

The Daily Movie Magazine

THERE'S A MYSTERY ABOUT THIS PICTURE



It looks, according to the above photograph, as if John M. Williams were giving us a glimpse of Van Stryker's "Mystery Wife." As far as the announcement goes, however, this is merely his uniform in a new romantic comedy.

THE MOVIE FAN'S LETTERBOX

By HENRY M. NEELY

Ima Fantom writes: "I was so glad to read that Holme Chadwick is one of your favorites. And now, would some one write about Richard Dix? The combination is my favorite and has been for some time."

"I especially liked 'The Glorious Fool.' Saw it first in Denver, twice, once in Chicago, Wis., and once here. I think we should have more pictures like it—nothing sensational, but a every-day story of an American boy and girl."

"And Richard Dix is an ally, fighting foreigners. He is a handsome, some-looking American man. I have been a movie fan for many years, but for some reason that picture certainly 'hit the spot' for me."

"Can you tell me whether Helene Chadwick will be one of the stars in 'The Christian' with Richard Dix? I hope that production when completed and shown will help a great deal in making him more talked of and appreciated."

"I would like to read in your magazine that I am not alone in my appreciation for those who 'sweat' pictures."

"I read about the 'Pharaoh' and was glad to see that it was so well liked. I enjoyed it very much."

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None written. I've wanted to add a little poem to your letter box for some time but never have, but now I'm curious to know whether other fans were 'impressed' with Ramon Navarro as I was. I was looking forward to seeing this second 'Raid' according to press agents and never was more disappointed than when Ramon first flashed on the screen. It was a distinct shock. As one man behind me pertinently remarked about him: 'Isn't he the nice thing' which more or less expressed what I mean."

"Seems to me he's too silly. I understand what I mean, Henry? Romance—Raidy romance—will never stand for the comedy touch such as Ramon has in his eye. And doesn't he pose his hand gracefully on his hip? He's too pretty to thrill us girls."

"New Matolin MacGregor (if that's his name) has more chance to vamp the ladies. I like his jaw line!"

"I'm tremendously interested in this Navarro experiment. It's a lot of fun getting letters from you girls telling what you think of an attempt to force another job into Reid's shirt. I'm going to stay neutral for a while."

LOUIS KATZE RECITAL
Young Pianist Makes Excellent Impression in Varied Program

Louis Katze, a young pianist of this city, gave his second annual recital in the Foyer of the Academy of Music last evening before a good-sized and enthusiastic audience. Mr. Katze, by his performance last evening, deepened the favorable impression which he created in his recital last season.

He opened with the Beethoven Sonata in C, Op. 2, No. 3, of which he did the slow movement and the finale especially well, playing the adagio with much feeling and dignity, and appearing to excellent advantage in the whole work. His interpretation of the Chopin group was not so happy, especially of the nocturne, which he played in a seemingly disconnected manner and diverging widely from the tempo indicated by the composer in the first part. The tendency toward excessive use of the rubato is strong to every player of Chopin, and the intensity of the emotion expressed in the music, especially in the nocturnes, is exceedingly apt to lead the younger players into purely warranted exaggerations.

The Schumann novelties in F was finely done and was a much more satisfactory interpretation of a romantic composer than any of the former group, and the Cracovienne fantastique of Paderewski was one of the best numbers on the program. The novelty was a work of Goossens' "The Kalevala," a very clever piece of modern writing, consisting of three short numbers, of which the second was a skillful imitation of a street hurdy-hurdy, considerably out of tune. In these Mr. Katze showed that the moderns, rather than the romanticists, are his best bet, and they were performed with much sympathy and made a decided hit with the audience. The program closed with Debussy's Arabesque in G and the brilliant Liszt Polonaise in E.

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Barthelme, how many there are who after having been seen to advantage in good pictures with rather well suited to them, and plenty of money spent to clothe them beautifully, have, the moment their contract expired, jumped to an inferior company as stars, signing an agreement to grind out a certain number of films per year, thereby joining the great rank and file of pot-boilers, an endless supply of celluloid to replenish the families of releases.

"I like Daniels under De Mille and at present what a change! The same of Thomas Meighan, Gloria, Betty and Agnes. In all these cases, except Thomas, the answer is 'Fine feature.' Let us hope Lillian and Dorothy stay where they belong."

"Have seen 'Pharaoh' since you were so good as to be instrumental in digging it out of the cauldron again. I think it will fare better now since Edith has been declared the most director."

"Do you know I kinda expected to see our old friend Kaye step into a scene at this moment. From his looks Mr. Pharaoh must have known. Eye must well might, it been his brother. The Egyptians must have had some very fine hair tonic stored somewhere on the desert. Pharaoh raised a long cry and in a day or two, the scenery was so correct in details, soldiers so well drilled, I enjoyed it very much."

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