



Sunday, 9 November 2014

Jack Benny Saves Buffalo

The Buffalo Philharmonic is thriving today. You can go to their website [here](#) and find out. But there was a time when it wasn't. And to the rescue rode—Buck Benny!

Jack Benny was rightfully proud of the benefit concerts he gave over the years to help orchestras/symphonies and save old theatres. One was in Buffalo. Jack was pretty generous with his time, not only on stage, but in giving media interviews promoting his appearances. The *Towanda News* wrote on August 13, 1969 about a concert in Buffalo. Evidently, it accomplished its goal as the Buffalo Philharmonic is still with us.

Can Jack Benny Save Philharmonic?

By JIM FLATEAU

NEWS Staff Writer

Is Jack Benny willing to help save the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra? The answer appears to be a definite "yes," providing both parties can get together and guarantee "a fairly large turnout."

The fiddle-playing comedian said in an exclusive interview with the Tonawanda NEWS yesterday afternoon that he would like nothing better than to give a fund-raising concert with the financially troubled Buffalo Philharmonic.

Mr. Benny, who is appearing this week at Melody Fair, made known his feelings — as did his business manager — during a press conference at the Skylon Tower in Niagara Falls, Ont. The 39-year-old comedian (or is it 75?) said, "If I honestly thought my coming here would raise a substantial sum for the orchestra and our schedules could be brought together, I would definitely want to come."

His business manager, Irving Fein, added "We have tried to come to Buffalo, but haven't been able to work it out. We are waiting for the Buffalo people to ask us and offer a workable plan that fits into our schedule. And, if it can be shown our appearance would be beneficial, we would come."

Arlington Zetty, Buffalo Philharmonic manager, is all for it.

"We absolutely do want Mr. Benny to come to Buffalo," he said. "We cannot think of anything that would draw a bigger crowd or do so much to help our financial situation."

Said Jack Benny:

"I think there is a good chance that we'll come to Buffalo, maybe now that things have changed. It would be good to come here — if we could take in money.

"And I think it could be done. If I were in any way assured that we would raise money, we would definitely be interested.

"The dollars are needed, but it takes an orchestra that knows how to bring those dollars in!

"In the past, we have rarely played to less than a full house in this type of concert. In Oakland, whose concert hall has 2,100 seats, we raised \$200,000 in one night. This was not only through ticket sales, but donations, gifts and all the rest.

"A sum of \$35,000 and up sounds good. Can Buffalo raise that much? I really couldn't say, as I am not familiar with the situation.

"Yet if they want us to come, we are interested. But is it worth our time to come here and put on a performance raising \$20,000 when we can be in, say Cleveland, and raise \$100,000 for their orchestra?

"You have to have priorities, you must decide that in doing these concerts, those with the greatest potential should be handled first.

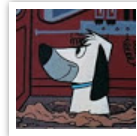
"Then, the ones with lower potential. I don't know. Where, you tell me, does Buffalo rate itself?"

Jack Benny has played with many symphony and philharmonic



Jack Signs Autograph
... At Skylon Press Conference

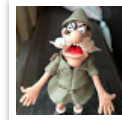
About Me



View my complete profile

Blogs to See

Peter Gray's Comics and Art



Spencer Jordan's amazing work... we are hoping artists like Ian

Knox...and families of these comic artists can see these gems... - made with fimo clay I had ago and its not very easy to do...

1 hour ago

Fernando Liera Blog Cartoons



Vehicle Verification Centers of Mexico City will reopen in August with COVID

safety measures. - ©2020 fernandollera.com 3 hours ago

Movies with Michael

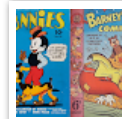


Cowboy Church #67 - Hello my friends and welcome back for another

service of cowboy church. Today's musical selection begins with Gene Autry singing "Dear Hearts and Gentle Pe..."

5 hours ago

Termite Terrace headlines



Question for All You Cartoon Collectors! - OK so I've been doing some

looking around. Bosko apparently had a comic book and I'm wondering if any of you know of

orchestras throughout the nation, charging for his own personal expenses only. He simply requests that the money raised be used to help build the sponsoring orchestra.

Mr. Fein said:

"We once had a date to appear in Buffalo, but working with the people there, we just couldn't get down to details and arrive at specifics.

"After all, why do you ask me if Jack will appear? Mr. Zetty has my phone number. He could call me. He should be showing some initiative, he should be getting hold of me! Buffalo should be doing the asking.

"Also, the city does not support the orchestra. In order for us to come here, we must feel the city is interested. Otherwise, will any money be raised for the orchestra? Will there have been a reason for Jack to come?

"If we came to Buffalo, we might get \$30,000 - if we are lucky, real lucky. But if we come, we want to know that Jack's being here helps make money that will be returned to the music industry.

"If we play with Buffalo's orchestra, we must be able to fit it in our schedule and know we will do some good."

Mr. Zetty said:

"We would love to have Mr. Benny here — we need him as much as we want him. The orchestra, at present has a deficit of \$550,000 — the largest of any orchestra in the country. If Mr. Benny is willing to come, we will re-arrange our own schedule to coincide with his."

On April 21, the boards of directors of the Buffalo and Rochester Philharmonic Orchestras agreed to study the possibility of a merger to combat the "staggering financial problems" each organization now faces.

With a \$1.25-million budget for this year, the Buffalo orchestra's musicians, area businessmen and music-loving citizens organized a "Save the Philharmonic" drive earlier this year. The goal: To keep the Buffalo Philharmonic in Buffalo.

Posted by [Yowp](#) at [07:31](#)

Labels: [Jack Benny](#)

No comments:

Post a comment

Enter your comment...

Comment as: Garth (Google) ▼

Sign out

Publish

Preview

☐ Notify me

Newer Post

Home

Older Post

Subscribe to: [Post Comments \(Atom\)](#)

additional covers you could share! ...
14 hours ago

Way Too Damn Lazy To Write A Blog

Born on July 18, 1913 - [Red Skelton](#) - *Today's post commences with the Guzzler's Gin routine ...
1 day ago

News From ME

Sorry... - As far as I know, I do not have any diseases. I just have too much to deal with right now so I won't be blogging much if at all. I'm postponing all the web...
1 day ago

Cartoon Research

In His Own Words: [H.T. Kalmus on Disney in Technicolor](#) - Suspended Animation #276 Many references may be found regarding two-strip Technicolor. I have been guilty of discussing Walter Lantz's King of Jazz (1930)...
2 days ago

AFRTS Archive

[Mary Turner 1985](#) - Mary Turner today Mary Turner really rocked the house.

Normally when any of the jocks got a reaction, it'd be split. The ones that were really liked wou...
4 days ago

The World of Knight

TONIGHT, 11:54 PM. - COPYRIGHT 2020 BY MILTON KNIGHT
4 days ago

Yowp

[Hanna-Barbera Birthday Did-You-Knows](#) - 63 years ago today, some forms were signed by George Sidney, Bill Hanna and Joe Barbera creating what eventually became the biggest TV cartoon operation i...
1 week ago

Supervised By Fred Avery: Tex Avery's Warner Brothers Cartoons

[Wabbit Twouble: A Small Addendum to An Outstanding Podcast](#) -




Original animation drawing from Wabbit Twouble with color notations

for the ink and paint department. Release date: 12/20/41 Availability: Looney Tunes Gol... 3 weeks ago

Mark Kausler's CatBlog
The Lady and the Tiger - From the Cathy Hill Archive of Unpublished Comics comes "The Lady and the Tiger". This story was drawn before Cathy started the "Mad Raccoons" series. U... 4 weeks ago

What About Thad?
Cartoon Logic Podcast - And yet another distraction from this brick and mortar blog... I've entered the world of podcasting with renowned animation director and historian Bob Jaques... 10 months ago

 **Likely Looney, Mostly Merrie**
That's all, folks! - My posts have gotten thinner over the years. I'm aware of that. I've been hopeful for a long time, that I can remain active with blogging and sharing furth... 1 year ago

 **Dr. Grob's Animation Review**
The Flying Man - 'The Flying Man' is a very short absurdist film in which a man drops his coat to take a swim in mid air. Another man with a dog drops by, tries the same th... 2 days ago

Blog Archive

- ▶ 2020 (216)
- ▶ 2019 (376)
- ▶ 2018 (379)
- ▶ 2017 (380)
- ▶ 2016 (396)
- ▶ 2015 (389)
- ▼ 2014 (390)
 - ▶ December (37)
 - ▼ November (30)
 - [Benny: Fact or Fiction](#)
 - [Gallopín' Galaxies!](#)
 - [Beans, Beans](#)
 - [Longnecked Longhorns](#)

[Fixing Radio the Fred Allen Way](#)

[Not All Beer and Skittles](#)

[Corny Barney](#)

[He Didn't Like Mr. Kitzel](#)

[Fun Factories of Filmland, 1916](#)

[Wacky-Bye Baby Backgrounds](#)

[Slap Happy Skeleton](#)

[How To Be a Star](#)

[Talking Knives](#)

[The Supreme of the World](#)

[Radio Emergencies](#)

[Tom and Jerry 3.0](#)

[Thermos Cartoon Violence](#)

[Cow vs Train Silently](#)

[It's True! It's On The Radio!](#)

[A Wild Fudd](#)

[She Lives Just Down the Road Apiece Yonder](#)

[Jack Benny Saves Buffalo](#)

[A Trip to Dimension Zero](#)

[More Than a Piece of Cake](#)

[The Dog-Rooster of Mars](#)

[How Hodge White Helped Fred Allen \(and Vice Versa\)](#)

[Oh, That's the Next Gag](#)

[Your Pie, Sir](#)

[She Never Liked Acting](#)

[Ism!](#)

► [October](#) (33)

► [September](#) (31)

► [August](#) (32)

► [July](#) (34)

► [June](#) (31)

► [May](#) (36)

► [April](#) (33)

► [March](#) (31)

► [February](#) (29)

► [January](#) (33)

► [2013](#) (388)

► [2012](#) (397)

► [2011](#) (106)

Labels

[Aline Mosby](#) (17)

[Art Davis](#) (33)

[Bad Luck Blackie](#) (9)

[Bob and Ray](#) (10)

[Bob Clampett](#) (82)

[Bob McKimson](#) (59)

[Bob Thomas](#) (53)

[Chuck Jones](#) (142)

[Columbia](#) (33)

[Counterfeit Cat](#) (8)

[Cynthia Lowry](#) (26)

[Dick Thomas](#) (14)

[Don Patterson](#) (17)

[Earl Wilson](#) (6)

[Erskine Johnson](#) (37)

[Felix the Cat](#) (27)

[Film Daily](#) (50)

[Fleischer](#) (154)

[Frank Tashlin](#) (24)

[Fred Allen](#) (43)

[Fred Brunish](#) (11)

[Friz Freleng](#) (137)

[Gene Deitch](#) (18)

[George Pal](#) (10)

[Grant Simmons](#) (4)

[Hanna and Barbera unit](#) (99)

[Hanna-Barbera](#) (2)

[Harman-Ising](#) (61)

[Henry Morgan](#) (13)

[Irv Spence](#) (8)

[Jack Benny](#) (454)

[Jay Ward](#) (30)

[Jimmy Durante](#) (17)

[John Crosby](#) (84)

[John Sutherland](#) (28)

[Johnny Johnson](#) (27)

[Kenny Baker](#) (6)

[King-Size Canary](#) (8)

[Laugh-In](#) (11)

[Legend of Rockabye Point](#) (6)

[Little Rural Riding Hood](#) (7)

[Magical Maestro](#) (9)

[Maurice Noble](#) (12)

[Mel-O-Toons](#) (4)

[MGM](#) (553)

[Norm McCabe](#) (5)

[Pat Matthews](#) (10)

[Paul Julian](#) (13)

[Paul Terry](#) (2)

[Sara Berner](#) (5)

[Screwy Squirrel](#) (34)

[Spider-Man](#) (1)

- [Terrytoons](#) (84)
- [Tex Avery](#) (468)
- [Tom and Jerry Human](#) (29)
- [Tralfaz Sunday Theatre](#) (17)
- [Ub Iwerks](#) (80)
- [UPA](#) (57)
- [Van Beuren](#) (94)
- [Vernon Scott](#) (42)
- [Virginia MacPherson](#) (14)
- [Walt Disney](#) (145)
- [Walter Lantz](#) (241)
- [Warner Bros.](#) (586)
- [Who Killed Who](#) (10)

Watermark theme. Powered by [Blogger](#).