

Winnie Lightner: The Tomboy of the Talkies



Winnie Lightner was a popular American actress and comedian during the early days of Hollywood. She was known for her tomboyish personality and her ability to deliver witty one-liners. Lightner was one of the first female comedians to achieve mainstream success, and she is credited with paving the way for other women to enter the comedy field.

Early Life and Career

Winnie Lightner was born in San Francisco, California, in 1899. Her father was a vaudeville performer, and her mother was a dancer. Lightner began performing at a young age, and she quickly developed a reputation for her comedic skills. In the early 1920s, Lightner began appearing in vaudeville and on Broadway. She also appeared in a number of silent films, but it was not until the advent of the talkies that her career really took off.



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Breakthrough in the Talkies

In 1929, Lightner starred in the musical comedy film "Gold Diggers of Broadway". The film was a huge success, and it helped to make Lightner a star. She went on to star in a number of other successful films, including "Follow the Leader" (1930), "Palmy Days" (1931), and "The Kid from Spain" (1932). Lightner was known for her ability to deliver witty one-liners, and she was also a talented singer and dancer. She was one of the most popular actresses of the early talkie era.

Personal Life

Winnie Lightner was married three times. Her first marriage was to actor Jack Donahue. The couple divorced in 1930. Lightner's second marriage was to actor Tom Howard. The couple divorced in 1933. Lightner's third marriage was to actor George Jessel. The couple divorced in 1953.

Later Career and Death

Lightner's career declined in the late 1930s. She continued to appear in films and on television, but she never regained the popularity that she had enjoyed in the early days of her career. Lightner died in 1971 at the age of 71.

Legacy

Winnie Lightner was one of the most popular and successful actresses of the early talkie era. She was a talented comedian and singer, and she was one of the first female comedians to achieve mainstream success. Lightner paved the way for other women to enter the comedy field, and she remains an inspiration to aspiring comedians today.



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