatre, Hall is one of the original Dead End Kids, who made to tremendous a hit on the New York stage and duplicated their success on the screen. Halop and Jordan are also part of the troublesome sextette.

Hall attended Professional Children's School, and appeared on radio programs ever since he was 12. He prefers football and baseball as games to play, not to watch, and he has no hesitation about swinging a fist or two.

"Dead End" marked his first film. Other screen appearances include "Crime School," "Angels With Dirty Faces," "They Made Me a Criminal," "Hell's Kitchen," "Hit the Road," "Mob Town," and "Private Buckaroo."

STAR LEARNS HOW TO ASSUME POKER FACE
Priscilla Lane has undergone a test of real acting.

In "Silver Queen," the new United Artists release which is currently appearing at the Maryland Theatre, she plays the little role, characterizing a woman card-player whose reputation has spread far and wide.

She is pictured in the film as winning every imaginable game of

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Auxiliaries Say Co-Eds Should Finish Education

College Park, Md., 21. (AP)—The WAACS, WAVES and SPARS think coeds are desirable personnel, but they want them to finish their educations first.

Representatives of the women's organizations addressed 500 University of Maryland women students and their advice was expressed in the words of Lieut. Comm. Dorothy Stratton, of the SPARS:

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With one of the greatest casts ever assembled in one picture, CASABLANCA brings to our screen such favorites as Paul Henreid, the exciting, new, romantic star who scored so heavily in NOW, VOYAGER; Ingrid Bergman, the beautiful young star who has won millions of admirers in her screen portrayals; Humphrey Bogart, in his most dynamic role; Claude Rains, Conrad Veidt and Sidney Greenstreet.
Woven around the love of Paul Henreid and Humphrey Bogart for Ingrid Bergman is a story of suspense, intrigue and excitement that, for sheer entertainment, stands head and shoulders above the top attractions of this new season.
You can't help but get a thrill from the emotional impact of the tender love scenes between Henreid and Bergman and Bogart and Bergman. The intensely vital problem that faces Miss Bergman, when she tries to decide between the love she has for Humphrey Bogart and her love for her patriot husband Paul Henreid, will bind you in a spell of enchantment.
In it is the story of CASABLANCA, the city that seethes with intrigue as the stopping off place for French refugees, trying to get visas to Lisbon. You can't help but feel the excitement that pervades the action and there are moments where your emotions are so touched that you will want to get up and sing the Marseilles.
All in all, CASABLANCA promises to be one of the finest films of 1943. It has already been hailed as such by many of the nation's leading film critics. We heartily endorse it and urge you to attend the engagement which opens at the Strand Theatre tomorrow.
Sincerely,
F. K. O'Kelly.

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